Amend reengrossed bill, page 21, line 4, after "(2)(c)," insert "(6),".

Page 23, after line 15 insert:

"(6) The commission has the authority, as it deems necessary and convenient, to conduct any hearings or to make any determinations it is otherwise empowered to conduct or make by means of an appointed ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE OR hearing officer, but recommended findings, determinations, or orders of any ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE OR hearing officer shall not become final until adopted by the commission in accordance with SECTION 34-60-108 (9). Upon appointment by the commission, a member of the commission may act as a hearing officer.".

Page 28, after line 13 insert:

"SECTION 12. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 34-60-108, add (9) as follows:

34-60-108. Rules - hearings - process. (9) Whenever any hearing or other proceeding is assigned to an administrative law judge, hearing officer, or individual commissioner for hearing, the administrative law judge, hearing officer, or commissioner, after the conclusion of the hearing, shall promptly transmit to the commission and the parties the record and exhibits of the proceeding and a written recommended decision that contains the findings of fact, conclusions, and recommended order. A party may file an exception to the recommended order; but if no exceptions are filed within twenty days after service upon the parties, or unless the commission stays the recommended order within that time upon its own motion, the recommended order becomes the decision of the commission and subject to section 34-60-111. The commission upon its own motion may and, where exceptions are filed shall, conduct a de novo review of the matter upon the same record, and the recommended order is stayed pending the commission's final determination of the matter. The commission may adopt, reject, or modify the recommended order."

Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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