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HOUSE BILL 25-1036

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A MISSING AND MURDERED**
102 **INDIGENOUS RELATIVES LICENSE PLATE.**

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>.)

The bill creates the missing and murdered Indigenous relatives license plate. An applicant becomes eligible to use the license plate by providing a certificate to the department of revenue confirming that the applicant has made a minimum donation of \$25 to the office of liaison for missing and murdered Indigenous relatives.

In addition to the normal fees for a license plate, a person must pay

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an additional one-time fee in the amount of \$25, which money is credited to the highway users tax fund.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-3-272 as follows:

42-3-272. Special plates - missing and murdered Indigenous relatives - definitions. (1) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2026, OR WHEN THE DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO ISSUE THE PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION FOR MOTORCYCLES, PASSENGER CARS, TRUCKS, OR NONCOMMERCIAL OR RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES THAT DO NOT EXCEED SIXTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS EMPTY WEIGHT.

(2) (a) THERE IS ESTABLISHED THE MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES LICENSE PLATE.

(b) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE A DESIGN DEVELOPED BY AN INTERESTED PERSON WITH TIES TO COLORADO, BUT THE DESIGN MUST CONFORM TO DEPARTMENT STANDARDS AND BE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(II) ON OR BEFORE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025, THE OFFICE SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE ADVISORY BOARD TO SELECT A DESIGN SUBMITTED BY AN INTERESTED PERSON.

(3) (a) THE OFFICE SHALL QUALIFY APPLICANTS TO BE ISSUED THE MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES LICENSE PLATE.

(b) A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR A MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES LICENSE PLATE IF THE PERSON PAYS THE TAXES AND FEES REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION AND PROVIDES TO THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE

1 OFFICE CONFIRMING THAT THE APPLICANT HAS MADE A MINIMUM
2 DONATION OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS TO THE OFFICE. THE OFFICE SHALL
3 USE THE DONATION TO CARRY OUT THE OFFICE'S DUTIES AND TO PROVIDE
4 FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MISSING OR MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES'
5 FAMILIES.

6 (4) THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES FOR SPECIAL LICENSE
7 PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION IS THE SAME AS THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES
8 AND FEES FOR REGULAR MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; EXCEPT THAT
9 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT THE FEE SPECIFIED IN SECTION 42-3-312
10 AND AN ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR
11 ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE PLATE. THE STATE
12 TREASURER SHALL CREDIT THE ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE TO THE
13 HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-201.

14 (5) AN APPLICANT MAY APPLY FOR PERSONALIZED MISSING AND
15 MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES LICENSE PLATES. UPON PAYMENT OF
16 THE ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(a) FOR
17 PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE THE PLATES
18 IF THE APPLICANT COMPLIES WITH SECTION 42-3-211. IF AN APPLICANT
19 HAS EXISTING PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE, THE
20 APPLICANT MAY TRANSFER THE COMBINATION OF LETTERS OR NUMBERS
21 TO A NEW SET OF MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES
22 LICENSE PLATES FOR THE VEHICLE UPON PAYING THE FEE REQUIRED BY
23 SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(a) AND UPON TURNING IN THE EXISTING PLATES TO
24 THE DEPARTMENT. A PERSON THAT HAS OBTAINED PERSONALIZED LICENSE
25 PLATES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) SHALL PAY THE ANNUAL FEE IMPOSED
26 BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(b) FOR RENEWAL OF THE PERSONALIZED PLATES.
27 THE FEES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) ARE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER

1 APPLICABLE TAXES AND FEES.

2 (6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
3 REQUIRES:

4 (a) "ADVISORY BOARD" MEANS THE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER
5 ADVISORY BOARD ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-33.5-2603 (4).

6 (b) "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF LIAISON FOR MISSING AND
7 MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION
8 24-33.5-2603 (1).

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

11 **42-3-312. Special license plate surcharge.** In addition to any
12 other fee imposed by this article 3, an applicant for a special license plate
13 created by rule in accordance with section 42-3-207, as the section existed
14 when the plate was created, personalized plates issued under section
15 42-3-211, or special license plates issued under sections 42-3-212 to
16 42-3-214, sections 42-3-217 to 42-3-218, sections 42-3-221 to 42-3-234,
17 sections 42-3-237 to 42-3-258, sections 42-3-260 to 42-3-265, and
18 sections 42-3-267 to ~~42-3-271~~ 42-3-272 shall pay an issuance fee of
19 twenty-five dollars; except that the fee is not imposed on special license
20 plates exempted from additional fees for the issuance of a military special
21 license plate by section 42-3-213 (1)(b)(II). The department shall transfer
22 the money from the fee to the state treasurer, who shall credit it to the
23 Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account created in section 42-1-211
24 (2).

25 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
26 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
27 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except

1 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
2 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
3 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
4 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
5 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
6 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.