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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ELIMINATION OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT MOTOR**
102 **VEHICLES USE A FRONT LICENSE PLATE.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Eliminates the requirement that motor vehicles use a front license plate.

Makes conforming amendments.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** 42-3-113 (1) (a) (I), (1) (b) (I), and (4), Colorado

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.

1 Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

2 **42-3-113. Number plate furnished - style - periodic reissuance.**

3 (1) (a) (I) The department shall also furnish to every owner whose vehicle
4 is registered one number plate for a motorcycle, street rod vehicle, trailer,
5 or semitrailer, any other vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle, or any item of
6 mobile machinery or self-propelled construction equipment and two
7 number plates, or, at the discretion of the executive director of the
8 department, one number plate for every other vehicle, except as otherwise
9 provided in this article. The department has the authority to require the
10 return to the department of all number plates upon termination of the
11 lawful use thereof by the owner.

12 (b) (I) The department may furnish the number plates PLATE
13 required in this section for one or more registration periods. If the number
14 plates are PLATE IS issued for multiyear use, the department may issue a
15 validating tab or sticker to indicate the year of registration of the vehicle.

16 (4) The department shall issue, for every noncommercial or
17 recreational vehicle registered as such pursuant to this article, A numbered
18 plates PLATE or other insignia of a color or design different from any other
19 Colorado plates PLATE, to be determined by the department, in order that
20 such numbered plates PLATE or other insignia may be plainly recognized
21 at a distance of at least one hundred feet during daylight.

22 **SECTION 2.** 42-3-114 (7) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
23 amended to read:

24 **42-3-114. Issuance of personalized plate authorized.** (7) (a) A
25 fee of thirty-five dollars shall be charged in addition to the registration fee
26 normally due upon the vehicle for the issuance of the same number of A
27 personalized license plates for a vehicle as are specified in section

1 ~~42-3-113 for the issuance of number plates~~ PLATE PURSUANT TO THIS
2 SECTION. Upon reissuance of the same personalized license ~~plates~~ PLATE
3 in subsequent years, the additional fee shall be twenty-five dollars. Such
4 fee shall be due upon the original issue or any reissuance of A
5 personalized license ~~plates~~ PLATE other than a renewal of registration
6 under paragraph (b) of this subsection (7).

7 **SECTION 3.** 42-3-123 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read:

9 **42-3-123. Number plates to be attached.** (1) (a) A number
10 ~~plates~~ PLATE assigned to a ~~self-propelled vehicle other than a motorcycle~~
11 ~~or street rod vehicle shall be attached thereto, one in the front and the~~
12 ~~other in the rear. The number plate assigned to a motorcycle, street rod~~
13 ~~vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, any other vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle,~~
14 ~~or any~~ item of mobile machinery, or ITEM OF self-propelled construction
15 equipment shall be attached to the rear thereof. A number ~~plates~~ PLATE
16 shall be so displayed during the current registration year, except as
17 otherwise provided in this article.

18 **SECTION 4.** 42-3-103 (4) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
19 amended to read:

20 **42-3-103. Registration required - exemptions.** (4) (b) The
21 provisions of this title relative to the registration of motor vehicles and the
22 display of A number ~~plates~~ PLATE shall not apply to motor vehicles having
23 registrations and displaying plates issued by the armed forces of the
24 United States in foreign countries for vehicles owned by military or naval
25 personnel, but said exemption shall be valid only for a period of forty-five
26 days after the owner thereof has returned to the United States.

27 **SECTION 5.** 42-3-112 (10) (b) and (11), Colorado Revised

1 Statutes, are amended to read:

2 **42-3-112. Records of application and registration - repeal.**

3 (10) (b) No holder of an amateur radio license shall be entitled to
4 purchase more than one ~~set of~~ such special license ~~plates~~ PLATE for any
5 registration period, and no holder of a standard radio, FM, or television
6 license shall be entitled to purchase more than ten ~~sets of~~ such special
7 license plates for any registration period.

8 (11) Upon the application of the owner of a passenger car, motor
9 truck, or trailer classified as Class B or Class C personal property, as
10 defined in section 42-3-106, or the duly authorized agent of such owner
11 showing that such owner is a member of congress from the state of
12 Colorado, the department is authorized to assign to such owner, in
13 addition to or in lieu of the distinct registration number specified in
14 paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section, A registration ~~plates which~~
15 PLATE THAT shall contain a number together with appropriate words or
16 letters indicating that such owner is a member of the congress of the
17 United States, and a separate number series shall be used to further
18 identify such license ~~plates~~ PLATE. Said license ~~plates~~ PLATE shall not be
19 issued by the counties but shall be issued directly by the department.

20 **SECTION 6.** 42-3-113.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
21 to read:

22 **42-3-113.5. Remanufacture of certain license plates.** A motor
23 vehicle owner who wishes to retain a PLATE OR set of license plates that
24 contain only two alphabetic figures and up to four numeric figures may
25 have such license PLATE OR plates remanufactured upon application to the
26 department. Only A number PLATE OR plates currently assigned and
27 registered to such owner are eligible for remanufacture. The application

1 shall be on such form as is determined by the department. No additional
2 fee shall be charged for remanufacture beyond the existing taxes and fees
3 imposed for vehicle registration. Remanufacture is not authorized for any
4 license plates other than the plates described in this section.

