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HOUSE BILL 22-1162

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Exum and Van Winkle,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Transportation & Local Government

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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.

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) (A) 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.

24 (B) THIS SUBSECTION (8)(c)(III) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
25 2025.

26 (d) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (8), "DIGITAL NUMBER PLATE"
27 MEANS AN ELECTRONIC DISPLAY THAT IS MOUNTED ON A VEHICLE IN THE

1 PLACE OF AND THAT SERVES THE FUNCTION OF A NUMBER PLATE ISSUED BY
2 THE DEPARTMENT.

3 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
4 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
5 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
6 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
7 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
8 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
9 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
10 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
11 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.