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**SENATE BILL 20-178**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING A LICENSE PLATE TO HONOR WOMEN VETERANS WHO**  
102      **HAVE DISABILITIES.**

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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>.)*

Veterans who have disabilities may obtain a special license plate without paying taxes or fees. For additional vehicles, the veteran pays the normal fees plus 2 one-time fees of \$25, one of which goes to the highway users tax fund and the other goes to the licensing services cash fund. The bill creates a license plate that honors United States women veterans who have disabilities. The requirements and benefits are

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
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substantially the same as they are for a disabled veteran license plate.

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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 (1)(a)(XXIX), (1)(a)(XXX), and (1)(b)(II) introductory portion; and **add**  
4 (1)(a)(XXXI), (1)(b)(II)(J), and (32) as follows:

5           **42-3-213. License plates - military veterans - rules -**  
6 **retirement.** (1) (a) The department shall issue one or more sets of license  
7 plates to the following persons who own a truck that does not exceed  
8 sixteen thousand pounds empty weight, a passenger car, a motorcycle, or  
9 a noncommercial or recreational vehicle:

10           (XXIX) An honorably discharged, retired, reserve, or active  
11 member of a submarine crew of the United States Navy; ~~or~~

12           (XXX) An honorably discharged or retired woman veteran of the  
13 United States armed forces; OR

14           (XXXI) A WOMAN VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED  
15 FORCES WHO HAS A DISABILITY.

16           (b) (II) Notwithstanding ~~subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (b)~~  
17 SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION:

18           (J) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR ONE SET OF  
19 DISABLED WOMAN VETERAN LICENSE PLATES ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION  
20 (32) OF THIS SECTION FOR A PASSENGER CAR, TRUCK, MOTORCYCLE, OR  
21 NONCOMMERCIAL OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE.

22           (32) **Disabled women veterans.** (a) THE LICENSE PLATE THAT  
23 HONORS UNITED STATES WOMEN VETERANS WHO HAVE DISABILITIES MUST  
24 INDICATE THAT AN OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO WHICH THE PLATE IS  
25 ATTACHED IS A WOMAN VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

1 WHO HAS A DISABILITY.

2 (b) A WOMAN VETERAN WHO HAS RECEIVED AN HONORABLE  
3 DISCHARGE FROM OR IS RETIRED FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMED  
4 FORCES AND MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 42-3-304 (3)(a) MAY  
5 USE A LICENSE PLATE THAT HONORS UNITED STATES WOMEN VETERANS  
6 WHO HAVE DISABILITIES. TO BE ISSUED THE LICENSE PLATE, AN APPLICANT  
7 MUST BE A WOMAN AND MUST SUBMIT A DD214 FORM ISSUED BY THE  
8 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OR OTHER EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT TO  
9 DEMONSTRATE THAT THE APPLICANT HAS AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE  
10 FROM OR IS RETIRED FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.

11 (c) LICENSE PLATES QUALIFYING FOR THE EXEMPTION GRANTED IN  
12 SUBSECTION (1)(b)(II)(J) OF THIS SECTION MUST BE ISSUED ONLY BY THE  
13 DEPARTMENT AND MUST BEAR THE INSCRIPTION "W.D.V.", AND THE  
14 DEPARTMENT SHALL USE A SEPARATE NUMBER SERIES FOR THE LICENSE  
15 PLATES. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE ADDITIONAL LICENSE PLATES  
16 BEARING THE INSCRIPTION "W.D.V." TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS UPON THE  
17 PAYMENT OF ANY FEES OR TAXES REQUIRED BY THIS ARTICLE 3.

18 (d) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BEGIN ISSUING THE UNITED STATES  
19 DISABLED WOMAN VETERAN LICENSE PLATE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1,  
20 2021.

21 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
22 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
23 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
24 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a  
25 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
26 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
27 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect

1 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
2 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.