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HOUSE BILL 14-1228

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR DEFENSIVE**
102 **DRIVING SCHOOLS ATTENDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COURT**
103 **ORDER RESULTING FROM A VIOLATION OF A LAW REGULATING**
104 **THE OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.**

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>.)

Current law requires the department of revenue to evaluate the curriculum and effectiveness of driver improvement classes required by

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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a court order in conjunction with a violation of the law regulating motor vehicle operation. This bill repeals that requirement.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-1-223, **repeal** (1),
3 (2), and (3); and **add** (4) and (5) as follows:

4 **42-1-223. Monitoring driving improvement schools - fund -**
5 **rules - repeal.** (1) ~~The defensive driving school fund, referred to in this~~
6 ~~section as the "fund", is hereby created in the state treasury. The fund~~
7 ~~shall consist of penalty surcharges collected pursuant to section~~
8 ~~42-4-1717 (3). The moneys in the fund shall be used to implement a~~
9 ~~program to monitor and evaluate driver improvement schools pursuant to~~
10 ~~this section. The moneys in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall~~
11 ~~not revert to the general fund.~~

12 (2) ~~The department shall, in accordance with article 103 of title~~
13 ~~24, C.R.S., contract with a private entity by July 1, 2010, to monitor and~~
14 ~~evaluate the curriculum and effectiveness of driver improvement classes~~
15 ~~required by section 42-4-1717. The private entity shall submit a report to~~
16 ~~the referring court within three months after a school has been evaluated~~
17 ~~summarizing the curriculum, location, security, quality, and effectiveness~~
18 ~~of the classes. The private entity shall also submit an abstract of such~~
19 ~~reports to the department annually.~~

20 (3) ~~The department may promulgate rules setting standards for~~
21 ~~frequency and types of evaluations based upon the revenue received~~
22 ~~pursuant to section 42-4-1717 and the expected effectiveness of~~
23 ~~frequencies and types of evaluations.~~

24 (4) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ALL UNEXPENDED AND
25 UNENCUMBERED MONEYS REMAINING IN THE DEFENSIVE DRIVING SCHOOL

1 FUND AS OF JANUARY 1, 2015, TO THE GENERAL FUND.

2 (5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015.

3 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1717, **amend**
4 (1); and **repeal** (3) as follows:

5 **42-4-1717. Conviction - attendance at driver improvement**
6 **school - rules.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this
7 section, if a person has been convicted of violating this article or any
8 other law regulating the operation of motor vehicles other than a violation
9 of section 42-4-1301, the court may require the defendant, ~~or, if the~~
10 ~~defendant has not been convicted of a violation of this article or any other~~
11 ~~law regulating the operation of motor vehicles within the last eighteen~~
12 ~~months, the court shall offer the defendant an opportunity,~~ at the
13 defendant's expense, to attend and satisfactorily complete a course of
14 instruction at any designated driver improvement school providing
15 instruction in: the traffic laws of this state, ~~instruction in~~ recognition of
16 hazardous traffic situations, and ~~instruction in~~ traffic accident prevention.
17 Upon completion of the course, the court may suspend all or a portion of
18 the fine or sentence of imprisonment. Unless otherwise provided by law,
19 ~~such~~ THE school ~~shall~~ MUST be approved by the court.

20 (3) (a) ~~Effective January 1, 2010, a person who is required to~~
21 ~~attend a course of instruction pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) of this~~
22 ~~section shall pay, in addition to any other penalties, a penalty surcharge~~
23 ~~as determined by rules promulgated by the department. The driver~~
24 ~~improvement school shall collect the penalty surcharge and remit it to the~~
25 ~~department at least monthly in accordance with rules promulgated by the~~
26 ~~department. The department shall set the penalty surcharge in an amount~~
27 ~~to offset the direct and indirect cost of implementing section 42-1-223.~~

1 ~~The penalty surcharge shall be transferred to the state treasurer and~~
2 ~~credited to the defensive driving school fund created in section 42-1-223.~~

3 ~~(b) The court shall include on the referral form information~~
4 ~~concerning the amount and purpose of the penalty surcharge. If the court~~
5 ~~determines that a person is unable to pay the cost of the penalty surcharge,~~
6 ~~the court may waive the surcharge and the driver improvement school~~
7 ~~shall not collect nor remit the penalty surcharge to the department.~~

8 ~~(c) A person who is required to attend a course of instruction~~
9 ~~pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall register with the~~
10 ~~entity that monitors the driver improvement school pursuant to section~~
11 ~~42-1-223. If the person satisfactorily completes the course, the driver~~
12 ~~improvement school shall electronically notify the entity.~~

13 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.