

## CHAPTER 231

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**MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION**


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**HOUSE BILL 15-1026**

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also SENATOR(S) Todd, Baumgardner, Carroll, Crowder, Garcia, Grantham, Heath, Kefalas, Kerr, Lundberg, Martinez Humenik, Merrifield, Newell, Scheffel, Scott, Cadman.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF MILITARY LICENSE PLATES WITH AN IDENTIFYING FIGURE NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC THAT THE HOLDER MAY USE RESERVED PARKING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-204, **amend** (3) (a) (VI), (5) (i), and (6) (e) (I) introductory portion as follows:

**42-3-204. Reserved parking for persons with disabilities - applicability - definitions - rules.** (3) **Types of plates or placards.** (a) **Authorization.** The department may issue the following registration type for issuing disabled plates and placards that notify the public that the vehicle transports a person who may use reserved parking:

(VI) A ~~disabled veteran~~ MILITARY license plate, ISSUED UNDER SECTION 42-3-213 OR 42-3-218 (3), with an additional identifying figure ~~as determined by the department,~~ to indicate that the owner of the vehicle is authorized to make use of reserved parking for persons with disabilities.

(5) **Issuance of plate or placard - rules.** (i) **Requirements for identifying figure on military license plate.** To qualify for a ~~disabled veteran~~ MILITARY license plate with an identifying figure, the applicant must qualify for a permanent identifying plate under subparagraph (I) of paragraph (h) of this subsection (5) and meet the eligibility criteria in section 42-3-213 ~~(5)~~ OR 42-3-218 (3) for a ~~disabled veteran~~ MILITARY license plate. A ~~disabled veteran~~ MILITARY license plate with an identifying figure expires in accordance with the schedule established by the

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

department for periodic registration under section 42-3-102 (1) (a).

**(6) Expiration and renewal.** **(e) Permanent identifying plates.** (I) A permanent identifying plate or ~~disabled-veteran~~ MILITARY license plate WITH AN IDENTIFYING FIGURE expires in accordance with the schedule established by the department for periodic registration under section 42-3-102 (1) (a). Eligibility for a permanent identifying plate or identifying figure for a ~~disabled-veteran~~ MILITARY license plate expires on the last day of the thirty-sixth full month after the date of issuance or renewal. The holder may renew the plate by submitting:

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-204, **amend** (3) (b) (II) as follows:

**42-3-204. Reserved parking for persons with disabilities - applicability - definitions - rules.** (3) **Types of plates or placards.** (b) **Number of placards and license plates allowed.** (II) The department may issue a ~~disabled-veteran~~ MILITARY license plate UNDER SECTION 42-3-213 OR 42-3-218 (3) with an additional identifying figure and one placard to an individual.

**SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-204, **amend** (3) (b) (II) as enacted by House Bill 15-1136 as follows:

**42-3-204. Reserved parking for persons with disabilities - applicability - definitions - rules.** (3) **Types of plates or placards.** (b) **Number of placards and license plates allowed.** (II) The department may issue two ~~disabled-veteran~~ MILITARY license plates UNDER SECTION 42-3-213 OR 42-3-218 (3) with identifying figures or a ~~disabled-veteran~~ ONE MILITARY license plate UNDER SECTION 42-3-213 OR 42-3-218 (3) with an additional identifying figure and one placard to ~~an~~ a qualified individual.

**SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-213, **repeal** (5) (a) (II); and **add** (1) (h) as follows:

**42-3-213. License plates - military veterans - rules - retirement.** (1) (h) IF AN APPLICANT FOR A MILITARY LICENSE PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION DEMONSTRATES A PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT AFFECTING MOBILITY UNDER THE STANDARDS PROVIDED IN SECTION 42-3-204 (1), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A MILITARY LICENSE PLATE WITH AN ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING FIGURE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 42-3-204 (1) (e), TO INDICATE THAT THE VEHICLE IS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSPORT A PERSON WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO USE RESERVED PARKING UNDER SECTION 42-4-1208.

**(5) Disabled veterans.** (a) (II) ~~In addition to the requirements of subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (a), if the applicant demonstrates that he or she has a physical impairment affecting mobility under the standards provided in section 42-3-204 (1), then the license plate shall have an additional identifying figure, as defined in section 42-3-204 (1) (e), to indicate that the vehicle is authorized to transport a person who is eligible to use reserved parking under section 42-4-1208.~~

**SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-218, **amend** (2) as follows:

**42-3-218. Special plates - active and retired members of the Colorado National Guard - retirement.** (2) (a) The special license plates ~~shall~~ MUST have a white background with blue lettering and ~~shall~~ MUST be of a design determined by the executive director of the department. ~~Such~~ THE plates ~~shall~~ indicate that the owner of the motor vehicle is a member of the Colorado National Guard.

(b) IF AN APPLICANT FOR A COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION DEMONSTRATES A PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT AFFECTING MOBILITY UNDER THE STANDARDS PROVIDED IN SECTION 42-3-204 (1), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE PLATE WITH AN ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING FIGURE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 42-3-204 (1) (e), TO INDICATE THAT THE VEHICLE IS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSPORT A PERSON WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO USE RESERVED PARKING UNDER SECTION 42-4-1208.

**SECTION 6. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2015-16 state fiscal year, \$5,190 is appropriated to the department of revenue for use by the division of motor vehicles. This appropriation is from the license plate cash fund created in section 42-3-301 (1) (b), C.R.S. To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for license plate ordering.

(2) For the 2015-16 state fiscal year, \$52,942 is appropriated to the department of revenue. This appropriation is from the Colorado state titling and registration account of the highway users tax fund created in section 42-1-211 (2), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for the purchase of information technology services.

(3) For the 2015-16 state fiscal year, \$52,942 is appropriated to the office of the governor for use by the office of information technology. This appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the department of revenue under subsection (2) of this section. To implement this act, the office may use this appropriation to provide information technology services for the department of revenue.

**SECTION 7. Act subject to petition - effective date.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, 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 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

(2) Section 2 of this act takes effect only if House Bill 15-1136 does not become law, in which case section 2 takes effect on the effective date of this act.

(3) Section 3 of this act takes effect only if House Bill 15-1136 becomes law, in which case section 3 takes effect on the effective date of this act or House Bill 15-1136, whichever is later.

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