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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101	CONCERNING	THE	STATE	INCOME	TAX	CREDIT	FOR	THE
102	ENVIRO	NMENT	AL REM	EDIATION (OF CON	NTAMINAT	ED LA	ND IN
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Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.)

From 2000 through 2010, there was a state income tax credit for taxpayers who conducted certain environmental remediation activities on property that was proposed for redevelopment. The bill reauthorizes the credit for a 9-year period commencing in 2014 as follows:

- ! The property can be located anywhere in the state;
- ! The remediation need not be for property that will be redeveloped;
- ! A formula for calculating the amount of the credit is specified; and
- ! The credit may be transferred by a taxpayer to a transferee who may then claim the credit.

The taxpayer seeking the credit must obtain a certificate from the department of public health and environment certifying the accuracy of the costs of the clean up and that a clean up plan has been fully implemented. The credit can be carried forward for up to 5 years.

Local governments and private nonprofit entities do not pay income taxes in the state but do incur expenses in conducting environmental remediation activities. Subject to the same terms and in the same amounts as the re-authorized credit allowed to taxpayers, the bill allows certain local governments and private nonprofit entities to transfer a portion of these expenses to transferees who may then claim the amounts as an income tax credit.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

2 SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, repeal and reenact,

3 **with amendments,** 39-22-526 as follows:

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4 39-22-526. Credit for environmental remediation of

5 **contaminated land - definition - repeal.** (1) (a) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS

6 COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2014, BUT PRIOR TO JANUARY 1,

7 2023, THERE IS ALLOWED A CREDIT AGAINST THE INCOME TAXES IMPOSED

8 BY THIS ARTICLE FOR ANY APPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION OF

CONTAMINATED PROPERTY TO ANY TAXPAYER WHO MEETS THE

FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

(I) THE PROPERTY WHERE THE ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION
TAKES PLACE MUST BE LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE; AND

(II) THE TAXPAYER SEEKING THE CREDIT MUST POSSESS A

CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND

15 ENVIRONMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-16-306 (5) (b), C.R.S.

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1	(b) THE TAX CREDIT ALLOWED IN THIS SECTION MUST NOT EXCEED
2	FORTY PERCENT OF THE FIRST SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS
3	EXPENDED FOR THE APPROVED REMEDIATION, AND MUST NOT EXCEED
4	THIRTY PERCENT OF THE NEXT SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS
5	EXPENDED FOR THE APPROVED REMEDIATION. A TAX CREDIT IS NOT
6	ALLOWED FOR EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED
7	THOUSAND DOLLARS ON ANY INDIVIDUAL PROJECT.
8	(c) A CREDIT MUST BE FIRST APPLIED TO TAXES DUE OR
9	TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER TAXPAYER PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (d) OF
10	THIS SUBSECTION (1) NO LATER THAN THE TAX YEAR FOLLOWING THE TAX
11	YEAR IN WHICH THE CERTIFICATION IS PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT
12	Pursuant to section 25-16-306 (5) (a), C.R.S. If the credit allowed
13	BY THIS SECTION EXCEEDS THE TAX OTHERWISE DUE, THE EXCESS CREDIT
14	MAY BE CARRIED FORWARD AND CLAIMED ON THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE
15	SUBSEQUENT TAX RETURN FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED FIVE YEARS.
16	(d) A TAXPAYER MAY TRANSFER ALL OR A PORTION OF A TAX
17	CREDIT GRANTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1) TO ANOTHER
18	TAXPAYER FOR SUCH OTHER TAXPAYER, AS TRANSFEREE, TO APPLY AS A
19	CREDIT AGAINST THE TAXES IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE SUBJECT TO THE
20	FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS:
21	(I) THE TAXPAYER MAY ONLY TRANSFER A PORTION OF THE TAX
22	CREDIT THAT THE TAXPAYER HAS NEITHER APPLIED AGAINST THE INCOME
23	TAXES IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE NOR USED TO OBTAIN A REFUND;
24	(II) THE TAXPAYER MAY TRANSFER A PRORATED PORTION OF THE
25	TAX CREDIT TO MORE THAN ONE TRANSFEREE;
26	(III) FOR ANY TAX YEAR IN WHICH A TAX CREDIT IS TRANSFERRED
27	PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (d), BOTH THE TAXPAYER AND THE

