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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN EPILEPSY AWARENESS SPECIAL  
102 LICENSE PLATE.

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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 epilepsy awareness license plate for motor vehicles. The department of revenue must designate a nonprofit organization to qualify applicants for issuance of the license plate. The organization must:

- Be headquartered in Colorado;
- Have been in existence for at least 5 years;

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

- Be a nonprofit organization;
- Provide education to the public about epilepsy;
- Offer programs for youth and adults with epilepsy; and
- Fund services and support for those affected by epilepsy.

An applicant qualifies for issuance of the license plate if the applicant makes a donation to the organization and pays all required taxes and fees. In addition to the standard motor vehicle fees, the applicant must pay 2 one-time fees of \$25 for issuance of the license plate. One fee is credited to the highway users tax fund and the other to the licensing services cash fund.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-3-261 as  
3 follows:

4 **42-3-261. Special plates - epilepsy awareness.** (1) BEGINNING  
5 ON THE EARLIER OF JANUARY 1, 2023, OR WHEN THE DEPARTMENT IS ABLE  
6 TO ISSUE THE PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE SPECIAL LICENSE  
7 PLATES TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION  
8 FOR MOTORCYCLES, PASSENGER CARS, TRUCKS, OR NONCOMMERCIAL OR  
9 RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES THAT DO NOT EXCEED SIXTEEN  
10 THOUSAND POUNDS EMPTY WEIGHT.

11 (2) (a) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED THE EPILEPSY AWARENESS  
12 LICENSE PLATE.

13 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE A DESIGN FROM AN  
14 ORGANIZATION DESIGNATED UNDER SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION,  
15 BUT THE DESIGN MUST CONFORM TO DEPARTMENT STANDARDS AND BE  
16 APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

17 (3) (a) AT LEAST ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT  
18 SHALL DESIGNATE AN ORGANIZATION TO QUALIFY APPLICANTS TO BE  
19 ISSUED THE EPILEPSY AWARENESS LICENSE PLATE. THE ORGANIZATION  
20 MUST:

- 1 (I) BE HEADQUARTERED IN COLORADO;
- 2 (II) HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS;
- 3 (III) BE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM TAXATION;
- 4 (IV) PROVIDE EDUCATION TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT EPILEPSY,  
5 SEIZURES, AND SEIZURE FIRST AID CARE;
- 6 (V) OFFER PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS WITH EPILEPSY;  
7 AND
- 8 (VI) FUND SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY  
9 EPILEPSY IN COLORADO.

10 (b) A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR AN EPILEPSY AWARENESS LICENSE  
11 PLATE IF THE PERSON PAYS THE TAXES AND FEES REQUIRED UNDER THIS  
12 SECTION AND PROVIDES TO THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT  
13 A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE ORGANIZATION DESIGNATED UNDER  
14 SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION CONFIRMING THAT THE APPLICANT  
15 HAS MADE A DONATION TO THE ORGANIZATION. THE ORGANIZATION MAY  
16 ESTABLISH A MINIMUM DONATION AMOUNT TO QUALIFY FOR THE LICENSE  
17 PLATE. THE ORGANIZATION SHALL USE EACH DONATION TO SUPPORT  
18 THOSE AFFECTED BY EPILEPSY IN COLORADO.

19 (c) TO QUALIFY APPLICANTS TO HAVE AN EPILEPSY AWARENESS  
20 LICENSE PLATE, THE ORGANIZATION DESIGNATED UNDER SUBSECTION  
21 (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION MUST FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT AN ANNUAL  
22 STATEMENT VERIFYING THAT IT IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.

23 (4) THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES FOR SPECIAL LICENSE  
24 PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION IS THE SAME AS THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES  
25 AND FEES FOR REGULAR MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; EXCEPT THAT  
26 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT AN ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE OF  
27 TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE

1 PLATE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT THE ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME  
2 FEE TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE FEE TO THE  
3 HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-201.

4 (5) AN APPLICANT MAY APPLY FOR PERSONALIZED EPILEPSY  
5 AWARENESS LICENSE PLATES. UPON PAYMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE  
6 REQUIRED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(a) FOR PERSONALIZED LICENSE  
7 PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE THE PLATES IF THE APPLICANT  
8 COMPLIES WITH SECTION 42-3-211. IF AN APPLICANT HAS EXISTING  
9 PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE, THE APPLICANT  
10 MAY TRANSFER THE COMBINATION OF LETTERS OR NUMBERS TO A NEW SET  
11 OF EPILEPSY AWARENESS LICENSE PLATES FOR THE VEHICLE UPON PAYING  
12 THE FEE REQUIRED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(a) AND UPON TURNING IN THE  
13 EXISTING PLATES TO THE DEPARTMENT. A PERSON WHO HAS OBTAINED  
14 PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) MUST PAY  
15 THE ANNUAL FEE IMPOSED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(b) TO RENEW THE  
16 PERSONALIZED PLATES. THE FEES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) ARE IN  
17 ADDITION TO ALL OTHER APPLICABLE TAXES AND FEES.

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

20 **42-3-312. Special license plate surcharge.** In addition to any  
21 other fee imposed by this article 3, an applicant for a special license plate  
22 created by rule in accordance with section 42-3-207, as the section existed  
23 when the plate was created, or special license plates issued pursuant to  
24 sections 42-3-211 to 42-3-214, sections 42-3-217 to 42-3-218, sections  
25 42-3-221 to 42-3-234, sections 42-3-237 to 42-3-258, and ~~section~~  
26 ~~42-3-260~~ SECTIONS 42-3-260 AND 42-3-261 shall pay an issuance fee of  
27 twenty-five dollars; except that the fee is not imposed on special license

1 plates exempted from additional fees for the issuance of a military special  
2 license plate by section 42-3-213 (1)(b)(II). The department shall transfer  
3 the fee to the state treasurer, who shall credit it to the licensing services  
4 cash fund created in section 42-2-114.5.

5 **SECTION 3. 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 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
13 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.