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**HOUSE BILL 23-1014**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING YIELDING TO LARGER VEHICLES IN ROUNDABOUTS.**

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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/>.)*

**Transportation Legislation Review Committee.** The bill requires a driver to yield the right-of-way to a driver of a vehicle having a total length of at least 40 feet or a total width of at least 10 feet (large vehicle) when driving through a roundabout. The bill also requires that when 2 drivers of large vehicles approach or drive through a roundabout at the same time, the driver on the right must yield the right-of-way to the driver on the left.

A person who fails to yield commits a class A traffic infraction and

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

is subject to a fine of \$70 and an \$11 surcharge.

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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** 42-4-715 as  
3 follows:

4           **42-4-715. Yielding right-of-way in roundabouts - definitions.**

5 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

6           (a) "LARGE VEHICLE" MEANS A TRUCK, BUS, EMERGENCY VEHICLE,  
7 OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE THAT GENERALLY HAS A TOTAL LENGTH OF  
8 MORE THAN FORTY FEET OR A TOTAL WIDTH OF MORE THAN TEN FEET.

9           (b) "ROUNDBOUT" MEANS A CIRCULAR INTERSECTION OR  
10 JUNCTION IN WHICH ROAD TRAFFIC FLOWS ALMOST CONTINUOUSLY IN ONE  
11 DIRECTION AROUND A CENTRAL ISLAND.

12           (2) (a) WHEN ENTERING, EXITING, OR DRIVING IN THE  
13 CIRCULATORY LANES IN A ROUNDBOUT, A PERSON DRIVING A VEHICLE  
14 SHALL:

15           (I) YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE DRIVER OF A LARGE VEHICLE  
16 THAT IS ENTERING, EXITING, OR DRIVING IN THE CIRCULATORY LANES IN  
17 A ROUNDBOUT AT THE SAME TIME OR SO CLOSELY AS TO PRESENT AN  
18 IMMEDIATE HAZARD; AND

19           (II) SLOW DOWN OR YIELD TO THE OTHER VEHICLE AS REQUIRED  
20 BY SUBSECTION (2)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

21           (b) THIS SUBSECTION (2) DOES NOT REQUIRE A PERSON WHO IS  
22 ENTERING, EXITING, OR DRIVING IN THE CIRCULATORY LANES IN A  
23 ROUNDBOUT TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE DRIVER OF A LARGE  
24 VEHICLE THAT IS APPROACHING, BUT HAS NOT YET ENTERED, THE  
25 ROUNDBOUT.

1 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (2) DOES NOT REQUIRE A PERSON WHO IS  
2 DRIVING A VEHICLE THAT IS ENTERING, EXITING, OR DRIVING IN THE  
3 CIRCULATORY LANES IN A ROUNDABOUT TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO  
4 A LARGE VEHICLE THAT IS DRIVING BEHIND THE PERSON'S VEHICLE AND  
5 ALLOW THE LARGE VEHICLE TO PASS THE PERSON'S VEHICLE.

6 (3) IF TWO VEHICLES THAT ARE LARGE VEHICLES ENTER, EXIT, OR  
7 DRIVE IN THE CIRCULATORY LANES IN A ROUNDABOUT AT THE SAME TIME  
8 OR SO CLOSELY AS TO PRESENT AN IMMEDIATE HAZARD, THE DRIVER ON  
9 THE RIGHT SHALL YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE DRIVER ON THE LEFT  
10 AND SHALL SLOW DOWN OR YIELD TO THE DRIVER ON THE LEFT.

11 (4) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION COMMITS A CLASS A  
12 TRAFFIC INFRACTION.

13 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1701, amend  
14 (4)(a)(I)(H) as follows:

15 42-4-1701. Traffic offenses and infractions classified -  
16 penalties - penalty and surcharge schedule - repeal. (4) (a) (I) Except  
17 as provided in subsection (5)(c) of this section, every person who is  
18 convicted of, who admits liability for, or against whom a judgment is  
19 entered for a violation of this title 42 to which subsection (5)(a) or (5)(b)  
20 of this section applies shall be fined or penalized and have a surcharge  
21 levied in accordance with sections 24-4.1-119 (1)(f) and 24-4.2-104  
22 (1)(b)(I), in accordance with the penalty and surcharge schedule set forth  
23 in subsections (4)(a)(I)(A) to (4)(a)(I)(S) of this section; or, if no penalty  
24 or surcharge is specified in the schedule, the penalty for class A and class  
25 B traffic infractions is fifteen dollars, and the surcharge is four dollars.  
26 These penalties and surcharges apply whether the defendant  
27 acknowledges the defendant's guilt or liability in accordance with the

1 procedure set forth by subsection (5)(a) of this section, is found guilty by  
 2 a court of competent jurisdiction, or has judgment entered against the  
 3 defendant by a county court magistrate. Penalties and surcharges for  
 4 violating specific sections are as follows:

5 <b>Section Violated</b>	6 <b>Penalty</b>	7 <b>Surcharge</b>
8 (H) <b>Rights-of-way violations:</b>		
9 42-4-701	\$ 70.00	\$ 10.00
10 42-4-702	70.00	10.00
11 42-4-703	70.00	10.00
12 42-4-704	70.00	10.00
13 42-4-705	70.00	16.00
14 42-4-706	70.00	10.00
15 42-4-707	70.00	10.00
16 42-4-708	35.00	10.00
17 42-4-709	70.00	10.00
18 42-4-710	70.00	10.00
19 42-4-711	100.00	10.00
20 42-4-712	70.00	10.00
21 42-4-714	70.00	10.00
22 <b>42-4-715</b>	<b>70.00</b>	<b>11.00</b>

23 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
 24 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect October 1, 2023; except that, if a  
 25 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
 26 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
 27 within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general  
 assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless  
 approved by the people at the general election to be held in November

1 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official  
2 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

3 (2) This act applies to offenses committed on or after the  
4 applicable effective date of this act.