5 **SECTION 7.** 42-3-114 (2), (3) (a), (4) (a), (5), (6), (7) (b), (7) (c),
6 and (7) (d), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

7 **42-3-114. Issuance of personalized plate authorized.**

8 (2) "Personalized license ~~plates~~ PLATE", as used in this section, means A
9 license ~~plates~~ PLATE that ~~have~~ HAS displayed upon ~~them~~ IT the registration
10 number assigned to the motor vehicle for which such registration number
11 was issued in a combination of letters or numbers, or both, requested by
12 the owner of the vehicle, subject to the limitations of this section.

13 (3) (a) "Personalized license ~~plates~~ PLATE", as used in this section,
14 includes A special license ~~plates which bear~~ PLATE THAT BEARS the words
15 "street rod" and ~~which~~ THAT may be issued only to a street rod vehicle.

16 (4) (a) The personalized license ~~plates~~ PLATE shall be the same
17 color and design as A regular motor vehicle license ~~plates~~ PLATE, shall
18 consist of numbers or letters, or any combination thereof, not exceeding
19 seven positions and not less than two positions, and shall not conflict with
20 AN existing passenger, commercial, trailer, motorcycle, or other special
21 license ~~plates~~ PLATE series; except that personalized license plates bearing
22 the words "street rod" shall be of a design determined by the executive
23 director of the department, which design shall be different from those used
24 by the state for regular motor vehicle license plates.

25 (5) Any person who is the registered owner of a motor vehicle
26 registered with the department or who makes application for the
27 personalized license registration of a motor vehicle or renewal

1 personalized license registration of a motor vehicle, upon payment of the
2 fee prescribed in subsection (7) of this section, may apply to the
3 department for A personalized license ~~plates~~ PLATE, in the manner
4 prescribed in this section, which ~~plates~~ PLATE shall be affixed to the motor
5 vehicle for which registration is sought in lieu of the regular license ~~plates~~
6 PLATE. A personalized license ~~plates~~ PLATE shall be issued for the annual
7 registration period subsequent to the year in which the application is
8 made.

9 (6) An applicant for issuance of A personalized license ~~plates~~
10 PLATE or renewal of such ~~plates~~ PLATE in subsequent years shall make an
11 application therefor in such form and by such date as the department may
12 require, indicating thereon the combination of letters or numbers, or both,
13 requested as a registration number. There shall be no duplication of
14 registration numbers, and the department may refuse to issue any
15 combination of letters or numbers, or both, which may carry connotations
16 offensive to good taste and decency or which would be misleading or a
17 duplication of ~~the~~ A regular license ~~plates~~ PLATE provided for in this
18 article.

19 (7) (b) The department may provide for ~~renewals~~ RENEWAL of A
20 personalized license ~~plates~~ PLATE whereby such ~~plates are~~ PLATE IS
21 retained by the applicant in years subsequent to original issuance upon the
22 payment, in addition to the normal registration fee, of an annual renewal
23 fee of twenty-five dollars for which the department shall provide a
24 distinctive tag or insignia to be affixed to such ~~plates~~ PLATE to signify that
25 such vehicle has been properly registered for the year for which such
26 license plate was renewed.

27 (c) Whenever any person who has been issued A personalized

1 license ~~plates~~ PLATE applies to the department for the transfer of such
2 ~~plates~~ PLATE to a subsequently acquired motor vehicle, a transfer fee of
3 twelve dollars shall be charged in addition to all other appropriate fees.

4 (d) Any person who has been issued A personalized license ~~plates~~
5 PLATE shall apply for the renewal or transfer thereof according to
6 subsection (6) of this section or shall lose the priority right to the use of
7 the letters or numbers, or combination thereof, displayed on the
8 personalized license ~~plates~~ PLATE.

9 **SECTION 8.** 42-3-115 (1) and (5), Colorado Revised Statutes, are
10 amended to read:

11 **42-3-115. Issuance of optional plate authorized.** (1) The
12 department is authorized to issue AN optional license ~~plates~~ PLATE for
13 either a passenger car or a truck not over ten thousand pounds empty
14 weight.

15 (5) All applications for A special license ~~plates~~ PLATE provided by
16 this section shall be made directly to the department.

