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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION BY A VETERAN WITH A DISABILITY OF**
102 **CERTAIN VEHICLES WITHOUT PAYING THE REQUIRED AMOUNTS.**

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>.)

Under current law, a veteran who is disabled and who meets certain standards does not need to pay the taxes and fees to register one motor vehicle. The veteran is issued a disabled veteran license plate with the "D.V." inscription or a United States disabled woman veteran license plate. The bill authorizes the veteran to be issued another plate in lieu of being issued either of the license plates for veterans who are disabled if

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the veteran qualifies for the plate. If the plate requires additional fees to be issued or renewed, the additional fees must also be paid unless the plate is a military license plate.

This program does not apply to commercial vehicles, implements of husbandry, or farm trucks or truck tractors that are taxed at a reduced rate.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-213, **amend**
3 (1)(b)(II)(B), (1)(b)(II)(J), (5)(a)(I), and (5)(c); and **add** (1)(i) as follows:

4 **42-3-213. License plates - military veterans - rules -**
5 **retirement.**

6 (1) (b) (II) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(b)(I) of this section:

7 (B) ~~No fee~~ THE DEPARTMENT shall ~~be charged~~ NOT CHARGE A FEE
8 for one set of disabled veteran license plates issued under subsection (5)
9 of this section ~~for a passenger car, truck, motorcycle, or noncommercial~~
10 ~~or recreational vehicle~~ OR A PLATE ISSUED IN LIEU OF A DISABLED
11 VETERAN LICENSE PLATE UNDER SUBSECTION (1)(i) OF THIS SECTION. FOR
12 THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF A PLATE NOT ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION,
13 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE THE FEES IMPOSED FOR THE ISSUANCE
14 OR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE PLATE THAT EXCEED THE FEES THAT WOULD BE
15 CHARGED FOR THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF A STANDARDIZED LICENSE
16 PLATE UNDER SECTION 42-3-203.

17 (J) The department shall not charge a fee for one set of disabled
18 woman veteran license plates issued under subsection (32) of this section
19 ~~for a passenger car, truck, motorcycle, or noncommercial or recreational~~
20 ~~vehicle~~ OR A PLATE ISSUED IN LIEU OF A DISABLED WOMAN VETERAN
21 LICENSE PLATE UNDER SUBSECTION (1)(i) OF THIS SECTION. FOR THE
22 ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF A PLATE NOT ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE

1 DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE THE FEES IMPOSED FOR THE ISSUANCE OR
2 RENEWAL OF A LICENSE PLATE THAT EXCEED THE FEES THAT WOULD BE
3 CHARGED FOR THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF A STANDARDIZED LICENSE
4 PLATE UNDER SECTION 42-3-203.

5 (i) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO QUALIFIES TO NOT PAY FEES IN
6 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 42-3-304 (3)(a) MAY ELECT TO BE ISSUED
7 ANOTHER LICENSE PLATE IN LIEU OF BEING ISSUED A DISABLED VETERAN
8 LICENSE PLATE UNDER SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION OR A UNITED
9 STATES DISABLED WOMAN VETERAN LICENSE PLATE UNDER SUBSECTION
10 (32) OF THIS SECTION IF:

11 (I) THE INDIVIDUAL MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS DESCRIBED IN THE
12 SECTION ESTABLISHING THE LICENSE PLATE BEING ISSUED; AND

13 (II) THE INDIVIDUAL PAYS THE ADDITIONAL FEES FOR THE LICENSE
14 PLATE AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II)(B) OR (1)(b)(II)(J) OF THIS
15 SECTION.

16 **(5) Disabled veterans.**

17 (a) (I) The disabled veteran license plate ~~shall~~ MUST indicate that
18 the owner of the motor vehicle to which the license plate is attached is a
19 ~~disabled veteran of the United States armed forces AND IS DISABLED.~~

20 (c) License plates qualifying for the exemption granted in
21 ~~sub-subparagraph (B) of subparagraph (H) of paragraph (b) of subsection~~
22 ~~(1)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II)(B) of this section shall be issued only by the
23 department and ~~shall~~ MAY bear the inscription "D.V." and a ~~separate~~
24 ~~number series shall be used for such license plates. Additional license~~
25 ~~plates bearing such inscription may be issued by the department to THE~~
26 ~~DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE eligible persons upon the payment of any~~
27 ~~fees or taxes required by this article~~ ARTICLE 3 FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A

1 SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT DISABLED VETERAN LICENSE PLATE.

2 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-304, **amend** (3)

3 introductory portion and (3)(a) as follows:

4 **42-3-304. Registration fees - passenger-mile taxes - clean**
5 **screen fund - fees - report - rules - definitions - repeal.**

6 (3) ~~No fee is payable~~ THE OWNER NEED NOT PAY THE TAXES AND
7 FEES for the annual registration of a vehicle when:

8 (a) The owner ~~of the vehicle~~ is a veteran who in an application for
9 registration shows that the owner has established such owner's rights to
10 benefits under ~~the provisions of Pub.L. 79-663, as amended, and Pub.L.~~
11 ~~82-187, as amended~~ 38 U.S.C. SEC. 3901 ET SEQ., or is a veteran of the
12 armed forces of the United States who incurred a disability and who is,
13 at the date of application, receiving compensation from the veterans
14 administration or any branch of the armed forces of the United States for
15 a fifty percent or more, service-connected disability, or for loss of use of
16 one or both feet or one or both hands, or for permanent impairment or
17 loss of vision in both eyes that constitutes virtual or actual blindness. The
18 exemption provided in this subsection (3)(a):

19 (I) DOES NOT APPLY TO:

20 (A) COMMERCIAL VEHICLES;

21 (B) IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY; OR

22 (C) A TRUCK OR TRUCK TRACTOR REGISTERED TO BE TAXED
23 UNDER SECTION 42-3-306 (4);

24 (II) APPLIES ONLY TO INDIVIDUALS; AND

25 (III) Applies to the original qualifying vehicle and to any vehicle
26 subsequently purchased and owned by the same veteran but does not
27 apply to more than one vehicle at a time.

1 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
2 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
3 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
4 general assembly (August 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13,
5 2026); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1
6 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,
7 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part
8 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election
9 to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the
10 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

11 (2) This act applies to vehicles registered on or after the
12 applicable effective date of this act.