REFERENCE TITLE: Arizona emissions bank; technical correction

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 49-410, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO AIR QUALITY.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 49-410, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 3 read:

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49-410. Arizona emissions bank: program termination

5 A. The department of environmental quality shall establish and 6 administer an Arizona emissions bank. The department shall make information 7 on credits deposited in the Arizona emissions bank easily accessible to the 8 department of commerce and the public.

9 B. After the effective date of rules adopted pursuant to subsection D 10 of this section, a permitted source that reduces emissions of particulate 11 matter, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide or volatile organic 12 compounds by an amount greater than that required by applicable law, rule, 13 permit or order shall be granted credit in an amount to be determined by the 14 department of environmental quality. The credit shall be deposited into the 15 Arizona emissions bank. To be creditable for deposit in the Arizona 16 emissions bank, the reduction in emissions shall be permanent, quantifiable 17 and otherwise enforceable and shall occur after the effective date of this 18 section AUGUST 6, 1999. This section does not prohibit a source from 19 receiving credit by means other than the Arizona emissions bank for emissions 20 reductions that occurred before the effective date of this section AUGUST 21 6. 1999.

22 C. The department of environmental quality shall register, certify or 23 otherwise approve the amount of the credit before the credit is banked and 24 used to offset future increases in the emissions of air pollutants. The 25 credit may be used, traded, sold or otherwise expended within the same 26 nonattainment area, maintenance area or modeling domain in which the 27 emissions reduction occurred, only if there will be no adverse impact on air 28 quality. Pursuant to title 41, chapter 6, article 8, the department may 29 delegate certification of emissions credits to a county or multi-county air 30 quality control region, but shall retain authority to register credits and 31 administer the Arizona emissions bank.

32 D. On or before January 1, 2002, the department of environmental 33 quality shall adopt rules for the implementation and administration of the 34 Arizona emissions bank, and establish the criteria the department will use to 35 determine the amount of the emissions credit. The department shall establish 36 by rule a fee system to administer the Arizona emissions bank. A county that 37 has been delegated authority to certify emissions credits pursuant to 38 subsection C of this section shall establish a fee system to cover the 39 reasonable costs of certification in accordance with section 49-112, 40 subsection B. In setting the fee, the director and a county shall consider 41 the likely economic value of the credits and shall set a fee that does not 42 discourage the banking of emissions credit.

43 E. The program established by this section ends on July 1, 2009 44 pursuant to section 41-3102.