17 **SECTION 9.** The introductory portion to 42-3-115.5 (1) (a) and
18 42-3-115.5 (1) (c), (2) (c), (3) (c), (3) (d), (5) (c), (6) (a), and (7) (c),
19 Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

20 **42-3-115.5. Special plate - military veterans - rules.** (1) (a) The
21 department is directed to issue one or more ~~sets of~~ special license plates
22 to the following persons who own a passenger car, a noncommercial or
23 recreational vehicle, or a truck that does not exceed twelve thousand
24 pounds empty weight, or a motorcycle that does not exceed six thousand
25 five hundred pounds empty weight:

26 (c) (I) The amount of taxes and fees for A special license ~~plates~~
27 PLATE issued pursuant to this section shall be the same as that specified

1 for regular motor vehicle registration; except that an additional one-time
2 issuance or replacement fee for each motor vehicle shall apply. Such
3 additional one-time fee shall be in the amount of ten dollars and shall be
4 transmitted to the state treasurer, who shall credit the same to the highway
5 users tax fund.

6 (II) Notwithstanding subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (c):

7 (A) No fee shall be charged for one ~~set of~~ prisoner of war special
8 license ~~plates~~ PLATE issued pursuant to subsection (3) of this section for
9 a passenger car, a motorcycle, a noncommercial or recreational vehicle,
10 or a truck that does not exceed six thousand five hundred pounds empty
11 weight;

12 (B) No fee shall be charged for one ~~set of~~ disabled veteran special
13 license ~~plates~~ PLATE issued pursuant to subsection (5) of this section for
14 a passenger car, a motorcycle, a noncommercial or recreational vehicle,
15 or a truck that does not exceed six thousand five hundred pounds empty
16 weight;

17 (C) One dollar of each additional fee collected from purchasers of
18 A special license ~~plates~~ PLATE issued pursuant to subsections (4) and (5)
19 of this section shall be retained by the authorized agent, and one dollar
20 and fifteen cents of each such additional fee shall be credited to the
21 special purpose account established under section 42-1-211;

22 (D) No fee shall be charged for one ~~set of~~ medal of honor special
23 license ~~plates~~ PLATE issued pursuant to subsection (7) of this section for
24 a passenger car, a motorcycle, a noncommercial or recreational vehicle,
25 or a truck that does not exceed six thousand five hundred pounds empty
26 weight;

27 (E) No fee shall be charged for one ~~set of~~ purple heart special

1 license ~~plates~~ PLATE issued pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

2 (2) **Recipient of a purple heart.** (c) No fee shall be charged for
3 one ~~set of~~ purple heart special license ~~plates~~ PLATE.

4 (3) **Former prisoner of war.** (c) If a deceased former prisoner
5 of war was authorized under this section or section 42-3-118 to use a
6 former prisoner of war special license plate, the surviving spouse of such
7 former prisoner of war may apply to the department to retain any ~~set or~~
8 ~~sets of~~ such special PLATE OR plates that such former prisoner of war had
9 obtained. On or after January 1, 1997, such surviving spouse shall be
10 eligible to use such special PLATE OR plates upon the payment of any fees
11 or taxes required by this article.

12 (d) No fee shall be charged for one ~~set of~~ prisoner of war special
13 license ~~plates~~ PLATE for a passenger car, a motorcycle, a noncommercial
14 or recreational vehicle, or a truck that does not exceed six thousand five
15 hundred pounds empty weight. If an eligible person applies for any
16 additional such license plates, such person shall be required to pay any
17 fees or taxes required by subsection (1) of this section for such additional
18 plates.

19 (5) **Disabled veterans.** (c) No fee shall be charged for one ~~set of~~
20 disabled veteran special license ~~plates~~ PLATE for a passenger car, a
21 motorcycle, a noncommercial or recreational vehicle, or a truck that does
22 not exceed six thousand five hundred pounds empty weight. If an eligible
23 person applies for any additional such license plates, such person shall
24 pay any fees or taxes required by subsection (1) of this section for such
25 additional license plates.

26 (6) **Survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor.** (a) The survivors
27 of the attack on Pearl Harbor special license ~~plates~~ PLATE shall be

1 designed to indicate that the owner of the motor vehicle to which such
2 license ~~plates are~~ PLATE IS attached is a survivor of the attack on Pearl
3 Harbor.

4 (7) **Recipient of a medal of honor.** (c) No fee shall be charged
5 for one ~~set of~~ medal of honor special license ~~plates~~ PLATE for a passenger
6 car, a motorcycle, a noncommercial or recreational vehicle, or a truck that
7 does not exceed six thousand five hundred pounds empty weight. If an
8 eligible person applies for any additional such license plates, such person
9 shall be required to pay any fees or taxes required by subsection (1) of
10 this section for such additional plates.

11 **SECTION 10.** 42-3-115.7 (1) and (3) (a), the introductory
12 portions to 42-3-115.7 (3) (b) and (3) (b) (III), and 42-3-115.7 (5) and (6),
13 Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

14 **42-3-115.7. Special plates - alumni associations.** (1) The
15 department shall issue one or more ~~sets of~~ special alumni license plates to
16 applicants under the requirements of this section for passenger cars or
17 trucks that do not exceed sixteen thousand pounds empty weight.

18 (3) (a) A person may apply for a special alumni license plate for
19 a motor vehicle if the person pays the taxes and fees required under the
20 provisions of this section and provides the department or authorized agent
21 a certificate issued by the alumni association confirming that such person
22 meets the qualifications for the license plate established by the alumni
23 association pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection (3). The
24 department shall prepare a certificate form to be used by alumni
25 associations when confirming that a person is eligible to obtain A special
26 alumni license ~~plates~~ PLATE.

