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SENATE BILL 25-075

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER BOARD'S CONSIDERATION**
102 **OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS WHEN ISSUING A**
103 **LICENSE.**

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 requires the motor vehicle dealer board (board) to revoke or deny a license to a licensee or an applicant who has been convicted of or pleaded no contest to specific crimes during the previous 10 years. The bill changes the 10-year period to a 3-year period. If considering a licensee's or an applicant's criminal record, the bill allows

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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the board to revoke or deny a license only if the board determines that the licensee or applicant has not been rehabilitated and creates an unreasonable risk to public safety or the sale of a motor vehicle.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-20-121, **amend** (8)(a) introductory portion; and **add** (8)(a.5) as follows:

44-20-121. Licenses - grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation. (8) (a) ~~Any~~ A license issued or for which an application has been made pursuant to this part 1 shall be revoked or denied if the licensee or applicant has been convicted of or pleaded no contest to any of the following offenses in this state or any other jurisdiction during the previous ~~ten~~ THREE years:

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(a.5) IN CONSIDERATION OF A REVOCATION OR DENIAL OF A LICENSE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ONLY CONSIDER A CRIMINAL CONVICTION FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD, BEGINNING ON THE DATE OF CONVICTION OR THE END OF INCARCERATION, WHICHEVER DATE IS LATER, IF THE APPLICANT OR LICENSEE HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY OTHER CRIMINAL OFFENSE DURING THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD. AFTER THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ONLY CONSIDER THE INDIVIDUAL'S APPLICATION OR LICENSE IN THE SAME MANNER AS THAT OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES NOT POSSESS A PRIOR CRIMINAL RECORD.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 44-20-420, **amend** (8)(a) introductory portion; and **add** (8)(a.5) as follows:

44-20-420. Licenses - grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation. (8) (a) A license issued or applied for pursuant to this part

1 4 shall be revoked or denied if the licensee or applicant has been
2 convicted of or pleaded no contest to any of the following offenses in this
3 state or another jurisdiction during the previous ~~ten~~ THREE years:

4 (a.5) IN CONSIDERATION OF A REVOCATION OR DENIAL OF A
5 LICENSE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ONLY CONSIDER A CRIMINAL CONVICTION FOR
7 A THREE-YEAR PERIOD, BEGINNING ON THE DATE OF CONVICTION OR THE
8 END OF INCARCERATION, WHICHEVER DATE IS LATER, IF THE APPLICANT OR
9 LICENSEE HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY OTHER CRIMINAL OFFENSE
10 DURING THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD. AFTER THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD, THE
11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ONLY CONSIDER THE INDIVIDUAL'S
12 APPLICATION OR LICENSE IN THE SAME MANNER AS THAT OF AN
13 INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES NOT POSSESS A PRIOR CRIMINAL RECORD.

14 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
15 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
16 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
17 general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant
18 to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an
19 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,
20 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
21 general election to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take
22 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the
23 governor.

24 (2) This act applies to license or renewal applications made on or
25 after the applicable effective date of this act.