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# An Act

HOUSE BILL 26-1382

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CONCERNING THE SUPPORT OF COLORADANS WITH DISABILITIES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY AND MAKING AND REDUCING APPROPRIATIONS.

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-88-101, **amend** (3) and (8); **repeal** (2); and **add** (3.5), (3.7), and (4.5) as follows:

**8-88-101. Definitions.**

As used in this article 88:

(2) "**Committee**" means the Colorado disability funding committee ~~created in section 8-88-202.~~

(3) "**Contract entity**" means an entity the ~~committee~~ CDOO contracts with pursuant to ~~section 8-88-206(5)~~ SECTION 8-88-105 (4)(d) to implement

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~~section 8-88-206~~ SECTION 8-88-105.

(3.5) "COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY" OR "AUTHORITY" MEANS THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY CREATED IN PART 3 OF THIS ARTICLE 88.

(3.7) "COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY BOARD" OR "AUTHORITY BOARD" MEANS THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-301 (2).

(4.5) "DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 42-1-102 (24).

(8) "Fund" means the disability support fund created in ~~section 8-88-205~~ SECTION 8-88-104.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-88-102.5, **amend** (3) as follows:

**8-88-102.5. Comprehensive community integration plan for individuals with disabilities - review and assessment.**

(3) Money for the CDOO to develop, review, and update the plan is limited to the money in the ~~disability support fund, created in section 8-88-205,~~ and the general assembly shall not appropriate any money from the general fund for that purpose.

**SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 8-88-103 as follows:

**8-88-103. Appropriation - gifts, grants, and donations.**

The general assembly shall appropriate money from the fund or from any other available source to the department for use by the CDOO for the purposes specified in this ~~article 88~~ PART 1. The CDOO may seek, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from private or public sources for the purposes of this ~~article 88~~ PART 1.

**SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add with amended and relocated provisions** 8-88-104 as follows:

**8-88-104. [Formerly 8-88-205] Disability support fund - registration number account - repeal.**

(1) (a) ~~There~~ THE DISABILITY SUPPORT FUND is created in the state treasury. ~~the disability support fund, which~~ THE FUND consists of ~~money that may be appropriated or transferred to the fund by the general assembly; and any gifts, grants, or donations received by the department~~ GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS CREDITED TO THE FUND AND ANY OTHER MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR TRANSFER TO THE FUND for the purpose of implementing this article 88.

(b) THERE IS CREATED THE REGISTRATION NUMBER ACCOUNT WITHIN THE FUND, WHICH CONSISTS OF REVENUE COLLECTED FROM THE SALE OF UNIQUELY VALUABLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-88-105. THE MONEY IN THE REGISTRATION NUMBER ACCOUNT IS:

(I) CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE CDOO TO PAY THE CONTRACTING ENTITY FOR THEIR SERVICES IN IMPLEMENTING SECTION 8-88-105; AND

(II) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PART 1.

(2) The money in the fund is subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly for the direct and indirect costs associated with the implementation of this article 88. ~~Any money in the fund not expended for the purpose of this section may be invested by the state treasurer as provided by law.~~ THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT all interest and income derived from the investment and deposit of money in the fund ~~must be credited to the fund. Any unexpended and unencumbered money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year must remain in the fund for use as provided in this article 88 and must not be credited or transferred to the general fund or another fund. If this section is repealed, prior to its repeal, all unexpended and unencumbered money remaining in the fund must be transferred to the general fund.~~

(3) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE

DEPARTMENT MAY EXPEND MONEY FROM THE FUND FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 84 OF THIS TITLE 8.

(b) THIS SUBSECTION (3) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

(4) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, ON JUNE 30, 2026, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER TWENTY-ONE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND.

(b) THIS SUBSECTION (4) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

(5) (a) BY OCTOBER 1, 2026, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL ISSUE A WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE DOLLARS TO THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-301, TO BE PAID FROM THE FUND.

(b) THIS SUBSECTION (5) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027.

**SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add with amended and relocated provisions** section 8-88-105 as follows:

**8-88-105. [Formerly 8-88-206] Sale of registration numbers for license plates - license to buy and sell - market for - royalty payment - administration - third-party contracting entity.**

(1) (a) The state or a person may sell, and the state or a person may purchase, the exclusive right to use a registration number selected by the ~~committee~~ CDOO under subsection (2) of this section for the purpose of registering a vehicle under article 3 of title 42.

(b) The right to use a registration number is a license, the use of which is subject to compliance with this ~~part 2~~ SECTION. The duration of the license is determined by the ~~committee~~ CDOO.

(2) (a) The ~~committee~~ CDOO shall raise money by selling to a buyer the right to use valuable letter and number combinations for a registration number.

(b) (I) ~~The committee shall study the market to determine which registration numbers are the most valuable. Based on the study, the committee~~ CDOO shall select the most valuable registration numbers and request the department of revenue to verify whether plates with the registration numbers are currently issued. The ~~committee~~ CDOO and the department of revenue shall enter into an agreement establishing a process for requesting registration numbers, including specifying the frequency of these requests.