27 (b) An alumni association may establish the following

1 qualifications for persons seeking to obtain A special alumni license ~~plates~~
2 PLATE:

3 (III) Payment of specified alumni association dues, including
4 special dues established for the special alumni license ~~plates~~ PLATE. If the
5 alumni association collects special dues for special alumni license plates,
6 the moneys may be used only for the following purposes:

7 (5) (a) The amount of the taxes and fees for A special alumni
8 license ~~plates~~ PLATE under this section is the same as the amount of the
9 taxes and fees specified for A regular motor vehicle license ~~plates~~ PLATE;
10 except that the department shall collect a one-time fee of ten dollars for
11 each motor vehicle for issuance or replacement of such license ~~plates~~
12 PLATE. The department shall transmit the additional one-time fee to the
13 state treasurer, who shall credit the same to the highway users tax fund.

14 (b) An applicant may apply for A special alumni license ~~plates~~
15 PLATE that ~~are~~ IS personalized upon payment of the additional fee required
16 by section 42-3-114 (7) (a) for A personalized license ~~plates~~ PLATE and
17 conformance with all other requirements of section 42-3-114. If any
18 applicant has AN existing personalized license ~~plates~~ PLATE for a motor
19 vehicle, the applicant may transfer the combination of letters or numbers
20 to a new ~~set of~~ special alumni license ~~plates~~ PLATE for the vehicle upon
21 paying the fee imposed by section 42-3-114 (7) (a) and upon turning such
22 existing ~~plates~~ PLATE in to the department as required by the department.
23 Any person who has obtained A personalized special alumni license ~~plates~~
24 PLATE under this paragraph (b) is required to pay the annual fee imposed
25 by section 42-3-114 (7) (b) for renewal of such personalized ~~plates~~ PLATE.
26 The fees under this paragraph (b) are in addition to all other taxes and fees
27 imposed for the special alumni license ~~plates~~ PLATE.

1 (6) Any renewal of a special alumni license plate shall be handled
2 in the same manner as other license plates under the provisions of section
3 42-3-112 or, for A personalized ~~plates~~ PLATE, under the provisions of
4 section 42-3-114.

5 **SECTION 11.** 42-3-115.8 (1) and (3) (a), the introductory portion
6 to 42-3-115.8 (3) (b), and 42-3-115.8 (5), Colorado Revised Statutes, are
7 amended to read:

8 **42-3-115.8. Special plates - United States olympic committee.**

9 (1) The department shall issue one or more ~~sets of~~ olympic committee
10 special license plates to applicants under the requirements of this section
11 for passenger cars or trucks that do not exceed sixteen thousand pounds
12 empty weight.

13 (3) (a) A person may apply for an olympic committee special
14 license plate for a motor vehicle if the person pays the taxes and fees
15 required under the provisions of this section and provides the department
16 or authorized agent a certificate issued by the committee confirming that
17 such person meets the qualifications for the license plate established by
18 the committee pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection (3). The
19 department shall prepare a certificate form to be used by the committee
20 when confirming that a person is eligible to obtain AN olympic committee
21 special license ~~plates~~ PLATE.

22 (b) The committee may establish the following qualifications for
23 persons seeking to obtain A special license ~~plates~~ PLATE under the
24 provisions of this section:

25 (5) (a) The amount of the taxes and fees for AN olympic committee
26 special license ~~plates~~ PLATE under this section is the same as the amount
27 of the taxes and fees specified for A regular motor vehicle license ~~plates~~

1 PLATE; except that the department shall collect a one-time fee of ten
2 dollars for each motor vehicle for issuance or replacement of such A
3 license ~~plates~~ PLATE. The department shall transmit the additional
4 one-time fee to the state treasurer who shall credit the same to the
5 highway users tax fund.

6 (b) An applicant may apply for AN olympic committee special
7 license ~~plates~~ PLATE that ~~are~~ IS personalized upon payment of the
8 additional fee required by section 42-3-114 (7) (a) for A personalized
9 license ~~plates~~ PLATE and conformance with all other requirements of
10 section 42-3-114. If any applicant has AN existing personalized license
11 ~~plates~~ PLATE for a motor vehicle, the applicant may transfer the
12 combination of letters or numbers to a new ~~set of~~ special license ~~plates~~
13 PLATE for the vehicle upon paying the fee imposed by section 42-3-114
14 (7) (a) and upon turning such existing ~~plates~~ PLATE in to the department
15 as required by the department. Any person who has obtained A
16 personalized olympic committee special license ~~plates~~ PLATE under this
17 paragraph (b) is required to pay the annual fee imposed by section
18 42-3-114 (7) (b) for renewal of such personalized ~~plates~~ PLATE. The fees
19 under this paragraph (b) are in addition to all other taxes and fees imposed
20 for the special license ~~plates~~ PLATE.

