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**HOUSE BILL 26-1057**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION BY A VETERAN WITH A DISABILITY OF**  
102 **CERTAIN VEHICLES WITHOUT PAYING THE REQUIRED AMOUNTS.**

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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>.)*

Under current law, a veteran who is disabled and who meets certain standards does not need to pay the taxes and fees to register one motor vehicle. The veteran is issued a disabled veteran license plate with the "D.V." inscription or a United States disabled woman veteran license plate. The bill authorizes the veteran to be issued another plate in lieu of being issued either of the license plates for veterans who are disabled if

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the veteran qualifies for the plate. If the plate requires additional fees to be issued or renewed, the additional fees must also be paid unless the plate is a military license plate.

This program does not apply to commercial vehicles, implements of husbandry, or farm trucks or truck tractors that are taxed at a reduced rate.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-213, **amend**  
3 (5)(a)(I), and (5)(c); and **add** (1)(b)(II)(L), (1)(i), and (1)(j) as follows:

4 **42-3-213. License plates - military veterans - rules -**  
5 **retirement.**

6 (1) (b) (II) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(b)(I) of this section:

7 (L) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2028, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT  
8 CHARGE A FEE FOR ONE SET OF LICENSE PLATES ISSUED, UNDER  
9 SUBSECTION (1)(i) OF THIS SECTION, IN LIEU OF A DISABLED VETERAN  
10 LICENSE PLATE OR A UNITED STATES DISABLED WOMAN VETERAN LICENSE  
11 PLATE. FOR THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF A PLATE NOT ISSUED UNDER  
12 THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE THE FEES IMPOSED FOR  
13 THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE PLATE THAT EXCEED THE FEES  
14 THAT WOULD BE CHARGED FOR THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF A  
15 STANDARDIZED LICENSE PLATE UNDER SECTION 42-3-203.

16 (i) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2028, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO QUALIFIES TO  
17 NOT PAY FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 42-3-304 (3)(a) MAY ELECT  
18 TO BE ISSUED ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LICENSE PLATES IN LIEU OF BEING  
19 ISSUED A DISABLED VETERAN LICENSE PLATE UNDER SUBSECTION (5) OF  
20 THIS SECTION OR A UNITED STATES DISABLED WOMAN VETERAN LICENSE  
21 PLATE UNDER SUBSECTION (32) OF THIS SECTION IF THE INDIVIDUAL MEETS  
22 THE QUALIFICATIONS DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION FOR THE LISTED LICENSE

1 PLATE:

2 (I) A STANDARDIZED LICENSE PLATE ISSUED UNDER SECTION  
3 42-3-203;

4 (II) A UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE  
5 ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION;

6 (III) A UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE ISSUED  
7 UNDER SUBSECTION (12) OF THIS SECTION;

8 (IV) A UNITED STATES NAVY SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE ISSUED  
9 UNDER SUBSECTION (13) OF THIS SECTION;

10 (V) A UNITED STATES COAST GUARD SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE  
11 ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (16) OF THIS SECTION;

12 (VI) A UNITED STATES AIR FORCE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE ISSUED  
13 UNDER SUBSECTION (17) OF THIS SECTION; OR

14 (VII) A UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE LICENSE PLATE ISSUED  
15 UNDER SUBSECTION (33) OF THIS SECTION.

16 (j) IF AN INDIVIDUAL ELECTS TO BE ISSUED ANOTHER LICENSE  
17 PLATE IN LIEU OF BEING ISSUED A DISABLED VETERAN LICENSE PLATE  
18 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1)(i)(I) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT  
19 SHALL ANNUALLY ISSUE THE INDIVIDUAL A KEEP COLORADO WILD PASS  
20 WITHOUT CHARGING THE PASS FEE IMPOSED IN SECTION 33-12-108  
21 (4)(d)(I). TO QUALIFY A MOTOR VEHICLE TO BE ISSUED A KEEP COLORADO  
22 WILD PASS, THE MOTOR VEHICLE MUST MEET THE MOTOR VEHICLE  
23 REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION 33-12-108 (4)(b).

24 (5) **Disabled veterans.**

25 (a) (I) The disabled veteran license plate ~~shall~~ MUST indicate that  
26 the owner of the motor vehicle to which the license plate is attached is a  
27 ~~disabled~~ veteran of the United States armed forces AND IS DISABLED.

1 (c) License plates qualifying for the exemption granted in  
2 ~~sub-subparagraph (B) of subparagraph (II) of paragraph (b) of subsection~~  
3 ~~(H) SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II)(B) of this section shall be issued only by the~~  
4 ~~department and shall~~ MAY bear the inscription "D.V." ~~and a separate~~  
5 ~~number series shall be used for such license plates. Additional license~~  
6 ~~plates bearing such inscription may be issued by the department to~~ THE  
7 DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE eligible persons ~~upon the payment of~~ any  
8 fees or taxes required by this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 3 FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A  
9 SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT DISABLED VETERAN LICENSE PLATE.

10 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-304, **amend** (3)  
11 introductory portion and (3)(a) as follows:

12 **42-3-304. Registration fees - passenger-mile taxes - clean**  
13 **screen fund - fees - report - rules - definitions - repeal.**

14 (3) ~~No fee is payable~~ THE OWNER NEED NOT PAY THE TAXES AND  
15 FEES for the annual registration of a vehicle when:

16 (a) The owner ~~of the vehicle~~ is a veteran who in an application for  
17 registration shows that the owner has established such owner's rights to  
18 benefits under ~~the provisions of Pub.L. 79-663, as amended, and Pub.L.~~  
19 ~~82-187, as amended~~ 38 U.S.C. SEC. 3901 ET SEQ., or is a veteran of the  
20 armed forces of the United States who incurred a disability and who is,  
21 at the date of application, receiving compensation from the veterans  
22 administration or any branch of the armed forces of the United States for  
23 a fifty percent or more, service-connected disability, or for loss of use of  
24 one or both feet or one or both hands, or for permanent impairment or  
25 loss of vision in both eyes that constitutes virtual or actual blindness. The  
26 exemption provided in this subsection (3)(a):

27 (I) DOES NOT APPLY TO:

- 1 (A) COMMERCIAL VEHICLES;
- 2 (B) IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY; OR
- 3 (C) A TRUCK OR TRUCK TRACTOR REGISTERED TO BE TAXED
- 4 UNDER SECTION 42-3-306 (4);
- 5 (II) APPLIES ONLY TO INDIVIDUALS; AND
- 6 (III) Applies to the original qualifying vehicle and to any vehicle
- 7 subsequently purchased and owned by the same veteran but does not
- 8 apply to more than one vehicle at a time.

9 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
10 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
11 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
12 general assembly (August 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13,  
13 2026); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1  
14 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,  
15 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part  
16 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election  
17 to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the  
18 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

19 (2) This act applies to vehicles registered on or after the  
20 applicable effective date of this act.