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A BILL FOR AN ACT CONCERNING COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SAFETY MEASURES ON COLORADO HIGHWAYS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,

103 <u>MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.</u>

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://leg.colorado.gov.)

Current law allows the department of transportation (department) to issue closures or require certain equipment on interstate 70 (I-70) from September 1 through May 31 each year between milepost 133 in Dotsero and milepost 259 in Morrison.

Section 1 of the bill changes the geographic location where the

department has authority to require certain equipment to interstate 25 (I-25) and any interstate, U.S. highway, and state highway west of I-25.

Section 2 allows the department to establish heightened speed limit enforcement zones (zone) within public highways in Glenwood Canyon on I-70 eastbound from milepost 116.0 to milepost 131.0 and westbound from milepost 118.5 to milepost 131.0 where there are safety concerns related to commercial motor vehicle drivers exceeding the posted speed limits. If the department establishes a zone, the department must erect signs identifying the zone and notifying commercial motor vehicle drivers that increased fines are assessed for speeding in the zone.

Section 3 makes it a traffic offense for any commercial vehicle to be driving in the farthest left lane on I-70 between milepost 116 in Glenwood Springs and milepost 259 in Morrison during all conditions on that highway except to safely pass a vehicle driving under the posted speed limit.

Section 4 subjects a commercial motor vehicle driver who commits a speeding violation in a zone to double fines and surcharges.

Section 5 ensures that a port of entry officer has all the powers of a peace officer when enforcing highway closures and the state's winter traction device law.

Section 6 requires the freight mobility and safety branch of the department to study the feasibility of funding additional locations of chain-up stations utilizing the money from the increased penalties in zones within public highways in Glenwood Canyon.

Section 7 allows the study on feasibility of new chain-up stations to also be funded by the fuels impact reduction grant program.

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

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SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-106, amend

3 $\underline{(5)(a)(I)(C)}$; and add $\underline{(5)(a)(I)(C.5)}$ and $\underline{(5)(a)(I)(G)}$ as follows:

42-4-106. Who may restrict right to use highways - definitions

5 - rules. (5) (a) (I) (C) A closure or restriction under this subsection (5)

is effective when signs, including temporary or electronic signs, that

7 notify the public of the closure or restriction are erected upon the

highway, and the restriction in subsection (5)(a)(I)(B) of this section is

effective on ANY PORTION OF interstate 70 between milepost 133

(Dotsero) and WEST OF milepost 259 (Morrison) AND ANY U.S. HIGHWAY

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1	WEST OF MILEPOST 259 (MORRISON) from September 1 through May 31
2	of each year DURING ANY CONDITIONS THAT EXIST ON THE HIGHWAY FOR
3	ANY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE WITH A DECLARED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT
4	RATING OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND ONE POUNDS OR MORE. It is unlawful to
5	proceed when a state highway is closed or to proceed when a restriction
6	is in effect without the equipment required by this subsection (5).
7	(C.5) A CLOSURE OR RESTRICTION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) IS
8	EFFECTIVE ON ANY MOTOR VEHICLE WHEN SIGNS, INCLUDING TEMPORARY
9	OR ELECTRONIC SIGNS, THAT NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF THE CLOSURE OR
10	RESTRICTION ARE ERECTED UPON THE HIGHWAY, AND THE RESTRICTION IN
11	SUBSECTION (5)(a)(I)(B) OF THIS SECTION IS EFFECTIVE ON INTERSTATE 70
12	BETWEEN MILEPOST 133 (DOTSERO) AND MILEPOST 259 (MORRISON) FROM
13	SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH MAY 31 OF EACH YEAR. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO
14	PROCEED WHEN A STATE HIGHWAY IS CLOSED OR TO PROCEED WHEN A
15	RESTRICTION IS IN EFFECT WITHOUT THE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY THIS
16	SUBSECTION (5).
17	(G) On the effective date of this subsection, the freight
18	MOBILITY AND SAFETY BRANCH CREATED IN SECTION 43-1-117 (4) SHALL
19	LAUNCH AN AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON ANY LAWS ENACTED THAT MODIFY
20	SUBSECTION (5)(a)(I)(C) OF THIS SECTION.
21	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 42-4-618 as
22	follows:
23	42-4-618. Glenwood Canyon - increase in penalties and
24	surcharges for speeding violations - definitions. (1) THE DEPARTMENT
25	MAY DETERMINE THAT THERE ARE SAFETY CONCERNS IN GLENWOOD
26	CANYON ON INTERSTATE 70 EASTBOUND BETWEEN MILEPOST 116.0 AND
27	MILEPOST 131.0 AND WESTBOUND BETWEEN MILEPOST 118.5 AND

