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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF MILITARY LICENSE PLATES WITH AN**  
102 **IDENTIFYING FIGURE NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC THAT THE HOLDER**  
103 **MAY USE RESERVED PARKING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES,**  
104 **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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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>.)*

Currently, a person may be issued a disabled veteran's license plate with the identifying figure that allows the holder to use reserved parking for people with disabilities. The bill allows any military license plate to

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.*

SENATE  
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have an identifying figure if the applicant demonstrates a physical impairment affecting mobility.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-204, **amend** (3)

3 (a) (VI),      (5) (i), and (6) (e) (I) introductory portion as follows:

4 **42-3-204. Reserved parking for persons with disabilities -**  
5 **applicability - definitions - rules. (3) Types of plates or placards.**

6 (a) **Authorization.** The department may issue the following registration  
7 type for issuing disabled plates and placards that notify the public that the  
8 vehicle transports a person who may use reserved parking:

9 (VI) A ~~disabled-veteran~~ MILITARY license plate, ISSUED UNDER  
10 SECTION 42-3-213 OR 42-3-218 (3), with an additional identifying figure  
11 ~~as determined by the department~~, to indicate that the owner of the vehicle  
12 is authorized to make use of reserved parking for persons with  
13 disabilities.

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15 (5) **Issuance of plate or placard - rules. (i) Requirements for**  
16 **identifying figure on military license plate.** To qualify for a ~~disabled~~  
17 ~~veteran~~ MILITARY license plate with an identifying figure, the applicant  
18 must qualify for a permanent identifying plate under subparagraph (I) of  
19 paragraph (h) of this subsection (5) and meet the eligibility criteria in  
20 section 42-3-213 ~~(5)~~ OR 42-3-218 (3) for a ~~disabled-veteran~~ MILITARY  
21 license plate. A ~~disabled-veteran~~ MILITARY license plate with an  
22 identifying figure expires in accordance with the schedule established by  
23 the department for periodic registration under section 42-3-102 (1) (a).

24 (6) **Expiration and renewal. (e) Permanent identifying plates.**

25 (I) A permanent identifying plate or ~~disabled-veteran~~ MILITARY license

1 plate WITH AN IDENTIFYING FIGURE expires in accordance with the  
2 schedule established by the department for periodic registration under  
3 section 42-3-102 (1) (a). Eligibility for a permanent identifying plate or  
4 identifying figure for a ~~disabled veteran~~ MILITARY license plate expires  
5 on the last day of the thirty-sixth full month after the date of issuance or  
6 renewal. The holder may renew the plate by submitting:

7 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-204, **amend** (3)  
8 (b) (II) as follows:

9 **42-3-204. Reserved parking for persons with disabilities -**  
10 **applicability - definitions - rules. (3) Types of plates or placards.**  
11 **(b) Number of placards and license plates allowed. (II) The**  
12 **department may issue a ~~disabled veteran~~ MILITARY license plate UNDER**  
13 **SECTION 42-3-213 OR 42-3-218 (3) with an additional identifying figure**  
14 **and one placard to an individual.**

15 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-204, **amend** (3)  
16 (b) (II) as enacted by House Bill 15-1136 as follows:

17 **42-3-204. Reserved parking for persons with disabilities -**  
18 **applicability - definitions - rules. (3) Types of plates or placards.**  
19 **(b) Number of placards and license plates allowed. (II) The**  
20 **department may issue two ~~disabled veteran~~ MILITARY license plates**  
21 **UNDER SECTION 42-3-213 OR 42-3-218 (3) with identifying figures or a**  
22 **~~disabled veteran~~ ONE MILITARY license plate UNDER SECTION 42-3-213 OR**  
23 **42-3-218 (3) with an additional identifying figure and one placard to an**  
24 **qualified individual.**

25 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-213, **repeal** (5)  
26 (a) (II); and **add** (1) (h) as follows:

27 **42-3-213. License plates - military veterans - rules -**

1 **retirement.** (1) (h) IF AN APPLICANT FOR A MILITARY LICENSE PLATE  
2 ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION DEMONSTRATES A PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT  
3 AFFECTING MOBILITY UNDER THE STANDARDS PROVIDED IN SECTION  
4 42-3-204 (1), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A MILITARY LICENSE PLATE  
5 WITH AN ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING FIGURE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
6 42-3-204 (1) (e), TO INDICATE THAT THE VEHICLE IS AUTHORIZED TO  
7 TRANSPORT A PERSON WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO USE RESERVED PARKING UNDER  
8 SECTION 42-4-1208.