(II) Upon receiving the ~~committee's~~ CDOO's request, the department of revenue shall verify whether the plates are currently issued. For purposes of this subsection (2)(b), a plate that expires due to the operation of section 42-3-115 (5)(a) is considered currently issued until the expiration of the right of the owner of the motor vehicle to which the expired plate was affixed to apply to use the registration number of the expired plate when registering another motor vehicle. If the plate is not currently issued, the department of revenue shall reserve the registration number until the ~~committee~~ CDOO notifies the department of revenue to release the registration number.

(III) The ~~committee~~ CDOO shall establish a process for determining the value of all configurations of registration numbers reserved by the ~~committee~~ CDOO. The pricing and manner of sale must follow the established process.

(IV) If a registration number is not currently issued, the ~~committee~~ CDOO may sell the right to use the registration number in a manner calculated to bring the highest price; except that the department of revenue may deny the sale or use of a registration number that is offensive or inappropriate.

(3) (a) The ~~committee~~ CDOO shall raise revenue by creating a market, which may include an online site, for the resale of license plate configurations of registration numbers using methods that are commercially reasonable, account for expenditures, and ensure the collection of the state's approval and transfer royalty.

(b) The royalty for the state's approval and transfer of the right to use a registration number is twenty-five percent of the sale price of the transfer. At the time of sale, the purchaser shall pay the royalty to the

~~committee~~ CDOO. This payment is in addition to and not in lieu of the normal registration fees, sales or use taxes, or specific ownership tax.

(c) A person shall not sell a registration number, and the department of revenue shall not assign a registration number, as a result of the right to use the number being sold to a vehicle unless the registration number was sold using the market created ~~by the committee~~ PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(4)(a) The ~~committee~~ CDOO shall notify the department of revenue when the right to use a registration number has been sold and the ~~committee~~ CDOO has collected the state's sale proceeds or approval and transfer royalty. Upon receiving the notice, the department of revenue shall create a record in Colorado DRIVES, created in section 42-1-211, containing the name of the buyer; the vehicle identification number, if applicable; and the corresponding registration number.

(b) If the registration number consists of a combination of letters and numbers that is not within the normal format of a license plate currently produced for the department of revenue, the department of revenue shall issue the plates as personalized plates under section 42-3-211; except that, notwithstanding section 42-3-211, the ~~committee~~ CDOO may sell, and the buyer or any subsequent buyer may use:

(I) A registration number or letter of one position; or

(II) Any symbol on the standard American keyboard or approved by the ~~committee~~ CDOO.

(c) The ~~committee~~ CDOO shall transfer the money collected ~~under this part 2~~ PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION to the state treasurer, who shall credit the money to THE REGISTRATION NUMBER ACCOUNT WITHIN the fund; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE CDOO CONTRACTS WITH ONE OR MORE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITIES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4)(d) OF THIS SECTION TO IMPLEMENT AND PERFORM ANY OF THE CDOO'S DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE CDOO MAY USE THE MONEY COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO PAY THE CONTRACTING ENTITY FOR THEIR SERVICES.

(d) The ~~committee~~ CDOO may contract with one or more public or private entities to implement this ~~part 2~~ SECTION AND PERFORM ANY OF THE DUTIES ASSIGNED TO THE CDOO PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

(e) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4)(c) OF THIS SECTION, any revenue received by the ~~committee~~ CDOO from the sale of registration numbers ~~shall~~ MUST be deposited in the fund.

(5) THE SALE OF UNIQUELY VALUABLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION IS A PROPERTY SALE AND, THEREFORE, REVENUE RECEIVED DUE TO THIS SALE OF PROPERTY DOES NOT CONSTITUTE STATE FISCAL YEAR SPENDING, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-77-102 (17), FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

**SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-88-203, **amend** (2)(a)(I) as follows:

**8-88-203. Program to assist individuals to obtain disability benefits.**

(2) (a) (I) The committee shall review the proposed programs and shall award a contract or grant to one or more of the entities that best meet the requirements of this section. A CONTRACT OR GRANT AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 1, 2027.

**SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-88-204, **amend** (1) as follows:

**8-88-204. Program to investigate, fund, and pilot projects or programs to benefit individuals with disabilities.**

(1) When adequate funding is available, the committee shall accept and review proposals to fund projects or programs, or both, that study or pilot new and innovative ideas that will lead to an improved quality of life or increased independence for individuals with disabilities. Proposals may be accepted throughout the year, and grants may be made by the committee at its regular meetings. The fund is the sole source of money for any grants made pursuant to this section. A CONTRACT OR GRANT AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY JULY 1, 2027.

**SECTION 8. Repeal of relocated provisions in this act.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 8-88-205 and 8-88-206.

**SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 8-88-207 as

follows:

**8-88-207. Sunset review - repeal of part.**

This part 2 is repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2029~~. ~~Before the repeal, this part 2 is scheduled for review in accordance with section 24-34-104~~ JULY 1, 2027.

**SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 3 to article 88 of title 8 as follows:

PART 3  
COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY

**8-88-301. Colorado disability funding authority - creation - board.**

(1) THERE IS CREATED THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY. THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY IS A SPECIAL PURPOSE AUTHORITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-77-102 (15), WHICH IS A BODY CORPORATE AND A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE. THE AUTHORITY IS NOT AN AGENCY OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTION BY ANY DEPARTMENT, COMMISSION, BOARD, BUREAU, OR AGENCY OF THE STATE.

(2) (a) (I) THE AUTHORITY IS GOVERNED BY THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY BOARD, WHICH CONSISTS OF THIRTEEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. THE MAJORITY OF AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS ARE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, INDIVIDUALS WITH IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES, OR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CAREGIVERS TO A FAMILY MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY.

(II) IN MAKING THE APPOINTMENTS, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ENSURE THAT THE AUTHORITY BOARD HAS MEMBERS WITH EXPERIENCE IN OR KNOWLEDGE OF:

(A) BUSINESS AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT;

(B) NONPROFIT ENTITIES AND MANAGING NONPROFIT ENTITIES;

(C) ADVOCACY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES;

(D) THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, WITH EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; AND

(E) THE PRACTICE OF LAW, WITH EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

(III) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (2)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION, WHEN MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE AUTHORITY BOARD, THE GOVERNOR SHALL MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO APPOINT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS WHO REFLECT THE GEOGRAPHIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE, INCLUDING AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS FROM RURAL AND URBAN AREAS OF THE STATE AND FROM DIVERSE SOCIOECONOMIC STATUSES AND POLITICAL, RACIAL, ABILITY, AND CULTURAL GROUPS.

(IV) MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD SERVE THREE-YEAR TERMS; EXCEPT THAT THE TERMS MUST BE STAGGERED SO THAT NO MORE THAN FIVE MEMBERS' TERMS EXPIRE IN THE SAME YEAR. THE GOVERNOR SHALL NOT APPOINT A MEMBER FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

(b) (I) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE INITIAL AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2026. IN MAKING THE INITIAL APPOINTMENTS, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INDICATE THE INITIAL TERM LENGTH OF EACH INITIAL AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER TO ENSURE THAT THE TERMS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2)(a)(IV) OF THIS SECTION.

(II) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE ONE OF THE INITIAL AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE AS THE INITIAL CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD. THE INITIAL CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD MAY ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER MATTERS RELATED TO THE INITIAL START UP OF THE AUTHORITY, INCLUDING STAFFING, LEGAL SERVICES, AND COORDINATION WITH THE CDOO. ANY CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BY THE INITIAL CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD MUST HAVE AN INITIAL TERM ENDING ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2027, AND MUST BE REVIEWED BY THE AUTHORITY BOARD AT ITS FIRST MEETING.

(c) A MEMBER MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE AUTHORITY BOARD BY:

(I) MAJORITY VOTE OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD FOR MISFEASANCE,

MALFEASANCE, WILLFUL NEGLIGENCE OF DUTY, OR OTHER CAUSE AFTER NOTICE AND A PUBLIC HEARING, UNLESS NOTICE AND A PUBLIC HEARING ARE EXPRESSLY WAIVED IN WRITING BY THE MEMBER AT RISK OF BEING REMOVED; OR

(II) THE GOVERNOR FOR CAUSE.

(d) (I) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE GOVERNOR'S INITIAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE AUTHORITY BOARD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION, THE INITIAL CHAIR OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD AS DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR SHALL SET DATES FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND MEETINGS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD. THE AUTHORITY BOARD SHALL HOLD THE FIRST AND SECOND MEETINGS ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2026. THE AUTHORITY BOARD MAY ELECT A NEW CHAIR AT EITHER ITS FIRST OR SECOND MEETING. IF THE AUTHORITY BOARD DOES NOT ELECT A NEW CHAIR, THE INITIAL CHAIR AS DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR SHALL SERVE IN THAT ROLE UNTIL THE FIRST MEETING OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD IN CALENDAR YEAR 2028.

(II) THE AUTHORITY BOARD SHALL ELECT A CHAIR AND A VICE-CHAIR AT ITS FIRST MEETING OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR, BEGINNING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2028. THE CHAIR SHALL SCHEDULE THE MEETINGS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD.

(III) THE AUTHORITY BOARD MAY ELECT ONE OR MORE MEMBERS AS SECRETARY AND TREASURER AND ELECT OR APPOINT OTHER OFFICERS AS THE AUTHORITY BOARD MAY DETERMINE AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR DUTIES AND TERMS OF OFFICE.

(e) MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL AND REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES, UPON APPROVAL OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD AFTER PROVIDING DOCUMENTATION SUPPORTING THE REIMBURSEMENT.

