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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY  
102 SPECIAL 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 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority special license plate (license plate) for motor vehicles. An applicant qualifies for issuance of the license plate if the applicant is a member of the sorority 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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
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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. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has a long history in Colorado of  
5 philanthropy and community;

6 (b) The Denver Alumnae Chapter of the sorority was chartered in  
7 1939 and has launched collaborative public service programs and projects  
8 serving the greater Denver metropolitan area for over eighty years;

9 (c) The Colorado Springs Alumnae Chapter of the sorority was  
10 chartered in 1969 and has conducted various public service projects to  
11 enhance the quality of life in southern Colorado metropolitan  
12 communities for over fifty years; and

13 (d) The statewide chapters of the sorority, which includes the  
14 Denver Alumnae Chapter, the Colorado Springs Alumnae Chapter, the  
15 Zeta Pi Collegiate Chapter, and the Tau Lambda Collegiate Chapter, are  
16 committed to continuing the organization's tradition of conducting public  
17 service projects throughout the state.

18 (2) The general assembly therefore declares that creating a license  
19 plate for the Colorado members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will  
20 recognize the organization's history of giving back to the state and foster  
21 the organization's strong ties to the community.

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

24 **42-3-261. Special plates - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority - short**  
25 **title.** (1) THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS SECTION IS THE "DELTA SIGMA THETA

1 SORORITY LICENSE PLATE ACT".

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

8 (3) (a) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED THE DELTA SIGMA THETA  
9 SORORITY LICENSE PLATE.

10 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE A DESIGN THAT CONFORMS TO  
11 DEPARTMENT STANDARDS.

12 (4) A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR THE DELTA SIGMA THETA  
13 SORORITY LICENSE PLATE IF THE PERSON PAYS THE TAXES AND FEES  
14 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION AND PROVIDES TO THE DEPARTMENT OR  
15 AN AUTHORIZED AGENT EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT  
16 THE APPLICANT IS A MEMBER OF THE DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY.

17 (5) THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES FOR SPECIAL LICENSE  
18 PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION IS THE SAME AS THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES  
19 AND FEES FOR REGULAR MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; EXCEPT THAT  
20 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT AN ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE OF  
21 TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE  
22 PLATE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT THE ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME  
23 FEE TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE FEE TO THE  
24 HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-201.

25 (6) AN APPLICANT MAY APPLY FOR PERSONALIZED DELTA SIGMA  
26 THETA SORORITY LICENSE PLATES. UPON PAYMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL  
27 FEE REQUIRED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(a) FOR PERSONALIZED LICENSE

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

12 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 42-3-312 as  
13 follows:

14 **42-3-312. Special license plate surcharge.** In addition to any  
15 other fee imposed by this article 3, an applicant for a special license plate  
16 created by rule in accordance with section 42-3-207, as the section existed  
17 when the plate was created, or special license plates issued pursuant to  
18 sections 42-3-211 to 42-3-214, sections 42-3-217 to 42-3-218, sections  
19 42-3-221 to 42-3-234, sections 42-3-237 to 42-3-258, and ~~section~~  
20 ~~42-3-260~~ SECTIONS 42-3-260 AND 42-3-261 shall pay an issuance fee of  
21 twenty-five dollars; except that the fee is not imposed on special license  
22 plates exempted from additional fees for the issuance of a military special  
23 license plate by section 42-3-213 (1)(b)(II). The department shall transfer  
24 the fee to the state treasurer, who shall credit it to the licensing services  
25 cash fund created in section 42-2-114.5.

26 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
27 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

1 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
2 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
3 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
4 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
5 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
6 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
7 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.