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1	MILEPOST 131.0 RELATED TO COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEEDING
2	THE POSTED SPEED LIMITS.
3	(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ERECT, WHERE APPLICABLE, SIGNS
4	NOTIFYING DRIVERS OF EACH AREA OF THE STATE HIGHWAYS THAT THE
5	DEPARTMENT HAS DESIGNATED AS A HEIGHTENED SPEED LIMIT
6	ENFORCEMENT ZONE.
7	(3) A DRIVER OF A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE WHO COMMITS
8	A SPEEDING VIOLATION IN A HEIGHTENED SPEED LIMIT ENFORCEMENT
9	ZONE IS SUBJECT TO THE INCREASED PENALTIES AND SURCHARGES
10	IMPOSED UNDER SECTION 42-4-1701 (4)(d.9); EXCEPT THAT THE
11	INCREASED PENALTIES AND SURCHARGES DO NOT APPLY WHEN THE DRIVER
12	COMMITS THE VIOLATION WITHIN A HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, OR
13	CONSTRUCTION ZONE AND IS ALREADY SUBJECT TO AN INCREASED
14	PENALTY AND SURCHARGE FOR THE VIOLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION
15	<u>42-4-614.</u>
16	(4) As used in this section unless the context otherwise
17	REQUIRES:
18	(a) "COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS
19	SET FORTH IN SECTION 42-2-402 (4).
20	(b) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
21	CREATED IN SECTION 43-1-103.
22	(c) "HEIGHTENED SPEED LIMIT ENFORCEMENT ZONE" MEANS AN
23	AREA OF A STATE HIGHWAY THAT:
24	(I) BEGINS AND ENDS AT A SIGN THAT:
25	(A) CONFORMS TO THE STATE TRAFFIC CONTROL MANUAL;
26	(B) INDICATES THAT A DRIVER IS ABOUT TO ENTER OR IS AT THE
27	END OF A HEIGHTENED SPEED LIMIT ENFORCEMENT ZONE; AND

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1	(C) NOTIFIES COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS THAT
2	INCREASED PENALTIES AND SURCHARGES ARE IN EFFECT AND ASSESSED
3	FOR SPEEDING IN THE ZONE; AND
4	(II) IS DESIGNATED AS A HEIGHTENED SPEED LIMIT ENFORCEMENT
5	ZONE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PURSUANT TO
6	SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.
7	SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 42-4-1014 as
8	<u>follows:</u>
9	42-4-1014. No passing for commercial motor vehicles - penalty.
10	(1) A DRIVER OF A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MAY NOT PASS A VEHICLE WHEN
11	DRIVING IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS UNLESS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED OR
12	AUTHORIZED TO PASS BY LAW:
13	(a) Between milepost 116 and milepost 131 (Glenwood
14	<u>CANYON);</u>
15	(b) Between milepost 180 and milepost 189 (Vail Pass);
16	(c) Between milepost 208 and 213 (Eisenhower-Johnson
17	TUNNEL); AND
18	(d) Between milepost 222 and milepost 228 (Georgetown
19	HILL).
20	(2) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section
21	COMMITS A CLASS A TRAFFIC INFRACTION.
22	SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1701, add
23	(4)(d.9) as follows:
24	42-4-1701. Traffic offenses and infractions classified -
25	penalties - penalty and surcharge schedule - repeal. (4) (d.9) (I) THE
26	PENALTY AND SURCHARGE IMPOSED FOR A VIOLATION UNDER SUBSECTION
27	$(4)(a)(I)(L) \ \text{of this section is doubled if the violation is committed} \\$

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1	BY A DRIVER OF A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE WITHIN AN AREA OF A
2	STATE HIGHWAY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS
3	DESIGNATED AS A HEIGHTENED SPEED LIMIT ENFORCEMENT ZONE
4	PURSUANT TO SECTION $\underline{42\text{-}4\text{-}618}$; EXCEPT THAT THE FINE IS NOT DOUBLED
5	WHEN THE DRIVER OF A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE COMMITS THE
6	VIOLATION WITHIN A HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, OR CONSTRUCTION
7	ZONE AND IS ALREADY SUBJECT TO AN INCREASED PENALTY AND
8	SURCHARGE FOR THE VIOLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-4-614.
9	(II) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE
10	CONTRARY, FOR EACH FINE COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-4-618
11	(4) and subsection (4)(d.9)(I) of this section, the state treasurer
12	SHALL CREDIT ALL OF THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE TO THE MOUNTAIN
13	HIGHWAYS COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACCOUNT, CREATED IN
14	SUBSECTION $(4)(d.7)(II)$ of this section
15	SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-8-104, amend (2)
16	as follows:
17	42-8-104. Powers and duties - rules. (2) A port of entry officer,
18	during the time that the officer is actually engaged in performing the
19	officer's duties as such and while acting under proper orders or rules
20	issued by the chief of the Colorado state patrol, shall exercise all the
21	powers invested in peace officers in connection with directing traffic and
22	in the enforcement of the provisions of this article 8; articles 2, 3, and 20
23	of this title 42; part 5 of article 4 of this title 42; and sections 42-4-106
24	(5), 42-4-209, 42-4-225 (1.5), 42-4-235, 42-4-1407, 42-4-1409, and
25	42-4-1414; except that an officer does not have the power to serve civil
26	writs and process and, in the exercise of the officer's duties, an officer has
2.7	the authority to restrain and detain persons or vehicles and may impound