21 **SECTION 12.** 42-3-116.5 (2), the introductory portion to
22 42-3-116.5 (4) (b), and 42-3-116.5 (4) (b) (II), (6), and (7), Colorado
23 Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

24 **42-3-116.5. Special plate - Colorado foundation for agriculture**
25 **- definitions.** (2) The department shall issue one or more ~~sets of~~ special
26 license plates to applicants under the requirements of this section for
27 passenger cars or trucks that do not exceed sixteen thousand pounds

1 empty weight.

2 (4) (b) The foundation may establish the following qualifications
3 for persons seeking to obtain A special license ~~plates~~ PLATE under the
4 provisions of this section:

5 (II) Payment of specified special dues established for the special
6 license ~~plates~~ PLATE. If the foundation collects special dues for A special
7 license ~~plates~~ PLATE, the moneys shall be expended only for support of the
8 foundation's programs.

9 (6) (a) The amount of the taxes and fees for A special license
10 ~~plates~~ PLATE under this section is the same as the amount of the taxes and
11 fees specified for A regular motor vehicle license ~~plates~~ PLATE; except that
12 the department shall collect a one-time fee of ten dollars for each motor
13 vehicle for issuance or replacement of such license ~~plates~~ PLATE. The
14 department shall transmit the additional one-time fee to the state treasurer,
15 who shall credit the same to the highway users tax fund.

16 (b) An applicant may apply for A special license ~~plates~~ PLATE that
17 ~~are~~ IS personalized upon payment of the additional fee required by section
18 42-3-114 (7) (a) for A personalized license ~~plates~~ PLATE and conformance
19 with all other requirements of section 42-3-114. If any applicant has AN
20 existing personalized license ~~plates~~ PLATE for a motor vehicle, the
21 applicant may transfer the combination of letters or numbers to a new set
22 of special license ~~plates~~ PLATE for the vehicle upon paying the fee
23 imposed by section 42-3-114 (7) (a) and upon turning such existing ~~plates~~
24 PLATE in to the department as required by the department. Any person
25 who has obtained A personalized special license ~~plates~~ PLATE under this
26 paragraph (b) is required to pay the annual fee imposed by section
27 42-3-114 (7) (b) for renewal of such personalized ~~plates~~ PLATE. The fees

1 under this paragraph (b) are in addition to all other taxes and fees imposed
2 for ~~the~~ special license plates.

3 (7) Any renewal of a special license plate issued under this section
4 shall be handled in the same manner as other license plates under the
5 provisions of section 42-3-112 or, for A personalized ~~plates~~ PLATE, under
6 the provisions of section 42-3-114.

7 **SECTION 13.** 42-3-117 (1), (3), (5) (a), and (6), Colorado
8 Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

9 **42-3-117. Special plate - active and retired members of the**
10 **Colorado national guard.** (1) The department is directed to issue one
11 ~~set of~~ special license ~~plates~~ PLATE EACH YEAR for either a passenger car
12 or a truck that does not exceed six thousand five hundred pounds empty
13 weight owned by any active or retired member of the Colorado national
14 guard, as defined in section 28-3-101 (5), C.R.S., in accordance with the
15 provisions of this section. ~~for the year 1988 and for each year thereafter.~~

16 (3) Any natural person who is an active or retired member of the
17 Colorado national guard shall be authorized to use the special license
18 ~~plates~~ PLATE provided for by this section.

19 (5) (a) The amount of taxes and fees for such special license ~~plates~~
20 PLATE shall be the same as the amount of taxes and fees specified for
21 regular motor vehicle registration plus an additional one-time fee of ten
22 dollars. Such additional fee shall be transmitted to the state treasurer, who
23 shall credit the same to the highway users tax fund.

24 (6) All applications for A special license ~~plates~~ PLATE provided for
25 in this section shall be made directly to the department upon expiration of
26 any current vehicle registration and shall include such information as the
27 department may require. At the time of making such application, the

1 applicant shall submit to the department a proof of eligibility form
2 prepared by the department of military affairs verifying active or retired
3 status. If the owner of a vehicle registered pursuant to the provisions of
4 this section ceases to be an active member of the Colorado national guard
5 and has not qualified for retirement from the Colorado national guard,
6 such person shall return the special license ~~plates~~ PLATE to the department
7 upon expiration of the registration. Upon retiring from the Colorado
8 national guard, any person wishing to retain the special license ~~plates~~
9 PLATE issued to the person pursuant to the provisions of this section shall
10 submit to the department a verification of retired status that is issued by
11 the department of military affairs to establish eligibility for retention of
12 the plates. A retired member of the Colorado national guard is required
13 to verify retired status once under this section and, upon providing such
14 verification, is not required to provide additional verification when
15 renewing ~~plates~~ A PLATE issued pursuant to this section.