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2	RETURNS SPECIFYING THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX CREDIT TRANSFERRED. A
3	TRANSFEREE MAY ONLY CLAIM A CREDIT TRANSFERRED PURSUANT TO THIS
4	PARAGRAPH (d) IF THE TAXPAYER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT VERIFIES THE
5	AMOUNT OF THE TAX CREDIT CLAIMED BY THE TRANSFEREE.
6	(IV) A TRANSFEROR MAY TRANSFER A CREDIT PURSUANT TO THIS
7	PARAGRAPH (d) REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE TRANSFEROR RECEIVES
8	VALUE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE TRANSFER. THE TRANSFEREE MAY USE THE
9	CREDIT TO PAY, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, THE INCOME TAX OBLIGATION
10	IMPOSED ON THE TRANSFEREE UNDER THIS ARTICLE. THE TRANSFEREE'S
11	USE OF A TAX CREDIT FROM A TRANSFEROR UNDER THIS SECTION TO PAY
12	TAXES OWED IS NOT DEEMED A REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF INCOME
13	TAXES IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE ON THE TRANSFEREE.
14	(V) THE TRANSFEREE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
15	REVENUE A FORM APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHING THAT
16	THE TAXPAYER HAS SATISFIED THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION. THE
17	TRANSFEREE SHALL ALSO FILE A COPY OF THE FORM WITH THE
18	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT.
19	(VI) THE TRANSFER OF A TAX CREDIT MUST OCCUR PRIOR TO THE
20	DUE DATE IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE, NOT INCLUDING ANY EXTENSIONS,
21	FOR FILING THE TRANSFEREE'S INCOME TAX RETURN;
22	(VII) A TAX CREDIT HELD BY AN INDIVIDUAL EITHER DIRECTLY OR
23	AS A RESULT OF A DONATION BY A PASS-THROUGH ENTITY, BUT NOT A TAX
24	CREDIT HELD BY A TRANSFEREE UNLESS USED BY THE TRANSFEREE'S
25	ESTATE FOR TAXES OWED BY THE ESTATE, SURVIVES THE DEATH OF THE
26	INDIVIDUAL AND MAY BE CLAIMED OR TRANSFERRED BY THE DECEDENT'S
27	ESTATE;

TRANSFEREE SHALL FILE WRITTEN STATEMENTS WITH THEIR INCOME TAX

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1	(VIII) THE TRANSFEROR OF A TAX CREDIT TRANSFERRED
2	PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (d) IS THE TAX MATTERS REPRESENTATIVE
3	IN ALL MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO THE CREDIT. THE TAX MATTERS
4	REPRESENTATIVE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REPRESENTING AND BINDING THE
5	TRANSFEREES WITH RESPECT TO ALL ISSUES AFFECTING THE CREDIT,
6	INCLUDING THE AMOUNTS EXPENDED FOR THE APPROVED REMEDIATION,
7	THE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
8	ENVIRONMENT, NOTIFICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE FROM AND WITH
9	THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AUDIT EXAMINATIONS, ASSESSMENTS OR
10	REFUNDS, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS, AND THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.
11	THE TRANSFEREE IS SUBJECT TO THE SAME STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS WITH
12	RESPECT TO THE CREDIT AS THE TRANSFEROR OF THE CREDIT.
13	(IX) FINAL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES REGARDING THE TAX CREDIT
14	BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE TAX MATTERS
15	REPRESENTATIVE, INCLUDING FINAL DETERMINATIONS, COMPROMISES,
16	PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL TAXES OR REFUNDS DUE, AND ADMINISTRATIVE
17	AND JUDICIAL DECISIONS, IS BINDING ON TRANSFEREES.
18	(X) ANY PERSON WHO HAS CLAIMED A CREDIT OR WHO MAY BE
19	ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM A TAX CREDIT EITHER AS A TAXPAYER OR A
20	TRANSFEREE MAY PETITION THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO CHANGE
21	THE TAX MATTERS REPRESENTATIVE'S DESIGNATION. THE EXECUTIVE
22	DIRECTOR SHALL PROMULGATE RULES SPECIFYING THE PROCEDURES FOR
23	A CHANGE TO THE TAX MATTERS REPRESENTATIVE'S DESIGNATION WHEN
24	THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DETERMINES THAT THE TAX MATTERS
25	REPRESENTATIVE IS UNAVAILABLE OR UNWILLING TO ACT AS THE TAX
26	MATTERS REPRESENTATIVE. IF THE DEPARTMENT GRANTS THE PETITION,
27	THE NEW TAX MATTERS REPRESENTATIVE SHALL SERVE IN THAT CAPACITY

