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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A "PROTECT OUR RIVERS" LICENSE  
102 PLATE FOR COLORADO TROUT UNLIMITED.

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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>.)*

The bill creates the "Protect Our Rivers" license plate. A person becomes eligible to use the plate by donating \$25 to Colorado trout unlimited. This donation may not be used for litigation or lobbying. In addition to the normal motor vehicle fees, the plate requires 2 one-time fees of \$25. One of the fees is credited to the highway users tax fund and

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

the other to the licensing services cash fund.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-3-246 as  
3 follows:

4           **42-3-246. Special plates - "Protect Our Rivers".**

5 (1) BEGINNING THE EARLIER OF JANUARY 1, 2014, OR WHEN THE  
6 DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO ISSUE THE PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
7 ISSUE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS UNDER THIS  
8 SECTION FOR MOTORCYCLES, PASSENGER CARS, TRUCKS, OR  
9 NONCOMMERCIAL OR RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES THAT DO NOT  
10 EXCEED SIXTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS EMPTY WEIGHT.

11 (2) (a) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED THE "PROTECT OUR  
12 RIVERS" LICENSE PLATE. THE DEPARTMENT MAY STOP ISSUING THE  
13 "PROTECT OUR RIVERS" LICENSE PLATE IF THREE THOUSAND LICENSE  
14 PLATES ARE NOT ISSUED BY JULY 1, 2017. A PERSON MAY CONTINUE TO  
15 USE THE "PROTECT OUR RIVERS" LICENSE PLATE AFTER JULY 1, 2017.

16 (b) COLORADO TROUT UNLIMITED MAY DESIGN THE SPECIAL  
17 LICENSE PLATES, BUT THE DESIGN MUST CONFORM WITH STANDARDS  
18 ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

19 (3) (a) A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR A "PROTECT OUR RIVERS"  
20 LICENSE PLATE IF THE PERSON PAYS THE TAXES AND FEES REQUIRED  
21 UNDER THIS SECTION AND PROVIDES TO THE DEPARTMENT OR AN  
22 AUTHORIZED AGENT A CERTIFICATE, ISSUED BY COLORADO TROUT  
23 UNLIMITED OR ITS SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION, CONFIRMING THAT THE  
24 APPLICANT HAS DONATED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS TO COLORADO TROUT  
25 UNLIMITED.

1 (b) COLORADO TROUT UNLIMITED SHALL FILE WITH THE  
2 DEPARTMENT AN ANNUAL STATEMENT VERIFYING THAT IT IS A NONPROFIT  
3 ORGANIZATION UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT STOPS ISSUING THE LICENSE  
4 PLATE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

5 (c) COLORADO TROUT UNLIMITED SHALL NOT USE ANY MONEYS  
6 FROM A DONATION MADE UNDER PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (3)  
7 FOR LITIGATION OR LOBBYING.

8 (4) THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES FOR SPECIAL LICENSE  
9 PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION ARE THE SAME AS THE AMOUNT OF THE  
10 TAXES AND FEES FOR REGULAR MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; EXCEPT  
11 THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT A ONE-TIME FEE OF TWENTY-FIVE  
12 DOLLARS FOR ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF EACH LICENSE PLATE. THE  
13 DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT THE ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE TO THE  
14 STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE FEE TO THE HIGHWAY USERS  
15 TAX FUND CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-201, C.R.S.

16 (5) AN APPLICANT MAY APPLY FOR PERSONALIZED "PROTECT OUR  
17 RIVERS" LICENSE PLATES. UPON PAYMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE  
18 REQUIRED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6) (a) FOR PERSONALIZED LICENSE  
19 PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE THE PLATES IF THE APPLICANT  
20 COMPLIES WITH SECTION 42-3-211. IF AN APPLICANT HAS EXISTING  
21 PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE, THE APPLICANT  
22 MAY TRANSFER THE COMBINATION OF LETTERS OR NUMBERS TO A NEW SET  
23 OF "PROTECT OUR RIVERS" LICENSE PLATES FOR THE VEHICLE UPON  
24 PAYING THE FEE REQUIRED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6) (a) AND UPON  
25 TURNING IN THE EXISTING PLATES TO THE DEPARTMENT. A PERSON WHO  
26 HAS OBTAINED PERSONALIZED "PROTECT OUR RIVERS" LICENSE PLATES  
27 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) SHALL PAY THE ANNUAL FEE IMPOSED BY

1 SECTION 42-3-211 (6) (b) FOR RENEWAL OF THE PERSONALIZED PLATES.  
2 THE FEES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) ARE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER  
3 APPLICABLE TAXES AND FEES.

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

6 **42-3-312. Special license plate surcharge.** In addition to any  
7 other fee imposed by this article, an applicant for a special license plate  
8 created by rule in accordance with section 42-3-207, as the section existed  
9 when the plate was created, or license plates issued pursuant to sections  
10 42-3-211 to 42-3-218, sections 42-3-221 to 42-3-234, and sections  
11 42-3-237 to ~~42-3-245~~ 42-3-246 shall pay an issuance fee of twenty-five  
12 dollars; except that the fee is not imposed on special license plates  
13 exempted from additional fees for the issuance of a military special  
14 license plate by section 42-3-213 (1) (b) (II). The department shall  
15 transfer the fee to the state treasurer, who shall credit it to the licensing  
16 services cash fund created in section 42-2-114.5.

17 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
18 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
19 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
20 7, 2013, if adjournment sine die is on May 8, 2013); except that, if a  
21 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
22 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
23 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
24 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
25 November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
26 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.