16 **SECTION 14.** 42-3-121 (2) (a) (I) and (2) (a) (III), Colorado
17 Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

18 **42-3-121. Parking privileges for persons with disabilities -**
19 **applicability.** (2) (a) A person with a disability may apply to the
20 department for:

21 (I) A distinguishing license ~~plates~~ PLATE to be supplied at the same
22 cost as A standard ~~plates~~ PLATE and to be displayed on a motor vehicle
23 owned by such person as provided in section 42-3-123. Any ~~plates~~ PLATE
24 issued by the department pursuant to this section shall be renewed once
25 each year in a manner to be determined by the department. The issuance
26 of a special license plate to a person with a disability pursuant to the
27 provisions of this subparagraph (I) shall not preclude such person from

1 obtaining an identifying placard pursuant to the provisions of
2 subparagraph (II) of this paragraph (a). The verification requirements of
3 subsection (1) of this section shall be met once every three years.

4 (III) A disabled veteran special license ~~plates~~ PLATE with the
5 identifying feature for a person with a physical impairment affecting
6 mobility, so long as the disabled person meets the eligibility criteria
7 specified in section 42-3-115.5 (5).

8 **SECTION 15.** 42-3-124 (1) and (2), Colorado Revised Statutes,
9 are amended to read:

10 **42-3-124. Expiration - temporary, new, and old plates -**
11 **reflectorized plate - repeal.** (1) (a) Every vehicle registration under this
12 article shall expire on the last day of the month at the end of each
13 twelve-month registration period and shall be renewed, upon application
14 by the owner, the payment of the fees required by law, and in accordance
15 with section 42-3-112 (3), not later than thirty days after the date of
16 expiration. No license ~~plates~~ PLATE other than ~~those~~ THAT of the
17 registration period to which ~~they pertain~~ IT PERTAINS shall be displayed on
18 a motor vehicle operated on the highways of Colorado. Any person who
19 violates any provision of this paragraph (a) commits a class B traffic
20 infraction.

21 (b) Upon application of an owner of either a passenger car or a
22 truck not over sixteen thousand pounds empty weight showing that such
23 owner is a member of the general assembly of the state of Colorado, the
24 department is authorized to assign to such owner, in lieu of the distinct
25 registration number specified in section 42-3-112 (1) (a), A registration
26 ~~plates~~ PLATE that shall contain a number together with appropriate words
27 or letters indicating that such owner is a member of the general assembly

1 of the state of Colorado and a separate number series based on senatorial
2 and representative districts ~~which~~ THAT shall be used to further identify
3 such A license ~~plates~~ PLATE.

4 (2) An owner who has made proper application for renewal of
5 registration of a vehicle but who has not received the number ~~plates~~ or
6 plate for the ensuing registration period is entitled to operate or permit the
7 operation of such vehicle upon the highways, upon displaying ~~thereon~~ ON
8 THE VEHICLE the number ~~plates~~ or plate issued for the preceding
9 registration period, for such time to be prescribed by the department as it
10 may find necessary for issuance of such new ~~plates~~ PLATE.

11 **SECTION 16.** 42-3-126 (1) and (3), Colorado Revised Statutes,
12 are amended to read:

13 **42-3-126. Registration upon transfer.** (1) Whenever the owner
14 of a vehicle registered under the provisions of this article transfers or
15 assigns the owner's title or interest thereto, the registration of such vehicle
16 shall expire, and such owner shall remove the number ~~plates~~ PLATE. The
17 owner, upon application for registration in such owner's name during the
18 same registration period of another motor vehicle, may receive credit upon
19 the fees due for such new registration for such portion of the fees paid for
20 the cancelled registration as the department may determine to be proper
21 and proportionate to the unexpired part of the original term of registration.
22 A fee of one dollar shall be paid in all cases as a transfer fee.

23 (3) In the event of a transfer by operation of law of the title or
24 interest of an owner in and to a vehicle, as upon inheritance, devise, or
25 bequest, order in bankruptcy of insolvency, execution, sale, repossession
26 upon default in performing the terms of a lease or executory sales
27 contract, chattel mortgage, secured transaction, or otherwise, the

1 registration thereof shall expire, and the vehicle shall not be operated
2 upon the highways until and unless the person entitled thereto applies for
3 and obtains the registration thereof; except that an administrator, executor,
4 trustee, or other representative of the owner, or a sheriff or other officer,
5 or any person repossessing the vehicle under the terms of a conditional
6 sale contract, lease, chattel mortgage, secured transaction, or other
7 security agreement, or the assignee or legal representative of any such
8 person may operate or cause to be operated any vehicle upon the
9 highways for the necessary distance from the place of repossession or
10 place where formerly kept by the owner to a garage, warehouse, or other
11 place of keeping or storage, either upon displaying upon such vehicle the
12 number ~~plates~~ PLATE issued to the former owner or without A number
13 ~~plates~~ PLATE attached thereto but under a written permit first obtained
14 from the department or the local police authorities having jurisdiction over
15 such highways and upon displaying in plain sight upon such vehicle a
16 placard bearing the name and address of the person authorizing and
17 directing such movement, plainly readable from a distance of one hundred
18 feet during daylight.