(f) MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD MAY PARTICIPATE IN ANY AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING AND MAY VOTE USING A TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE, INCLUDING A CONFERENCE TELEPHONE, VIDEO CONFERENCE, OR SIMILAR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. A MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD WHO PARTICIPATES IN AN AUTHORITY BOARD

MEETING USING A TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE IS CONSIDERED PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

(g) (I) THE AUTHORITY BOARD SHALL ADOPT ITS OWN RULES OF PROCEDURE AND KEEP A RECORD OF ALL PROCEEDINGS AND ACTS.

(II) (A) ALL AUTHORITY BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THE AUTHORITY BOARD SHALL COMPLY WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS REQUIREMENTS OF A STATE PUBLIC BODY AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 24-6-402.

(B) ALL PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD ARE SUBJECT TO THE "COLORADO OPEN RECORDS ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24.

(III) EVERY LEGISLATIVE ACT OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD OF A GENERAL OR PERMANENT NATURE MUST BE BY RESOLUTION. ALL RESOLUTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD MUST BE RECORDED AND AUTHENTICATED BY THE SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, OR SECRETARY OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD.

(h) ANY AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER, OR EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR ADVISOR OF THE AUTHORITY WHO HAS A DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN ANY CONTRACT, GRANT, TRANSACTION, OR PROPOSAL BEFORE THE AUTHORITY OR ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN AN ENTITY THAT SUBMITS A PROPOSAL TO THE AUTHORITY SHALL DISCLOSE THEIR INTEREST TO THE AUTHORITY. THE AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER, OR EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR ADVISOR OF THE AUTHORITY WHO HAS THE DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DECISION TO APPROVE, AUTHORIZE, OR FUND THE RELEVANT CONTRACT, GRANT, TRANSACTION, OR PROPOSAL.

(i) AN ACT OF THE AUTHORITY IS VOID UNLESS A MAJORITY OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD HAS VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE ACT.

(3) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS THE LEGAL ADVISOR OF AND COUNSEL TO THE AUTHORITY.

(4) EMPLOYEES OF THE AUTHORITY ARE EXEMPT FROM THE STATE

PERSONNEL SYSTEM BUT ARE, BY ACCEPTANCE OF EMPLOYMENT, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 51 OF TITLE 24. THE AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE DEDUCTION OF EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SALARY AND FOR PAYMENT TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION, CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-51-201, OF DEDUCTIONS AND ANY OTHER PAYMENTS THAT WOULD BE DUE FROM A STATE EMPLOYER.

(5) THE AUTHORITY SHALL NOT DISCRIMINATE BASED ON RACE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, RELIGION, SEX, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, GENDER EXPRESSION, MARITAL STATUS, FAMILIAL STATUS, MILITARY STATUS, OR DISABILITY.

(6) (a) THE INCOME, REVENUE, AND INTEREST THEREON OF THE AUTHORITY AND ALL PROPERTY AT ANY TIME OWNED BY THE AUTHORITY ARE EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAXATION, REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXATION, AND ALL OTHER TAXATION AND ASSESSMENTS IN THE STATE. THE PURCHASE AND USE OF PROPERTY BY OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE AUTHORITY IS EXEMPT FROM SALES AND USE TAXES IMPOSED BY THE STATE, A COUNTY, A CITY AND COUNTY, A CITY, ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY. THE AUTHORITY MAY AGREE TO MAKE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF PROPERTY OR SALES AND USE TAXES TO THE STATE, A COUNTY, A CITY AND COUNTY, A CITY, ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

(b) A GIFT, DONATION, OR CONTRIBUTION TO OR FOR THE USE OF THE AUTHORITY FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AUTHORITY IS TREATED AS A GIFT TO A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE MADE EXCLUSIVELY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

(7) THE AUTHORITY AND ITS CORPORATE EXISTENCE CONTINUES UNTIL TERMINATED BY LAW; EXCEPT THAT NO SUCH LAW MAY TAKE EFFECT SO LONG AS THE AUTHORITY HAS OBLIGATIONS OUTSTANDING, UNLESS ADEQUATE PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE OBLIGATIONS. UPON TERMINATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE AUTHORITY, ALL ITS RIGHTS AND PROPERTIES IN EXCESS OF ITS OBLIGATIONS PASS TO AND ARE VESTED IN THE STATE.

**8-88-302. Colorado disability funding authority - powers and duties.**

(1) THE AUTHORITY HAS AND MAY EXERCISE ALL RIGHTS AND POWERS NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL TO, OR IMPLIED FROM, THE SPECIFIC POWERS GRANTED IN THIS PART 3, WHICH SPECIFIC POWERS SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A LIMITATION UPON ANY POWER NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THIS PART 3. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER POWERS GRANTED TO THE AUTHORITY IN THIS PART 3, THE AUTHORITY HAS THE DUTIES, PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES, RIGHTS, LIABILITIES, AND DISABILITIES OF A BODY CORPORATE AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE AND THE DUTIES AND POWERS TO:

(a) HAVE PERPETUAL EXISTENCE AND SUCCESSION;

(b) ADOPT, HAVE, AND USE A SEAL AND TO ALTER THE SEAL AT ITS PLEASURE;

