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HOUSE BILL 19-1080

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CONCERNING BENEFITS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS WITH A DISABILITY.

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 33-4-104.5 as follows:

**33-4-104.5. Free licenses issued - first responders with a permanent occupational disability - definition.** (1) ANY RESIDENT OF THE STATE WHO IS A FIRST RESPONDER WITH A PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY MAY OBTAIN FROM THE DIVISION, FREE OF CHARGE, A LIFETIME RESIDENT COMBINATION SMALL GAME HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE.

(2) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "FIRST RESPONDER WITH A

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*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.*

PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A RESIDENT, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 33-1-102 (38), AND:

(a) IS A RETIRED MEMBER OF THE FIRE AND POLICE PENSION ASSOCIATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 31-31-102 (6), WHO HAS ESTABLISHED TO THE DIVISION THAT HE OR SHE HAS BEEN FOUND TO HAVE, AS THE RESULT OF AN INJURY RECEIVED WHILE PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES OR AN OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE ARISING OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES, A PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 31-31-801 (3.2), BY THE FIRE AND POLICE PENSION ASSOCIATION; OR

(b) SERVED AS A PEACE OFFICER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 16-2.5-101, OR AS A FIREFIGHTER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 29-5-203 (10), AND HAS ESTABLISHED TO THE DIVISION THAT HE OR SHE HAS, AS THE RESULT OF AN INJURY RECEIVED WHILE PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES OR AN OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE ARISING OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES, A PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 31-31-801 (3.2).

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-12-103.5, **add** (2.5) as follows:

**33-12-103.5. Columbine annual pass - rules.** (2.5) ANY RESIDENT OF THE STATE WHO IS A FIRST RESPONDER WITH A PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 33-4-104.5 (2) MAY OBTAIN, FREE OF CHARGE, A COLUMBINE ANNUAL PASS FROM THE REGIONAL OR THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE DIVISION, OR SUCH OTHER LOCATION AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION.

**SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-3.7-102, **amend** (1) and (6) as follows:

**39-3.7-102. Property tax work-off program - creation - terms.**  
(1) Any taxing entity that levies and collects real property taxes may establish a property tax work-off program in accordance with ~~the provisions of this article~~ ARTICLE 3.7 that allows any taxpayer who is sixty years of age or older, IS A FIRST RESPONDER WITH A PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 33-4-104.5 (2), or who is OTHERWISE a person with a disability to perform work for the taxing entity in lieu of the

payment of any real property taxes, or any portion thereof, due and owing on the homestead of such taxpayer for any given property tax year.

(6) Any taxpayer who is a FIRST RESPONDER WITH A PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 33-4-104.5 (2) OR WHO IS OTHERWISE A person with a disability, and who applies to participate in a property tax work-off program pursuant to this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 3.7 shall, upon application, submit EITHER A SIGNED AND DATED LETTER FROM THE FIRE AND POLICE PENSION ASSOCIATION VERIFYING THAT THE TAXPAYER IS A FIRST RESPONDER WITH A PERMANENT OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY or a signed and dated letter from a Colorado licensed health care professional verifying that the taxpayer is a person with a disability. Any taxing entity that establishes a property tax work-off program pursuant to ~~the provisions~~ of this section ~~shall have~~ HAS the authority to further define the term "person with a disability" for purposes of determining eligibility for the property tax work-off program. The definition may restrict, but ~~shall~~ MUST not expand, the class of individuals who are eligible to participate in the property tax work-off program pursuant to this section.

**SECTION 4. 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 (August 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); 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 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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