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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES ISSUED TO MEMBERS OF THE**
102 **UNITED STATES MILITARY WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES**
103 **ARMY SPECIAL FORCES.**

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>.)

Currently, the department of revenue issues special license plates to members and veterans of the United States Army special forces. The plates are restricted to people whose orders or DD214 form show an awarded prefix "3" or suffix "S" or a designation of "5G", 18/180 series MOS, special forces tab, OSS, or UNPIK-8240. The bill removes the

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ability to get the special license plate based on an awarded "S" suffix.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 hereby declares that the United States Army special forces license plate
4 is intended to honor the unique, demanding, and dangerous service that
5 special forces represent. Therefore, only qualified special forces soldiers
6 should be eligible to receive this plate.

7 (2) The general assembly hereby finds that, upon completing
8 special forces training, soldiers were awarded the suffix "S" to identify
9 them as qualified special forces. Yet during the past decade, battalion
10 commanders have been giving out the suffix "S" to support soldiers.
11 These soldiers work in areas such as medical support, logistical support,
12 and communications support. This was done to be able to identify them
13 and keep them in the special forces operational community. Because of
14 this change in practice, the suffix "S" no longer denotes qualified special
15 forces soldiers.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-213, **amend**
17 (18)(b)(II) as follows:

18 **42-3-213. License plates - military veterans - rules -**
19 **retirement.** (18) **Honorably discharged, retired veteran, or active**
20 **member of the United States Army special forces.** (b) Beginning
21 January 1, 2008, a natural person who has received an honorable
22 discharge or is an active or reserve member of the United States Army
23 special forces may use a United States Army special forces license plate.
24 When applying for such a license plate, an applicant shall submit:

25 (II) Orders or a DD214 form that shows an awarded prefix "3" or

1 suffix "S" or a designation of "5G", 18/180 series MOS, special forces
2 tab, OSS, or UNPIK-8240.

3 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
4 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
5 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
6 general assembly (August 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10,
7 2017); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1
8 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,
9 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part
10 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election
11 to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the
12 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

13 (2) This act applies to license plates issued on or after January 1,
14 2018.