(c) SUE AND BE SUED AND OTHERWISE ASSERT OR DEFEND THE AUTHORITY'S LEGAL INTERESTS;

(d) FIX THE TIME AND PLACE AT WHICH MEETINGS MAY BE HELD;

(e) MAKE BUSINESS DECISIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS PART 3;

(f) MAKE AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS, AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT IN THE EXERCISE OF THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THIS PART 3;

(g) PURCHASE, LEASE, LEASE WITH AN OPTION TO PURCHASE, TRADE, EXCHANGE, OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRE, MAINTAIN, HOLD, IMPROVE, MORTGAGE, ENCUMBER, AND DISPOSE OF REAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, WHETHER TANGIBLE OR INTANGIBLE, AND ANY INTEREST, INCLUDING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY, WITHOUT RESTRICTION OR LIMITATION;

(h) ACQUIRE OFFICE SPACE, EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, SUPPLIES, AND INSURANCE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 3;

(i) APPOINT OR CONTRACT WITH AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS, AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE NECESSARY IN THE AUTHORITY'S JUDGMENT TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 3, AND TO FIX THE COMPENSATION AND ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF SUCH AGENTS,

EMPLOYEES, AND ADVISERS;

(j) DEPOSIT ANY MONEY OF THE AUTHORITY IN ANY BANKING INSTITUTION OR IN ANY DEPOSITORY AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-75-603, AND TO APPOINT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING SUCH DEPOSITS, ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS TO ACT AS CUSTODIANS OF THE AUTHORITY'S MONEY; AND

(k) CONTRACT FOR AND TO SEEK AND ACCEPT ANY GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS AND LOANS OF FUNDS, PROPERTY, OR ANY OTHER AID IN ANY FORM FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE, ANY STATE AGENCY, ANY OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCE, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF, AND TO COMPLY, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PART 3, WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH CONTRACTS OR THE ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH ITEMS.

(2) (a) THE AUTHORITY MAY ACCEPT ONE-TIME AND ANNUAL DONATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR A LICENSE PLATE IN A RETIRED STYLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-3-206.5. FOR THE PURPOSE OF MINIMIZING COMPLIANCE COSTS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR THE AUTHORITY, THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL COLLECT THE DONATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE AUTHORITY. THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL NOT TRANSMIT THE COLLECTED DONATIONS TO THE STATE TREASURER FOR DEPOSIT TO ANY STATE FUND BUT SHALL INSTEAD REMIT THE DONATIONS COLLECTED TO THE AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCESS DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2). ONE-TIME AND ANNUAL DONATIONS COLLECTED AND REMITTED TO THE AUTHORITY DO NOT CONSTITUTE STATE FISCAL YEAR SPENDING, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-77-102 (17), FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 20 OF ARTICLE X OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

(b) THE AUTHORITY SHALL MAINTAIN AN ACCOUNT IN A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION TO WHICH ALL MONEY COLLECTED FOR THE LICENSE PLATES IN A RETIRED STYLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-3-206.5 IS DEPOSITED. THE AUTHORITY SHALL WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO DEVELOP A PROCESS THAT ENSURES THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IS ABLE TO DEPOSIT ALL DONATIONS COLLECTED DIRECTLY INTO THE ACCOUNT OR OTHERWISE REMIT SUCH DONATIONS TO THE AUTHORITY.

(c) THE AUTHORITY MAY USE MONEY IN THE ACCOUNT FOR THE

AUTHORITY'S DIRECT AND INDIRECT EXPENSES IN ADMINISTERING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART 3 AND ANY OTHER RELATED WORK THAT IS COMPLETED TO ADVANCE THE AUTHORITY'S MISSION.

**8-88-303. Program to assist individuals with disabilities - assistance to obtain disability benefits.**

(1) (a) THE AUTHORITY SHALL INVITE NONPROFIT ENTITIES, INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 8-85-102 (5), COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN SERVICES, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES, AND OTHER STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR PROGRAMS TO AID INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN ACCESSING DISABILITY BENEFITS.

(b) TO QUALIFY FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THIS SECTION, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION MUST BE BASED IN THE STATE AND:

(I) BE GOVERNED BY A BOARD:

(A) THAT IS COMPOSED OF PERSONS WITH A DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF RECIPIENTS WITH DISABILITIES;

(B) THAT INCLUDES MEMBERS WHO UNDERSTAND A RANGE OF DISABILITIES; AND

(C) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF WHICH ARE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, INDIVIDUALS WITH IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES, OR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CAREGIVERS TO A FAMILY MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY; OR

(II) HAVE A CONTRACT WITH AN ORGANIZATION THAT MEETS THE CRITERIA IN SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

(c) TO QUALIFY FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THIS SECTION, A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, OR ANOTHER STATE OR COUNTY AGENCY MUST HAVE A CONTRACT WITH AN ORGANIZATION THAT MEETS THE CRITERIA IN SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

(2)(a) (I) THE AUTHORITY SHALL REVIEW THE PROPOSED PROGRAMS

AND, BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2027, SHALL AWARD A CONTRACT OR GRANT TO ONE OR MORE OF THE ENTITIES THAT BEST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(II) THE TERM OF EACH CONTRACT OR GRANT IS UP TO THREE YEARS. THE AUTHORITY SHALL INCLUDE EVALUATION CRITERIA IN THE CONTRACT WITH METRICS THAT MUST BE MET AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR TO CONTINUE FUNDING.