9 (5) **Disabled veterans.** (a) (II) ~~In addition to the requirements of~~  
10 ~~subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (a), if the applicant demonstrates that~~  
11 ~~he or she has a physical impairment affecting mobility under the~~  
12 ~~standards provided in section 42-3-204 (1), then the license plate shall~~  
13 ~~have an additional identifying figure, as defined in section 42-3-204 (1)~~  
14 ~~(e), to indicate that the vehicle is authorized to transport a person who is~~  
15 ~~eligible to use reserved parking under section 42-4-1208.~~

16 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-218, **amend** (2)  
17 as follows:

18 **42-3-218. Special plates - active and retired members of the**  
19 **Colorado National Guard - retirement.** (2) (a) The special license  
20 plates ~~shall~~ MUST have a white background with blue lettering and ~~shall~~  
21 MUST be of a design determined by the executive director of the  
22 department. ~~Such~~ THE plates ~~shall~~ indicate that the owner of the motor  
23 vehicle is a member of the Colorado National Guard.

24 (b) IF AN APPLICANT FOR A COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE  
25 PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION DEMONSTRATES A PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT  
26 AFFECTING MOBILITY UNDER THE STANDARDS PROVIDED IN SECTION  
27 42-3-204 (1), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A COLORADO NATIONAL

1 GUARD LICENSE PLATE WITH AN ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING FIGURE, AS  
2 DEFINED IN SECTION 42-3-204 (1) (e), TO INDICATE THAT THE VEHICLE IS  
3 AUTHORIZED TO TRANSPORT A PERSON WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO USE RESERVED  
4 PARKING UNDER SECTION 42-4-1208.

5 **SECTION 6. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2015-16 state fiscal  
6 year, \$5,190 is appropriated to the department of revenue for use by the  
7 division of motor vehicles. This appropriation is from the license plate  
8 cash fund created in section 42-3-301 (1) (b), C.R.S. To implement this  
9 act, the division may use this appropriation for license plate ordering.

10 (2) For the 2015-16 state fiscal year, \$52,942 is appropriated to  
11 the department of revenue. This appropriation is from the Colorado state  
12 titling and registration account of the highway users tax fund created in  
13 section 42-1-211 (2), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may  
14 use this appropriation for the purchase of information technology  
15 services.

16 (3) For the 2015-16 state fiscal year, \$52,942 is appropriated to  
17 the office of the governor for use by the office of information technology.  
18 This appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the  
19 department of revenue under subsection (2) of this section. To implement  
20 this act, the office may use this appropriation to provide information  
21 technology services for the department of revenue.

22 **SECTION 7. Act subject to petition - effective date.** (1) Except  
23 as otherwise provided in this section, this act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on  
24 the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final  
25 adjournment of the general assembly (August 5, 2015, if adjournment  
26 sine die is on May 6, 2015); except that, if a referendum petition is filed  
27 pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this

1 act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act,  
2 item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people  
3 at the general election to be held in November 2016 and, in such case,  
4 will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon  
5 by the governor.

6 (2) Section 2 of this act takes effect only if House Bill 15-1136  
7 does not become law, in which case section 2 takes effect on the effective  
8 date of this act.

9 (3) Section 3 of this act takes effect only if House Bill 15-1136  
10 becomes law, in which case section 3 takes effect on the effective date of  
11 this act or House Bill 15-1136, whichever is later.