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HOUSE BILL 12-1275

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL**
102 **OPPORTUNITIES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING**
103 **THE WILDLIFE SPORTING LICENSE PLATE.**

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>.)

The bill creates the wildlife sporting license plate. In addition to the normal motor vehicle fees, the plate requires 2 one-time fees of \$25, a one-time fee of \$10, and an annual renewal fee of \$25. Of the one-time fees, \$25 is credited to the highway users tax fund, \$25 to the licensing

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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services cash fund, and \$10 to the wildlife cash fund. The renewal fee is also credited to the wildlife cash fund. The money in the wildlife cash fund is used for grants to create or enhance shooting ranges and projects to improve fishing opportunities.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-3-241 as
3 follows:

4 **42-3-241. Special plates - wildlife sporting.** (1) BEGINNING THE
5 EARLIER OF JANUARY 1, 2013, OR WHEN THE DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO
6 ISSUE THE PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE SPECIAL LICENSE
7 PLATES TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS UNDER THIS SECTION FOR
8 MOTORCYCLES, PASSENGER CARS, TRUCKS, OR NONCOMMERCIAL OR
9 RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES THAT DO NOT EXCEED SIXTEEN
10 THOUSAND POUNDS EMPTY WEIGHT; EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT
11 SHALL NOT ISSUE THE LICENSE PLATE UNTIL THE PROPONENTS COMPLY
12 WITH SECTION 42-3-207 (2).

13 (2) (a) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED THE WILDLIFE SPORTING
14 LICENSE PLATE. THE DEPARTMENT MAY STOP ISSUING THE LICENSE PLATE
15 IF A TOTAL OF THREE THOUSAND LICENSE PLATES ARE NOT ISSUED BY JULY
16 1, 2017. A PERSON WHO WAS ISSUED A LICENSE PLATE ON OR BEFORE JULY
17 1, 2017, MAY CONTINUE TO USE THE LICENSE PLATE AFTER JULY 1, 2017,
18 REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT STOPS ISSUING THE SPECIAL
19 LICENSE PLATE.

20 (b) THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE MAY DESIGN THE
21 SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE IN CONSULTATION WITH SPORTSMEN'S ADVISORY
22 GROUPS. THE PLATE MUST CONFORM WITH STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY
23 THE DEPARTMENT.

1 (3) A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR A WILDLIFE SPORTING LICENSE
2 PLATE IF THE PERSON PAYS THE TAXES AND FEES REQUIRED UNDER THIS
3 SECTION.

4 (4) (a) THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES FOR SPECIAL LICENSE
5 PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION IS THE SAME AS THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES
6 AND FEES SPECIFIED FOR REGULAR MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES;
7 EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT THE FOLLOWING FEES:

8 (I) A ONE-TIME, TWENTY-FIVE-DOLLAR FEE FOR ISSUANCE OR
9 REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE PLATE, WHICH FEE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
10 TRANSMIT TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE SAME TO
11 THE HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-201, C.R.S.;

12 (II) A ONE-TIME, TEN-DOLLAR FEE FOR ISSUANCE OR
13 REPLACEMENT OF THE WILDLIFE SPORTING LICENSE PLATE, WHICH FEE THE
14 DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL
15 CREDIT THE SAME TO THE WILDLIFE CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION
16 33-1-112, C.R.S.; AND

17 (III) AN ANNUAL TWENTY-FIVE-DOLLAR RENEWAL FEE, WHICH THE
18 DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL
19 CREDIT THE SAME TO THE WILDLIFE CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION
20 33-1-112, C.R.S.; EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS AUTHORIZED
21 AGENTS MAY RETAIN THE PORTION OF THE FEE NECESSARY TO OFFSET
22 IMPLEMENTING THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (III), UP TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO
23 DOLLARS.

24 (b) THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE SHALL USE THE MONEY
25 FROM FEES PAID UNDER SUBPARAGRAPHS (II) AND (III) OF PARAGRAPH (a)
26 OF THIS SUBSECTION (4) FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

27 (I) PROVIDING GRANTS TO CREATE AND ENHANCE SHOOTING

1 RANGES AND AREAS THROUGHOUT COLORADO TO INCREASE PUBLIC
2 RECREATIONAL SHOOTING OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING HUNTER
3 EDUCATION, MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING, AND YOUTH SHOOTING;

4 (II) PROVIDING GRANTS TO LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS,
5 PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS, WATER DISTRICTS, ANGLING
6 ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHERS FOR PROJECTS TO IMPROVE FISHING
7 OPPORTUNITIES IN COLORADO.

8 (5) AN APPLICANT MAY APPLY FOR PERSONALIZED WILDLIFE
9 SPORTING LICENSE PLATES. UPON PAYMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE
10 REQUIRED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6) (a) FOR PERSONALIZED LICENSE
11 PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE THE PLATES IF THE APPLICANT
12 COMPLIES WITH SECTION 42-3-211. IF AN APPLICANT HAS EXISTING
13 PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE, THE APPLICANT
14 MAY TRANSFER THE COMBINATION OF LETTERS OR NUMBERS TO A NEW SET
15 OF WILDLIFE SPORTING LICENSE PLATES FOR THE VEHICLE UPON PAYING
16 THE FEE REQUIRED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6) (a) AND UPON TURNING IN
17 THE EXISTING PLATES TO THE DEPARTMENT. A PERSON WHO HAS
18 OBTAINED PERSONALIZED WILDLIFE SPORTING LICENSE PLATES UNDER THIS
19 SUBSECTION (5) SHALL PAY THE ANNUAL FEE IMPOSED BY SECTION
20 42-3-211 (6) (b) FOR RENEWAL OF THE PERSONALIZED PLATES. THE FEES
21 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) ARE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER APPLICABLE
22 TAXES AND FEES.

23 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 42-3-312 as
24 follows:

25 **42-3-312. Special license plate surcharge.** In addition to any
26 other fee imposed by this article, an applicant for a special license plate
27 created by rule in accordance with section 42-3-207, as such section

1 existed when the plate was created, or license plates issued pursuant to
2 sections 42-3-211 to 42-3-218, sections 42-3-221 to 42-3-234, and
3 sections 42-3-237 to ~~42-3-240~~ 42-3-241 shall pay an issuance fee of
4 twenty-five dollars; except that the fee is not imposed on special license
5 plates exempted from additional fees for the issuance of a military special
6 license plate by section 42-3-213 (1) (b) (II). The department shall
7 transfer the fee to the state treasurer, who shall credit it to the licensing
8 services cash fund created in section 42-2-114.5.

9 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
10 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
11 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
12 8, 2012, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2012); except that, if a
13 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
14 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
15 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
16 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
17 November 2012 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
18 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.