(b) IN AWARDING A CONTRACT OR GRANT, THE AUTHORITY SHALL CONSIDER WHETHER THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES:

(I) A SYSTEM FOR EVALUATING WHETHER AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY IS REASONABLY ABLE TO NAVIGATE THE APPLICATION PROCESS TO OBTAIN DISABILITY BENEFITS, HEALTH CARE, AND EMPLOYMENT;

(II) A SYSTEM FOR PRIORITIZING THE NEED OF APPLICANTS BASED UPON THE EVALUATIONS;

(III) A PLAN FOR ASSISTING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN NAVIGATING THE PROCESSES OF OBTAINING AND RETAINING DISABILITY BENEFITS, HEALTH CARE, AND EMPLOYMENT;

(IV) A PLAN FOR ESTABLISHING WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH STATE AGENCIES, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN OR SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS, THE UNITED STATES SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY;

(V) A PLAN FOR ENCOURAGING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO APPLY FOR OPEN POSITIONS AND A PLAN FOR RETAINING EMPLOYEES WITH DISABILITIES;

(VI) REASONABLE STANDARDS FOR ACCOUNTING CONTROL OF EXPENDITURES; AND

(VII) METRICS TO EVALUATE THE PROGRAM'S QUALITY AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS.

(c) THE AUTHORITY SHALL NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST AN APPLICANT BASED ON THE APPLICANT'S ADVOCACY CONCERNING

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

(d) TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE AUTHORITY SHALL ENSURE, THROUGH ONE OR MORE CONTRACTS OR GRANTS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THAT INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ARE SERVED STATEWIDE.

(3) AN ENTITY AWARDED A CONTRACT OR GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL MAKE QUARTERLY REPORTS OF EXPENDITURES TO THE AUTHORITY. THE AUTHORITY SHALL INCLUDE IN THE CONTRACT OR GRANT A METHOD AND FORMAT FOR MAKING THE REPORTS.

(4) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH RULES TO ENSURE MONEY RECEIVED FROM A CONTRACT OR GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS USED FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.

**8-88-304. Program to investigate, fund, and pilot projects or programs to benefit individuals with disabilities.**

(1) WHEN ADEQUATE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE, THE AUTHORITY SHALL ACCEPT AND REVIEW PROPOSALS TO FUND PROJECTS OR PROGRAMS, OR BOTH, THAT STUDY OR PILOT NEW AND INNOVATIVE IDEAS THAT WILL LEAD TO AN IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE OR INCREASED INDEPENDENCE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. THE AUTHORITY MAY ACCEPT PROPOSALS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND MAY MAKE GRANTS AT THE AUTHORITY'S REGULAR MEETINGS ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2027.

(2) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, A PROJECT OR PROGRAM MUST:

(a) DEMONSTRATE A CAPABILITY TO BE SELF-SUSTAINING OR OTHERWISE BE ABLE TO DEVELOP LONG-TERM INDEPENDENT FUNDING; AND

(b) (I) HAVE A GOVERNING BODY, A BOARD, OR OWNERSHIP THAT IS COMPOSED OF INDIVIDUALS WITH A DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, INDIVIDUALS WITH IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES, OR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CAREGIVERS TO A FAMILY MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY;

(II) FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT DO NOT MEET THE GOVERNANCE

REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (2)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION, HAVE A GRANT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE APPROVED BY THE AUTHORITY THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OVERSIGHT OF THE GRANT AND THAT IS COMPRISED OF INDIVIDUALS WITH A DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, INDIVIDUALS WITH IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES, OR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CAREGIVERS TO A FAMILY MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY; OR

(III) IN THE CASE OF A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, HAVE AN OWNER WHO:

(A) IS AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY, AN INDIVIDUAL WITH AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A CAREGIVER TO A FAMILY MEMBER WITH A DISABILITY, OR AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A PROPOSAL THAT IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY; AND

(B) HAS DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

(3) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH RULES TO ENSURE MONEY RECEIVED FROM A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS USED FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.