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1	ON AND AFTER THE DATE THE DEPARTMENT GRANTS THE PETITION.
2	(2) (a) FOR INCOME TAX YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER
3	JANUARY 1, 2014, BUT PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2023, THERE IS ALLOWED TO
4	ANY QUALIFIED ENTITY A TRANSFERABLE EXPENSE AMOUNT FOR EXPENSES
5	INCURRED BY THE QUALIFIED ENTITY IN PERFORMING APPROVED
6	ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION. THE TRANSFERABLE EXPENSE AMOUNT
7	MAY ONLY BE TRANSFERRED TO A TAXPAYER TO BE CLAIMED BY THE
8	TAXPAYER AS A CREDIT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
9	SUBSECTION (2). THE TRANSFERRABLE EXPENSE AMOUNT IS ALLOWED TO
10	ANY QUALIFIED ENTITY THAT MEETS THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:
11	(I) THE PROPERTY WHERE THE ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION
12	TAKES PLACE MUST BE LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE; AND
13	(II) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
14	MUST HAVE ISSUED A CERTIFICATE FOR THE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO
15	SECTION 25-16-306 (5) (b), C.R.S.
16	(b) The transferable expense amount allowed in this
17	SECTION MUST NOT EXCEED FORTY PERCENT OF THE FIRST SEVEN
18	HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS EXPENDED BY THE QUALIFIED ENTITY
19	FOR THE APPROVED REMEDIATION, AND MUST NOT EXCEED THIRTY
20	PERCENT OF THE NEXT SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS
21	EXPENDED BY THE QUALIFIED ENTITY FOR THE APPROVED REMEDIATION.
22	A TRANSFERABLE EXPENSE AMOUNT IS NOT ALLOWED FOR EXPENDITURES
23	EXCEEDING ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ON ANY
24	INDIVIDUAL PROJECT.
25	(c) A QUALIFIED ENTITY MAY TRANSFER ALL OR A PORTION OF A
26	TRANSFERABLE EXPENSE AMOUNT ALLOWED PURSUANT TO THIS
27	SUBSECTION (2) TO A TAXPAYER FOR SUCH TAXPAYER, AS TRANSFEREE, TO

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1	APPLY AS A CREDIT AGAINST THE TAXES IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE
2	SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS:
3	(I) THE QUALIFIED ENTITY MAY TRANSFER A PRORATED PORTION
4	OF THE TRANSFERABLE EXPENSE AMOUNT TO MORE THAN ONE
5	TRANSFEREE;
6	(II) FOR ANY TAX YEAR IN WHICH A TRANSFERABLE EXPENSE
7	AMOUNT IS TRANSFERRED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2), THE
8	QUALIFIED ENTITY SHALL FILE A WRITTEN STATEMENT WITH THE
9	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ON A FORM APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
10	REVENUE AND THE TRANSFEREE SHALL FILE A WRITTEN STATEMENT WITH
11	THE TRANSFEREE'S INCOME TAX RETURN SPECIFYING THE AMOUNT
12	TRANSFERRED TO THE TRANSFEREE TO BE CLAIMED AS A CREDIT. A
13	TRANSFEREE MAY ONLY CLAIM A CREDIT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION
14	(2) IF THE QUALIFIED ENTITY'S WRITTEN STATEMENT VERIFIES THE
15	AMOUNT OF THE TAX CREDIT CLAIMED BY THE TRANSFEREE.
16	(III) A QUALIFIED ENTITY MAY TRANSFER A TRANSFERABLE
17	EXPENSE AMOUNT TO BE CLAIMED AS A CREDIT BY A TRANSFEREE
18	PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2) REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE
19	QUALIFIED ENTITY RECEIVES VALUE IN EXCHANGE FOR THE TRANSFER. THE
20	TRANSFEREE MAY USE THE CREDIT TO PAY, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, THE
21	INCOME TAX OBLIGATION IMPOSED ON THE TRANSFEREE UNDER THIS
22	ARTICLE. THE TRANSFEREE'S USE OF A TAX CREDIT FROM A QUALIFIED
23	ENTITY UNDER THIS SECTION TO PAY TAXES OWED IS NOT DEEMED A
24	REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF INCOME TAXES IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE
25	ON THE TRANSFEREE.
26	(IV) THE TRANSFEREE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
27	REVENUE A FORM APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHING THAT