19 **SECTION 17.** 42-3-132 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
20 amended to read:

21 **42-3-132. Department may rescind and cancel registration.**

22 (2) The department shall rescind and cancel the registration of a vehicle
23 whenever the person to whom A registration number ~~plates~~ therefor have
24 PLATE HAS been issued FOR SUCH VEHICLE makes or permits any unlawful
25 use of the ~~same~~ PLATE.

26 **SECTION 18.** 42-3-133 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
27 amended to read:

1 **42-3-133. Violation of registration provisions - penalty.** (1) It
2 is unlawful for any person to commit any of the following acts:

3 (a) To operate, or for the owner thereof knowingly to permit the
4 operation of, upon a highway any vehicle subject to registration under this
5 article or to possess or to have in custody or control any trailer coach
6 whether operated on the highway or not, except trailer coaches owned by
7 a licensed dealer or licensed manufacturer while being held for sale or
8 resale on such dealer's or manufacturer's sales lot or while operated on the
9 streets or highways with dealer plates or depot tags in accordance with
10 laws applicable to such use for motor vehicle dealers and manufacturers,
11 which is not registered or which does not have attached thereto and
12 displayed thereon the number plate ~~or plates~~ assigned thereto by the
13 department for the current registration year;

14 **SECTION 19.** 42-3-134 (3) (d), (3) (e), (7), (10) (a), and (11),
15 Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

16 **42-3-134. Registration fees - passenger and passenger-mile**
17 **taxes - repeal.** (3) No fee shall be payable for the annual registration of
18 a vehicle when:

19 (d) The owner of such vehicle is a former prisoner of war being
20 issued A special ~~plates~~ PLATE pursuant to section ~~42-3-118~~ 42-3-115.5 (3)
21 or is the surviving spouse of a former prisoner of war retaining the special
22 ~~plates which were~~ PLATE THAT WAS issued to such former prisoner of war
23 pursuant to section 42-3-118 OR 42-3-115.5 (3).

24 (e) The owner of such vehicle is the recipient of a purple heart
25 being issued A special ~~plates~~ PLATE pursuant to section 42-3-115.5 (2).

26 (7) An additional fee of two dollars shall be collected for each
27 vehicle annually registered which is furnished AN amateur radio call ~~plates~~

1 PLATE, and an additional fee of five dollars for each vehicle annually
2 registered which is furnished A standard radio, FM, and television call
3 ~~plates~~ PLATE issued pursuant to the provisions of section 42-3-112 (10).

4 (10) (a) Every drive-away or tow-away transporter shall apply to
5 the department for the issuance of A license ~~plates which~~ PLATE THAT may
6 be transferred from one vehicle or combination to another vehicle or
7 combination for delivery without further registration. The annual fee
8 payable for the issuance of such ~~plates~~ PLATE shall be thirty dollars for the
9 first ~~set~~ PLATE and ten dollars for each additional ~~set~~ PLATE. No
10 transporter shall permit such A license ~~plates~~ PLATE to be used upon any
11 vehicle ~~which~~ THAT is not in transit, or upon any work or service vehicle,
12 including a service vehicle utilized regularly to haul vehicles, or by any
13 other person.

14 (11) (a) The provisions of subsections (8), (9) (a), and (10) of this
15 section shall not apply to any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer
16 operated by a dealer or transporter for such dealer's or transporter's private
17 use or to any motor vehicle bearing A full-use dealer ~~plates~~ PLATE as
18 described in section 42-3-127 (6) (d).

19 (b) The provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection (9) of this
20 section shall only apply to a motor vehicle if owned and operated by a
21 manufacturer, a representative of a manufacturer, or a person so
22 authorized by the manufacturer. Any motor vehicle bearing A
23 manufacturer ~~plates~~ PLATE shall be of a make and model of the current or
24 a future year and shall have been manufactured by or for the manufacturer
25 to which such ~~plates were~~ PLATE WAS issued.

26 **SECTION 20.** 42-3-141 (1) and (2), Colorado Revised Statutes,
27 are amended to read:

1 **42-3-141. Payment by bad check - recovery of plate.** (1) If the
2 registration of a vehicle required to be registered under this article is
3 procured or perfected by the owner, or by some person or agent in the
4 owner's behalf, and the registration fee and specific ownership tax therefor
5 are paid by check, money order, draft, bill of exchange, or other
6 negotiable instrument ~~which~~ THAT is dishonored and not paid by the
7 person upon whom drawn for any reason, the said registration shall be
8 revoked as soon as the dishonored or unpaid instrument is returned to the
9 county clerk and recorder or manager of revenue. Upon the return of such
10 check, money order, draft, bill of exchange, or other negotiable instrument
11 to the county clerk and recorder or the manager of revenue, evidencing
12 nonpayment or dishonor of same, the county clerk and recorder or
13 manager of revenue shall notify the owner in writing, at the address
14 appearing on the person's ownership tax receipt, by registered or certified
15 mail, of the revoked registration resulting from such nonpayment or
16 dishonor. The notice shall request the return to the county clerk and
17 recorder or the manager of revenue of the tax receipt, license fee receipt,
18 and registration number PLATE OR plates issued under such revoked
19 registration within ten days from the date of mailing of the notice.

