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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO HONOR FIRST RESPONDERS**
102 **WHO HAVE A DISABILITY.**

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 a special license plate to honor first responders who have a permanent occupational disability (first responder). A first responder may obtain a special license plate without paying taxes or fees for the plate or the vehicle. For additional vehicles, a first responder must pay the standard motor vehicle fees plus 2 one-time fees of \$25. One fee is credited to the highway users tax fund and the other fee is credited to

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the licensing services cash fund. An individual may obtain the license plate with the identifying figure that allows the use of reserved parking for people with disabilities.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-3-270 as
3 follows:

4 **42-3-270. Special plates - first responder with a permanent**
5 **occupational disability - definition.** (1) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1,
6 2025, OR WHEN THE DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO ISSUE THE PLATES, THE
7 DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO QUALIFIED
8 APPLICANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION FOR MOTORCYCLES,
9 PASSENGER CARS, TRUCKS, OR NONCOMMERCIAL OR RECREATIONAL
10 MOTOR VEHICLES THAT DO NOT EXCEED SIXTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS
11 EMPTY WEIGHT.

12 (2) (a) THERE IS ESTABLISHED THE FIRST RESPONDER WITH A
13 PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY LICENSE PLATE.

14 (b) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)(b)(II) OF THIS
15 SECTION, THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES FOR SPECIAL LICENSE
16 PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION IS THE SAME AS THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES
17 AND FEES FOR REGULAR MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; EXCEPT THAT
18 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT **THE FEE SPECIFIED IN SECTION 42-3-312**
19 **AND** AN ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR
20 ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE PLATE. THE DEPARTMENT
21 SHALL TRANSMIT THE ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE TO THE STATE
22 TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE FEE TO THE HIGHWAY USERS TAX
23 FUND CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-201.

24 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (2)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION,

1 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT CHARGE THE FEES FOR ONE SET OF SPECIAL
2 LICENSE PLATES ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR A MOTORCYCLE,
3 PASSENGER CAR, TRUCK, OR NONCOMMERCIAL OR RECREATIONAL
4 VEHICLE.

5 (c) ALL APPLICATIONS FOR THE FIRST RESPONDER WITH A
6 PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY LICENSE PLATE MUST BE MADE
7 DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND MUST INCLUDE
8 INFORMATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAY REQUIRE.

9 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGN THE FIRST RESPONDER WITH
10 A PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY LICENSE PLATE TO INDICATE
11 THAT THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE TO WHICH THE LICENSE PLATE
12 IS ATTACHED IS A FIRST RESPONDER WITH A PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL
13 DISABILITY.

14 (4) TO BE QUALIFIED TO BE ISSUED A FIRST RESPONDER WITH A
15 PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY LICENSE PLATE, AN INDIVIDUAL
16 MUST:

17 (a) BE A RESIDENT, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 42-1-102 (81); AND

18 (b) (I) BE A RETIRED MEMBER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 31-31-102
19 (6), OF THE FIRE AND POLICE PENSION ASSOCIATION WHO HAS BEEN
20 DETERMINED BY THE FIRE AND POLICE PENSION ASSOCIATION TO HAVE A
21 PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY AS THE RESULT OF AN INJURY
22 RECEIVED WHILE PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES OR AN OCCUPATIONAL
23 DISEASE ARISING OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF PERFORMING OFFICIAL
24 DUTIES; OR

25 (II) HAVE SERVED AS A PEACE OFFICER, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION
26 16-2.5-101, AS A FIREFIGHTER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 29-5-203 (10),
27 AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 31-30-1102 (9), OR

1 AS AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
2 18-8-104 (5)(a), WHO HAS A PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY AS
3 THE RESULT OF AN INJURY RECEIVED WHILE PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES
4 OR AN OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE ARISING OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF
5 PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES.

6 (5) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DETERMINES THAT THE FIRST
7 RESPONDER WITH A PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY LICENSE
8 PLATE IS A DISTINCTIVE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE BECAUSE A PERMANENT
9 DISABILITY IS AN IMMUTABLE CHARACTERISTIC. THEREFORE, SECTION
10 42-3-207 (5) AND (6) DOES NOT APPLY TO THIS SECTION.

11 (6) IF AN APPLICANT FOR A FIRST RESPONDER WITH A PERMANENT
12 OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY LICENSE PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION
13 DEMONSTRATES A PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT AFFECTING MOBILITY UNDER
14 THE STANDARDS PROVIDED IN SECTION 42-3-204, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
15 ISSUE A FIRST RESPONDER WITH A PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY
16 LICENSE PLATE WITH AN ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING FIGURE, AS DEFINED IN
17 SECTION 42-3-204 (1)(e), TO INDICATE THAT THE VEHICLE IS AUTHORIZED
18 TO TRANSPORT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO USE RESERVED
19 PARKING UNDER SECTION 42-4-1208.

20 (7) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL
21 DISABILITY" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 31-31-801 (3.2).

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

24 **42-3-312. Special license plate surcharge.** In addition to any
25 other fee imposed by this article 3, an applicant for a special license plate
26 created by rule in accordance with section 42-3-207, as the section existed
27 when the plate was created, personalized plates issued under section

1 42-3-211, or special license plates issued under sections 42-3-212 to
2 42-3-214, sections 42-3-217 to 42-3-218, sections 42-3-221 to 42-3-234,
3 sections 42-3-237 to 42-3-258, sections 42-3-260 to 42-3-265, AND
4 SECTIONS 42-3-267 ~~42-3-268, and section 42-3-269~~ TO 42-3-270 shall pay
5 an issuance fee of twenty-five dollars; except that the fee is not imposed
6 on special license plates exempted from additional fees for the issuance
7 of a military special license plate by section 42-3-213 (1)(b)(II) OR A
8 FIRST RESPONDER WITH A PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY SPECIAL
9 LICENSE PLATE EXEMPTED FROM FEES BY SECTION 42-3-270 (2)(b)(II). The
10 department shall transfer the money from the fee to the state treasurer,
11 who shall credit it to the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account
12 created in section 42-1-211 (2).

13 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-204, **amend**
14 (3)(a)(VI); and **add** (3)(a)(VII) as follows:

15 **42-3-204. Reserved parking for persons with disabilities -**
16 **applicability - definitions - rules. (3) Types of plates or placards.**

17 (a) **Authorization.** The department may issue the following registration
18 type for issuing disabled plates and placards that notify the public that the
19 vehicle transports a person who may use reserved parking:

20 (VI) A military license plate, issued under section 42-3-213 or
21 42-3-218 (3), with an additional identifying figure to indicate that the
22 owner of the vehicle is authorized to make use of reserved parking for
23 persons with disabilities; OR

24 (VII) A FIRST RESPONDER WITH A PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL
25 DISABILITY LICENSE PLATE, ISSUED UNDER SECTION 42-3-270, WITH AN
26 ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING FIGURE TO INDICATE THAT THE OWNER OF THE
27 VEHICLE IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE USE OF RESERVED PARKING FOR

1 PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

2 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
3 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
4 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
5 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
6 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
7 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
8 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
9 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
10 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.