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1	any vehicle until any tax or license fee imposed by law is paid or until
2	compliance is had with any tax or regulatory law or rule issued
3	thereunder.
4	SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 43-1-132 as
5	follows:
6	43-1-132. Additional chain-up and chain-down stations
7	feasability report - report - repeal. (1) The department shall task
8	THE FREIGHT MOBILITY AND SAFETY BRANCH CREATED IN SECTION
9	43-1-117 (4) TO STUDY LOCATIONS FOR NEW CHAIN-UP <u>AND CHAIN-DOWN</u>
10	STATIONS ON ALL STATE HIGHWAYS WHERE THE DEPARTMENT
11	DETERMINES THAT CHAIN-UP <u>AND CHAIN-DOWN</u> STATIONS ARE NECESSARY
12	OR BENEFICIAL, AND TO STUDY WHAT APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY COULD
13	BE ADDED TO EXISTING CHAIN-UP AND CHAIN-DOWN STATIONS. THE STUDY
14	MUST, AT A MINIMUM:
15	(a) IDENTIFY THE CURRENT BARRIERS TO BUILDING NEW CHAIN-UP
16	AND CHAIN-DOWN STATIONS, INCLUDING CONSULTING WITH
17	MUNICIPALITIES TO IDENTIFY BARRIERS RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION
18	OF NEW CHAIN STATIONS WITHIN MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES;
19	(b) FIND CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS ANY IDENTIFIED
20	BARRIERS;
21	(c) IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY THAT COULD BE ADDED
22	TO EXISTING CHAIN UP AND CHAIN-DOWN STATIONS TO IMPROVE SAFETY
23	AND MOBILITY; AND
24	(d) IDENTIFY ANY MODIFICATIONS OR ADDITIONS THAT EXISTING
25	STATE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE MAY NEED TO ENABLE THE
26	ADDITION OF NEW CHAIN-UP <u>AND CHAIN-DOWN</u> STATIONS, THE TIMELINE
27	FOR MAKING SUCH MODIFICATIONS OR ADDITIONS, AND THE ANTICIPATED

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1	COST OF MAKING SUCH MODIFICATIONS OR ADDITIONS.
2	(2) The department shall present the report to the
3	TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE CREATED IN SECTION
4	43-2-145 (1)(a), TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION CREATED IN
5	SECTION 43-1-106, AND TO EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
6	WHOSE SENATORIAL OR REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT IS LOCATED WHOLLY
7	OR PARTLY WITHIN THE WESTERN SLOPE. DURING THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE
8	INTERIM.
9	(3) This section is repealed, effective July 1, 2026.
10	SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 43-4-1506, amend
11	(3) as follows:
12	43-4-1506. Fuels impact reduction grant program. (3) The
13	enterprise shall annually distribute up to five million dollars from the
14	fund, after making the transfers required by subsection (2) of this section
15	and after providing for the administrative expenses of the enterprise, to
16	key commercial freight corridors, to support state government projects
17	related to emergency responses AND MEASURES TO PREVENT
18	EMERGENCIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE STUDY REQUIRED BY
19	SECTION 43-1-132, environmental mitigation, or the transportation of fuel
20	within the state on routes necessary for the transportation of hazardous
21	materials.
22	SECTION 8. Appropriation. For the 2024-25 state fiscal year,
23	\$31,684 is appropriated to the department of revenue. This appropriation
24	is from the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account in the highway
25	users tax fund created in section 42-1-211(2), C.R.S. To implement this
26	act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:
27	(a) \$23.808 for DRIVES maintenance and support:

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1	(b) \$1,728 for personal services related to driver services;
2	(c) \$2,485 for personal services related to administration and
3	support; and
4	(d) \$3,663 for payments to OIT.
5	SECTION 9. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
6	takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
7	ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
8	that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
9	of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
10	act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
11	effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
12	November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
13	official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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