**8-88-305. Disabled parking education program.**

(1) WHEN ADEQUATE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE, BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2027, THE AUTHORITY MAY:

(a) MAKE GRANTS TO SUPPORT, OR DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, OR DELIVER, EDUCATION PROGRAMS CONCERNING:

(I) ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS FOR RESERVED PARKING THAT IS AVAILABLE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY AFFECTING MOBILITY;

(II) APPROPRIATE USE OF THE RESERVED PARKING THAT IS AVAILABLE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY AFFECTING MOBILITY;

(III) THE LEGAL STANDARDS AND VIOLATIONS CONTAINED IN SECTIONS 42-3-204 AND 42-4-1208; AND

(IV) THE ADVANTAGES OF CREATING A VOLUNTEER ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM FOR RESERVED PARKING THAT IS AVAILABLE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY AFFECTING MOBILITY; AND

(b) CREATE OR MAKE AVAILABLE A TRAINING PROGRAM TO ASSIST PROFESSIONALS IN UNDERSTANDING THE STANDARDS THAT NEED TO BE MET TO OBTAIN AN IDENTIFYING LICENSE PLATE OR PLACARD FOR THE USE OF RESERVED PARKING THAT IS AVAILABLE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY AFFECTING MOBILITY.

(2) EDUCATION PROGRAMS FUNDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE EDUCATION TO:

(a) PEACE OFFICERS;

(b) LOCAL GOVERNMENTS;

(c) ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE PARKING;

(d) ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE PRIVATE PARKING ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING TOW OPERATORS;

(e) MEDICAL PROVIDERS;

(f) DRIVERS; AND

(g) INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

(3) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH RULES TO ENSURE MONEY RECEIVED FROM A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS USED FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.

**8-88-306. Annual performance and financial audit - report.**

(1) (a) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2027, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE AUTHORITY SHALL PREPARE AND SUBMIT A FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE REPORT TO THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. AT A MINIMUM, THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE:

(I) HOW MUCH MONEY WAS COLLECTED IN DONATIONS AND

DEPOSITED IN THE AUTHORITY'S ACCOUNT AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 8-88-302 (2)(a) IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR;

(II) A DESCRIPTION OF EVERY EXPENDITURE MADE BY THE AUTHORITY IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, INCLUDING GRANT OR CONTRACT EXPENSES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, SUCH AS STAFF SALARIES AND OPERATING EXPENSES;

(III) THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANT OR CONTRACT AWARDS MADE IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE TYPES OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FUNDED BY THOSE GRANT OR CONTRACT AWARDS;

(IV) THE TOTAL NUMBER AND VALUE OF GRANTS OR CONTRACTS THAT REMAIN OPEN FOR REIMBURSEMENT IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR; AND

(V) THE TOTAL OF ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

(b) THE AUTHORITY SHALL PRESENT THE DECEMBER 2027 AND DECEMBER 2028 ANNUAL REPORTS IN PERSON AT A MEETING OF THE JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. BEGINNING WITH THE DECEMBER 2029 ANNUAL REPORT AND FOR EACH ANNUAL DECEMBER REPORT THEREAFTER, THE AUTHORITY SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO PRESENT THE REPORT IN PERSON.

(2) IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE AUDITOR SHALL, UPON THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE CREATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-3-101, CONDUCT OR CAUSE TO BE CONDUCTED POSTAUDITS OF THE AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-3-103 (1)(b).

**SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal** (30)(a)(IX) as follows:

**24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative declaration - repeal.**

(30) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2029:

(IX) ~~The assistance program for disability benefits under article 88 of title 8;~~

**SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-77-102, **amend** (11)(b), (11)(c)(IX), (15)(b)(XXI), and (15)(b)(XXII); and **add** (11)(d) and (15)(b)(XXIII) as follows:

**24-77-102. Definitions.**

As used in this article 77, unless the context otherwise requires:

(11) "Property sale" means:

(b) Any contract resulting in the payment of pecuniary compensation to the state for permitting another to exploit, use, or market nonrenewable natural resources which are located on real property owned by the state and which are subject to depletion with use; ~~or~~

(c) For state fiscal years commencing on or after July 1, 2024, a transfer of rights in tangible or intangible property, excluding leasehold interests, in which or to which the state has rights protected by law from the state to any party for consideration. Such a transfer of rights includes:

(IX) The sale of wine for promotional purposes by the Colorado wine industry development board, created in article 29.5 of title 35; OR

(d) FOR STATE FISCAL YEARS COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, SALES OF UNIQUELY VALUABLE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-88-105.

(15) (b) "Special purpose authority" includes, but is not limited to:

(XXI) The equal justice authority created in section 13-5.7-202; ~~and~~

(XXII) The building urgent infrastructure and leveraging dollars authority created in section 24-117-104 (1); AND

(XXIII) THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-301.

**SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-1-226, **add** (3) as follows:

**42-1-226. Disabled parking education and enforcement fund - created - transfer - repeal.**

(3) (a) ON JUNE 30, 2026, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER THE UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE OF THE DISABLED PARKING EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND.

