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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK
102 LICENSE PLATE TO EVIDENCE THAT A VEHICLE HAS BEEN
103 REGISTERED.

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/bills summaries>.)

The bill creates the Rocky Mountain National Park license plate. A person becomes eligible to use the plate by providing a certificate confirming that the person has made a donation to an organization chosen by the department of revenue based on the organization's provision of financial and other support to the Rocky Mountain National Park. In

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addition to the standard 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 the other to the licensing services cash fund.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-3-248 as
3 follows:

4 **42-3-248. Special plates - Rocky Mountain National Park.**

5 (1) BEGINNING THE EARLIER OF NOVEMBER 15, 2015, OR WHEN THE
6 DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO ISSUE THE PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
7 ISSUE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS IN ACCORDANCE
8 WITH THIS 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 ROCKY MOUNTAIN
12 NATIONAL PARK LICENSE PLATE. THE DEPARTMENT MAY STOP ISSUING
13 THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK LICENSE PLATE IF THREE
14 THOUSAND LICENSE PLATES ARE NOT ISSUED BY JULY 1, 2020. A PERSON
15 WHO WAS ISSUED A ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK LICENSE PLATE
16 ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2020, MAY CONTINUE TO USE THE LICENSE PLATE
17 AFTER JULY 1, 2020, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT STOPS
18 ISSUING THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.

19 (b) THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY MAY DESIGN THE
20 SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE, BUT THE PLATE MUST CONFORM WITH STANDARDS
21 ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

22 (3) (a) AT LEAST ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT
23 SHALL DESIGNATE AN ORGANIZATION TO QUALIFY APPLICANTS TO BE
24 ISSUED THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK LICENSE PLATE. THE

1 ORGANIZATION MUST:
2 (I) BE BASED IN COLORADO;
3 (II) HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS;
4 (III) MANAGE A CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR THE BENEFIT OF
5 THE PARK;
6 (IV) HELP PROMOTE THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARK;
7 (V) FUND TRAIL BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE WITHIN THE PARK;
8 (VI) PROVIDE INTERNS OR VOLUNTEERS TO STAFF VISITOR
9 CENTERS OR DELIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO VISITORS; AND
10 (VII) HAVE PROVIDED AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND
11 DOLLARS' WORTH OF SUPPORT ANNUALLY TO THE PARK FOR THE LAST FIVE
12 YEARS.

13 (b) A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR A ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL
14 PARK LICENSE PLATE IF THE PERSON PAYS THE TAXES AND FEES REQUIRED
15 UNDER THIS SECTION AND PROVIDES TO THE DEPARTMENT OR AN
16 AUTHORIZED AGENT A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE ORGANIZATION
17 CHOSEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (3) CONFIRMING THAT
18 THE APPLICANT HAS MADE A DONATION TO THE ORGANIZATION. THE
19 ORGANIZATION MAY ESTABLISH A MINIMUM DONATION AMOUNT TO
20 QUALIFY FOR THE PLATE.

21 (c) THE ORGANIZATION CHOSEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
22 SUBSECTION (3) SHALL FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT AN ANNUAL
23 STATEMENT VERIFYING THAT IT IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION UNLESS
24 THE DEPARTMENT STOPS ISSUING THE LICENSE PLATE.

25 (4) THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES FOR SPECIAL LICENSE
26 PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION ARE THE SAME AS THE AMOUNT OF THE
27 TAXES AND FEES FOR REGULAR MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; EXCEPT

1 THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT AN ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE OF
2 TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE
3 PLATE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT THE ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME
4 FEE TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE FEE TO THE
5 HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-201, C.R.S.

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

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

23 **42-3-312. Special license plate surcharge.** In addition to any
24 other fee imposed by this article, an applicant for a special license plate
25 created by rule in accordance with section 42-3-207, as the section existed
26 when the plate was created, or license plates issued pursuant to sections
27 42-3-211 to 42-3-218, sections 42-3-221 to 42-3-234, and sections

1 42-3-237 to ~~42-3-247~~ 42-3-248 shall pay an issuance fee of twenty-five
2 dollars; except that the fee is not imposed on special license plates
3 exempted from additional fees for the issuance of a military special
4 license plate by section 42-3-213 (1) (b) (II). The department shall
5 transfer the fee to the state treasurer, who shall credit it to the licensing
6 services cash fund created in section 42-2-114.5.

7 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
8 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
9 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
10 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); except that, if a
11 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
12 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
13 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
14 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
15 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
16 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.