20 (2) If the owner fails to return the tax receipt, license fee receipt,
21 and registration number PLATE OR plates to the county clerk and recorder
22 or manager of revenue within ten days from the date of mailing of said
23 notice, the county clerk and recorder or manager of revenue shall
24 immediately repossess such tax receipt, license fee receipt, and
25 registration number PLATE OR plates as may have been issued under such
26 revoked registration, and the sheriff of any county or the manager of
27 safety in the city and county of Denver, upon request of any county clerk

1 and recorder or manager of revenue, shall take such action as may be
2 necessary to sequester or recover possession of such receipts and
3 registration number PLATE OR plates within his or her jurisdiction which
4 may have been issued under such revoked registration. All receipts and
5 registration number plates repossessed under this section shall be returned
6 to the issuing county clerk and recorder or manager of revenue for
7 cancellation and revocation. Any owner attaching and using A registration
8 number ~~plates~~ PLATE acquired under a revoked registration shall be
9 subject to the penalties provided in section 42-3-133.

10 **SECTION 21.** 42-4-202 (4) (e), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
11 amended to read:

12 **42-4-202. Unsafe vehicles - penalty - identification plate.**

13 (4) (e) Each such identification plate shall be issued for a calendar year.
14 Application for such AN identification ~~plates~~ PLATE shall be made by the
15 owner, and such ~~plates~~ PLATE shall be issued to the owner of each such
16 item described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (4). Whenever the
17 owner transfers, sells, or assigns the owner's interest therein, the
18 exemption of such item shall expire and the owner shall remove the
19 identification plate therefrom and forward the same to the department.

20 **SECTION 22.** 42-4-203 (4) (a) (III), Colorado Revised Statutes,
21 is amended to read:

22 **42-4-203. Unsafe vehicles - spot inspections.** (4) (a) (III) If the
23 owner submits to the court of competent jurisdiction within thirty days
24 after the issuance of the summons proof that the owner has disposed of the
25 vehicle for junk parts or immobilized the vehicle and also submits to the
26 court the registration and THE license ~~plates~~ PLATE for the vehicle, the
27 owner shall be punished by a fine of five dollars. If the owner wishes to

1 relicense the vehicle in the future, the owner must obtain the certification
2 required in subsection (3) of this section.

3 **SECTION 23.** 42-4-412 (4) (c), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read:

5 **42-4-412. Air pollution violations.** (4) (c) If the owner of the
6 vehicle described in the complaint assessment notice presents in person
7 to the court an affidavit that the vehicle has been disposed of in such a
8 manner that it will no longer be operated on the highways, together with
9 the registration card and number ~~plates~~ PLATE of such vehicle, the fine
10 shall be suspended. Likewise, upon presentation, in person, of an
11 affidavit of the owner that such vehicle has been repaired prior to the date
12 set for appearance upon the charge, which appearance date shall be at
13 least fifteen days after the alleged offense, stating the date, location, and
14 nature of repairs made, together with the name of the person making said
15 repairs, and that the vehicle is not in violation of the provisions of this
16 section when in normal operation, the fine shall be suspended. Likewise,
17 upon presentation, by mail or in person, of an affidavit of the owner that
18 such vehicle is being repaired or will be repaired within thirty days after
19 the alleged offense, the cause shall be continued at least fifteen days. Any
20 such affidavits are subject to the penalties of perjury in the second degree
21 if made in violation of the provisions of section 18-8-503, C.R.S. Any
22 owner who receives a citation under the provisions of this section may
23 continue to use the vehicle for which the offense is alleged, without
24 restriction, until such owner's conviction.

25 **SECTION 24.** 42-4-413 (2) (c) (II), Colorado Revised Statutes,
26 is amended to read:

27 **42-4-413. Visible emissions from diesel-powered motor vehicles**

1 **unlawful - penalty.** (2) (c) (II) If the owner submits to the court of
2 competent jurisdiction within thirty days after the issuance of the
3 summons proof that the owner has disposed of the vehicle for junk parts
4 or immobilized the vehicle and if the owner also submits to the court
5 within such time the registration and license ~~plates~~ PLATE for the vehicle,
6 the owner shall be punished by a fine of twenty-five dollars. If the owner
7 wishes to relicense the vehicle in the future, the owner shall obtain the
8 certification required in paragraph (b) of this subsection (2).

9 **SECTION 25.** The introductory portion to 42-6-106 (1), Colorado
10 Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

11 **42-6-106. Certificates of registration - plate.** (1) No certificate
12 of the registration of any motor vehicle, required by law, or A license
13 ~~plates~~ PLATE therefor shall be issued by the director or any of the
14 director's authorized agents except in the following cases:

15 **SECTION 26. Effective date.** This act shall take effect July 1,
16 2001.

17 **SECTION 27. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
18 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
19 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.