(b) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

**SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-1-227, **add** (2) as follows:

**42-1-227. Disabled parking education program - repeal.**

(2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

**SECTION 15.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-206.5, **amend** (1)(a) introductory portion, (1)(b), and (2.5); and **add** (1)(c) as follows:

**42-3-206.5. Issuance of plates in a retired style authorized - additional fee - rules - repeal.**

(1) (a) Beginning January 1, 2023, or when the department is able to issue THE license plates, ~~pursuant to section 8-88-202 (6)(i), whichever is earlier~~, the department shall issue license plates in previously retired styles for motorcycles, passenger cars, trucks, or noncommercial or recreational motor vehicles that do not exceed sixteen thousand pounds empty weight that had:

(b) (I) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, the amount of the taxes and fees for license plates in the previously retired style is the same as the amount of the taxes and fees specified for regular motor vehicle plates plus an annual fee of twenty-five dollars, which shall be credited to the disability support fund created in ~~section 8-88-205~~ SECTION 8-88-104.

(II) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026.

(c) ON AND AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2026, THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES FOR LICENSE PLATES IN THE PREVIOUSLY RETIRED STYLE IS THE SAME AS THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES SPECIFIED FOR REGULAR MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES; EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL FEES AND DONATIONS:

(I) A ONE-TIME DONATION OF TWENTY-TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS FOR ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE PLATE, WHICH MUST BE REMITTED TO THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-301;

(II) A ONE-TIME FEE OF TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS FOR ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE PLATE, WHICH MUST BE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE FEE TO THE DISABILITY SUPPORT FUND CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-104;

(III) AN ANNUAL RENEWAL DONATION OF TWENTY-TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS, WHICH MUST BE REMITTED TO THE COLORADO DISABILITY FUNDING AUTHORITY CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-301; AND

(IV) AN ANNUAL RENEWAL FEE OF TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS, WHICH MUST BE TRANSMITTED TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE FEE TO THE DISABILITY SUPPORT FUND CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-104.

~~(2.5) The Colorado disability funding committee is responsible for the costs of designing the previously retired license plate styles and shall pay such costs before the license plates are produced. The design for the previously retired license plate styles shall~~ MUST conform with standards established by the department. After January 1, 2028, the department may stop producing plates in a previously retired style if the department determines that demand for that style, including willingness to pay an additional fee that fully defrays the costs of producing the license plates in the style, is not sufficiently high to justify production of the license plates.

**SECTION 16.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-211, **amend** (3)(a) as follows:

**42-3-211. Issuance of personalized plates authorized.**

(3)(a) Personalized license plates must be the same color and design as regular motor vehicle license plates, must consist of any combination of numbers or letters not exceeding seven positions and not less than two positions, except as otherwise provided in ~~section 8-88-206 (4)~~ SECTION 8-88-105 (4), and must not conflict with existing passenger, commercial, trailer, motorcycle, or other special license plates series; except that personalized license plates bearing the words "street rod" ~~shall~~ MUST be of a design determined by the executive director of the department, which design ~~shall~~ MUST be different from those used by the state for regular motor vehicle license plates.

**SECTION 17.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1208, **repeal** (6)(k) as follows:

**42-4-1208. Reserved parking for persons with disabilities - applicability - rules - standards - legislative declaration - definitions.**

**(6) Enforcement of reserved parking.**

~~(k) The state or local authority issuing a citation under this section, or under any local ordinance defining a substantially equivalent offense, shall transfer one-half of the fine to the state treasurer, who shall credit the fine to the disabled parking education and enforcement fund created in section 42-1-226.~~

**SECTION 18. Appropriation - adjustments to 2026 long bill.**

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, to implement this act, the cash funds appropriation from the disabled parking education and enforcement fund created in section 42-1-226 (1), C.R.S., made in the general appropriations act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of labor and employment for use by the Colorado disability opportunity office for operating expenses is decreased by \$100,000.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not require a reduction of an appropriation in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year if:

(a) The amount of the cash funds appropriation from the disabled

parking education and enforcement fund created in section 42-1-226 (1), C.R.S., made in the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year to the department of labor and employment for the Colorado disability opportunity office for operating expenses is less than the amount of the adjustment required in subsection (1) of this section; or

(b) The annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year does not include an appropriation to the department of labor and employment for the Colorado disability opportunity office for operating expenses.

**SECTION 19. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, \$1,000,000 is appropriated to the department of labor and employment for use by the division of vocational rehabilitation and independent living services. This appropriation is from the disability support fund created in section 8-88-104 (1), C.R.S. To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for vocational rehabilitation services.

(2) For the 2026-27 state fiscal year, \$27,000 is appropriated to the department of revenue for use by the division of motor vehicles. This appropriation is from the disability support fund created in section 8-88-104 (1), C.R.S. To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for DRIVES maintenance and support.

**SECTION 20. Effective date.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this act takes effect upon passage.

(2) This act takes effect upon passage; except that section 18 of this act takes effect only if the annual general appropriation act for the 2026-27 state fiscal year becomes law, in which case section 18 takes effect upon the effective date of this act or of the annual general appropriation act for state fiscal year 2026-27, whichever is later.

(3) Section 8-88-101 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, repealed in section 1 of this act, and section 24-34-104, Colorado Revised Statutes, amended in section 11 of this act, take effect on July 1, 2027.

**SECTION 21. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for

the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

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