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1	THE TRANSFEREE HAS SATISFIED THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.
2	THE TRANSFEREE SHALL ALSO FILE A COPY OF THE FORM WITH THE
3	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT.
4	(V) THE TRANSFER OF A TRANSFERABLE EXPENSE AMOUNT TO A
5	TRANSFEREE MUST OCCUR PRIOR TO THE DUE DATE IMPOSED BY THIS
6	ARTICLE, NOT INCLUDING ANY EXTENSIONS, FOR FILING THE TRANSFEREE'S
7	INCOME TAX RETURN;
8	(VI) A TAX CREDIT HELD BY A TRANSFEREE'S ESTATE FOR TAXES
9	OWED BY THE ESTATE, SURVIVES THE DEATH OF THE TRANSFEREE AND
10	MAY BE CLAIMED OR TRANSFERRED BY THE DECEDENT'S ESTATE;
11	(VII) THE QUALIFIED ENTITY THAT TRANSFERS A TRANSFERABLE
12	EXPENSE AMOUNT TO BE CLAIMED AS A CREDIT BY A TRANSFEREE
13	PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2) IS THE TAX MATTERS REPRESENTATIVE
14	IN ALL MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO THE CREDIT. THE TAX MATTERS
15	REPRESENTATIVE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REPRESENTING AND BINDING THE
16	TRANSFEREES WITH RESPECT TO ALL ISSUES AFFECTING THE CREDIT,
17	INCLUDING THE AMOUNTS EXPENDED FOR THE APPROVED REMEDIATION,
18	THE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
19	ENVIRONMENT, NOTIFICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE FROM AND WITH
20	THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AUDIT EXAMINATIONS, ASSESSMENTS OR
21	REFUNDS, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS, AND THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.
22	(VIII) FINAL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES REGARDING THE TAX
23	CREDIT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE TAX MATTERS
24	REPRESENTATIVE, INCLUDING FINAL DETERMINATIONS, COMPROMISES,
25	PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL TAXES OR REFUNDS DUE, AND ADMINISTRATIVE
26	AND JUDICIAL DECISIONS, IS BINDING ON TRANSFEREES.
27	(d) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (2), "QUALIFIED ENTITY"

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1	MEANS A COUNTY, HOME RULE COUNTY, CITY, TOWN, HOME RULE CITY,
2	HOME RULE CITY AND COUNTY, OR A PRIVATE NONPROFIT ENTITY THAT IS
3	EXEMPT FROM THE INCOME TAXES IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE.
4	(3) This section is repealed, effective December 31, 2029.
5	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-16-306, amend
6	(5) (b) as follows:
7	25-16-306. Approval of voluntary clean-up plan - time limits
8	- contents of notice - conditions under which approval is void -
9	expiration of approval. (5) (b) If the owner is applying for the tax credit
10	provided in section 39-22-526 SECTION 39-22-526 (1), C.R.S., OR TO
11	TRANSFER A TRANSFERABLE EXPENSE AMOUNT PURSUANT TO SECTION
12	39-22-526 (2), C.R.S., the owner shall submit to the department the
13	certification along with an application pursuant to section 25-16-303. The
14	certification shall, in addition to certifying that the plan has been fully
15	implemented, disclose the costs of implementation and include supporting
16	documentation of those costs. The department shall then certify the
17	accuracy of the costs and issue the property owner a certificate stating
18	that the clean-up has occurred and the costs of such clean-up. The
19	property owner may submit this certificate to the department of revenue
20	to claim a tax credit or transfer a transferable expense amount
21	under section 39-22-526 (2) SECTION 39-22-526, C.R.S.
22	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-21-113, add
23	(17.7) as follows:
24	39-21-113. Reports and returns - rule - repeal.
25	(17.7) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION,
26	THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY REQUIRE THAT SUCH DETAILED
27	INFORMATION REGARDING A CLAIM FOR A CREDIT FOR THE APPROVED

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1	ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION OF CONTAMINATED PROPERTY PURSUANT
2	TO SECTION 39-22-526 AND ANY DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT
3	OF THE CREDIT CLAIMED BE GIVEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
4	HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DETERMINES IS
5	NECESSARY IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FUNCTIONS
6	RELATING TO THE CREDIT. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PART
7	2 OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24, C.R.S., IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE
8	CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF A TAXPAYER, THE EXECUTIVE
9	DIRECTOR SHALL DENY THE RIGHT TO INSPECT ANY INFORMATION OR
10	DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF
11	THIS SUBSECTION (17.7).
12	(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the
13	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY PROVIDE SUCH DETAILED INFORMATION
14	PERTINENT TO A CLAIM FOR A CREDIT FOR THE APPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL
15	REMEDIATION OF CONTAMINATED PROPERTY PURSUANT TO SECTION
16	39-22-526 TO TAXPAYERS, INCLUDING TRANSFEREES, WITH CASES
17	INVOLVING COMMON OR RELATED ISSUES OF FACT OR LAW. PERSONS WHO
18	RECEIVE TAXPAYER INFORMATION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF THIS
19	SUBSECTION (17.7) SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
20	SECTION, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION
21	AND THE PENALTIES IN SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION REGARDING
22	DISCLOSURE OF TAXPAYER INFORMATION.
23	SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
24	takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
25	ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
26	6, 2014, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2014); except that, if a
27	referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the

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- state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
- within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
- 3 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
- 4 November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 5 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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