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Research Note

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Sponsors

Representative Esgar
Senator Garcia

Short Title

*Pueblo Chile Vehicle License
Plate*

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Status

This bill reflects the final version of the bill. The bill was signed by the Governor and became effective April 18, 2017.

Background

Special license plates. 80.8 percent of Colorado drivers use the standard vehicle license plate, while 19.2 percent of Colorado registered vehicles have alumni, designer, group special, military, or other license plates. Currently, there are 46 group license plates, including, but not limited to, a Pioneer plate, a Breast Cancer Awareness plate, and the Rocky Mountain National Park plate.

The Pueblo Chile. The Pueblo Chile is grown primarily in southeastern Colorado, especially in the St. Charles Mesa area of Pueblo County. Between, 5,000 and 20,000 Scoville Heat Units, the chile is one of the main agricultural products of the area. In 2015, the Pueblo Chile Growers Association received a \$144,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to create a unified brand for the Pueblo Chile.

House Action

House Transportation & Energy Committee (February 1, 2017). At the hearing, representatives from the Pueblo Chile Growers Association, Pueblo County, and the Pueblo County Commissioners testified in support of the bill. A representative of the Colorado Division of Motor

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Vehicles answered committee questions.

House Appropriations Committee (February 24, 2017). The committee adopted amendment L.001 and referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole. The amendment delayed the issuance of license plates from January 1, 2018, to September 1, 2018.

House second reading (February 28, 2017). The House adopted the House Appropriations committee report and amendment L.003. Amendment L.003 replaced the petition clause of the bill with a safety clause. The House passed the bill on second reading, as amended.

House third reading (March 1, 2017). The House passed the bill on third reading with no additional amendments.

Senate Action

Senate Finance (March 9, 2017). At the hearing, representatives of the Colorado Farm Bureau, Pueblo County, and the Pueblo Chile Growers Association, testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill to Senate Appropriations Committee.

Senate Appropriations (April 2, 2017). The committee referred the bill to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

Senate second reading (April 10, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on second reading with no additional amendments.

Senate third reading (April 11, 2017). The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no additional amendments.

Relevant Research

Legislative Council Staff, *2017 Colorado Motor Vehicle Law Resource Book*, <http://leg.colorado.gov/content/special-license-plates>