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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO  
102 DISPOSE OF REAL PROPERTY IN GEORGETOWN, COLORADO.

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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://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Capital Development Committee.** The bill grants the state historical society the authority to sell a vacant lot located in Georgetown, Colorado. The bill specifies that the proceeds of the sale are to be credited to the state museum cash fund to be used for capital outlay, capital construction, or controlled maintenance at museums statewide.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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

2           **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 hereby finds and declares that:

4           (a) In 1989, the state historical society acquired real property  
5 located on 5th Street in historic Georgetown, Colorado, through a  
6 donation. Over ten years ago the property housed a Georgetown Loop  
7 Railroad ticket sale booth. The lot is currently vacant and unused, except  
8 for an old storage shed.

9           (b) The Georgetown Loop Railroad is now being run by a  
10 different operator and that operator does not foresee that a ticket sale  
11 booth on the vacant lot is necessary in this digital age. Additionally, the  
12 vacant lot is not cost effective as overflow parking for the Georgetown  
13 Loop Railroad because the lot can only hold approximately ten cars and  
14 the lot is far enough away from the railroad to require additional  
15 transportation in order to board the train.

16           (c) The state historical society was approached in 2017 by an  
17 organization in Georgetown that was interested in acquiring the property,  
18 and as a result, the state historical society worked to get the property  
19 appraised;

20           (d) The state historical society has worked with the state  
21 architect's office, the division of real estate, and office of state planning  
22 and budgeting staff for initial approvals to put the vacant lot on the  
23 market;

24           (e) The vacant lot was on the market for approximately two  
25 months and the agency received three offers, the highest of which was for  
26 \$175,000;

1 (f) The state historical society has determined that disposing of the  
2 vacant lot is in the best interests of the organization; and

3 (g) Section 24-80-202 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, specifies  
4 that the state historical society "shall hold its present and future  
5 collections and property for the state, and shall not sell, mortgage,  
6 transfer, or dispose of in any manner or remove from the Colorado state  
7 museum any article thereof, or part of the same, without authority of law."

8 This measure is intended to provide the state historical society with the  
9 authority to dispose of the vacant lot in Georgetown, Colorado.

10 **SECTION 2. State historical society authority to dispose of**

11 **real property.** (1) The state of Colorado, acting by and through the state  
12 historical society, is authorized to dispose of real property with the  
13 following legal description: "Subdivision: GEORGETOWN Block: 20  
14 Lot: L6; E2 L7; S2 L5, SURV #247705 786/115-116".

15 (2) The state controller and the office of the state architect must  
16 approve all agreements relating to the disposition of the real property  
17 prior to closing.

18 (3) The proceeds of the disposition of the real property described  
19 in subsection (1) of this section must be credited to the state museum cash  
20 fund created in section 24-80-214, Colorado Revised Statutes, to be used  
21 for capital outlay as defined in section 24-75-112 (1), Colorado Revised  
22 Statutes, capital construction as defined in section 24-30-1301 (2),  
23 Colorado Revised Statutes, or controlled maintenance as defined in  
24 section 24-30-1301 (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, at museums  
25 statewide.

26 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.