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**HOUSE BILL 22-1162**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION TO USE DIGITAL NUMBER PLATES IN**  
102 **LIEU OF METAL NUMBER PLATES ON A VEHICLE.**

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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 authorizes digital license plates to be used in lieu of metal license plates if the registration number and expiration date are visible from 100 feet away in sunlight. The plates need not display more than one color. The department of revenue may permit messaging and other digital functionality on digital plates.

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.*

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
March 1, 2022

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
February 28, 2022

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-201, **add** (8) as  
3 follows:

4 **42-3-201. Number plates furnished - style - periodic reissuance**

5 **- tabs - rules - definition - repeal.** (8) (a) **SUBJECT TO THE RULES**  
6 **PROMULGATED UNDER SUBSECTION (8)(c)(II) OF THIS SECTION, THE**  
7 **OWNER OF A REGISTERED VEHICLE MAY DISPLAY A DIGITAL NUMBER PLATE**  
8 **IN LIEU OF ONE OR BOTH OF THE PLATES ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION**  
9 **(1)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION IF THE REGISTRATION NUMBER AND EXPIRATION**  
10 **DATE ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE AT A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED FEET IN**  
11 **NORMAL SUNLIGHT.**

12 (b) **DIGITAL NUMBER PLATES NEED NOT DISPLAY MORE THAN ONE**  
13 **COLOR.**

14 (c) (I) **THE DEPARTMENT MAY PERMIT, IF NOT OTHERWISE**  
15 **INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ARTICLE 3, THE USE ON A DIGITAL NUMBER**  
16 **PLATE OF:**

17 (A) **MESSAGES DISPLAYED ON THE PLATE; AND**

18 (B) **OTHER FUNCTIONALITY MADE POSSIBLE BY THE USE OF**  
19 **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY.**

20 (II) **THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COLORADO**  
21 **STATE PATROL, SHALL ADOPT RULES FOR THE USE OF DIGITAL NUMBER**  
22 **PLATES. THE RULES MUST:**

23 (A) **SET STANDARDS NECESSARY FOR THE SAFE USE OF DIGITAL**  
24 **NUMBER PLATES;**

25 (B) **ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCT OVERSIGHT AND**  
26 **CONSUMER SUPPORT;**

1 (C) ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCT SIZE, DESIGN,  
2 DISPLAY, AND FUNCTIONALITY;

3 (D) ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR APPROVAL OF DIGITAL NUMBER  
4 PLATES PRODUCTS FOR STATEWIDE USE;

5 (E) SET PROTOCOLS FOR DATA SHARING, PRIVACY, AND SECURITY;

6 (F) ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR REVOKING THE AUTHORITY TO USE  
7 A DIGITAL NUMBER PLATE;

8 (G) SET TESTING REQUIREMENTS TO APPROVED DIGITAL NUMBER  
9 PLATES;

10 (H) SET A PROCESS TO DETERMINE THE TYPES OF NUMBER PLATES  
11 THAT ARE ELIGIBLE TO USE AS DIGITAL NUMBER PLATES; AND

12 (I) SET REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPANIES THAT SELL  
13 DIGITAL NUMBER PLATES TO THE PUBLIC.

14 (III)      THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION  
15 OF DIGITAL PLATES WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE  
16 RULES ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (8)(c)(II). IN  
17 PERFORMING THE REVIEW, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL OBTAIN COMMENTS  
18 AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COLORADO STATE PATROL AND  
19 PERSONS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN DIGITAL NUMBER PLATES. WITHIN ONE  
20 YEAR AFTER PERFORMING THE REVIEW, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE  
21 A REPORT BASED ON THE REVIEW AND SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE  
22 TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE, CREATED IN SECTION  
23 43-2-145.

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25 (d) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (8), "DIGITAL NUMBER PLATE"  
26 MEANS AN ELECTRONIC DISPLAY THAT IS MOUNTED ON A VEHICLE IN THE  
27 PLACE OF AND THAT SERVES THE FUNCTION OF A NUMBER PLATE ISSUED BY

1 THE DEPARTMENT.

2 (e) THIS SUBSECTION (8) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,  
3 2027. BEFORE THE REPEAL, THE USE OF DIGITAL NUMBER PLATES BY THE  
4 OWNER OF A REGISTERED VEHICLE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (8) ARE  
5 SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104.

6 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, add  
7 (28)(a)(VII) as follows:

8 24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies  
9 and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative  
10 declaration - repeal. (28) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,  
11 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2027:

12 (VII) THE USE OF DIGITAL NUMBER PLATES BY THE OWNER OF A  
13 REGISTERED VEHICLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-3-201 (8).

14 SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act  
15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
17 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
18 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
19 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
20 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
21 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
22 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.