

CHAPTER 193

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION

HOUSE BILL 23-1217

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AN ACT

CONCERNING RELIEF FOR CRIME VICTIMS WHOSE MOTOR VEHICLES HAVE BEEN TOWED BECAUSE OF THE CRIME, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REQUIRING THE TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE STUDY THE ISSUE AND MAKE LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 43-2-145, **add** (1.4) as follows:

43-2-145. Transportation legislation review - committee - definition - repeal.

(1.4) (a) (I) DURING THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM, THE COMMITTEE SHALL ANALYZE THE ISSUE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE HAD THEIR MOTOR VEHICLE NONCONSENSUALLY TOWED, EITHER BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OR FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY, BECAUSE THE VEHICLE WAS STOLEN OR BECAUSE THE INDIVIDUAL WAS THE VICTIM OF A SERIOUS CRIME THAT MADE THE VICTIM INCAPABLE OF ATTENDING TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE.

(II) THE COMMITTEE MAY TAKE TESTIMONY FROM INTERESTED OR KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE ABOUT THE ISSUE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1.4)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION AND MAY OTHERWISE RESEARCH THE ISSUE.

(III) THE COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE ISSUE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1.4)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND, IF THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS LEGISLATION, THE LEGISLATION IS TREATED AS LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED BY AN INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE FOR PURPOSES OF ANY INTRODUCTION DEADLINES OR BILL LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY THE JOINT RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

(b) THIS SUBSECTION (1.4) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. 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; 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 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: May 15, 2023