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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO RECOGNIZE NURSES IN**
102 **COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**
103 **APPROPRIATION.**

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>.)

The bill establishes a special license plate to recognize Colorado nurses. Beginning the earlier of January 15, 2022, or when the department of revenue (department) is able to issue the plates, the department shall issue Colorado nurses license plates to qualified applicants. The department may begin issuing the Colorado nurses license plate if a

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nurses foundation obtains commitments for the purchase of at least 3,000 Colorado nurses license plates and provides to the department a list of the names and addresses of persons requesting such plates by January 15, 2022.

The nurses foundation may design the Colorado nurses license plate, but the license plate must conform with standards established by the department. A person may apply for a Colorado nurses license plate if the person pays the required taxes and fees and provides to the department a certificate issued by the nurses foundation confirming that the applicant has made a donation to the nurses foundation in an amount that the nurses foundation may determine but that may not exceed \$100.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Short title.** The short title of this act is the
3 **"Councilwoman Jennifer Allen-Thomas Colorado Nurses License Plate**
4 **Act"**.

5 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-3-255 as
6 follows:

7 **42-3-255. Special plates - Colorado nurses - definition.**

8 (1) BEGINNING THE EARLIER OF JANUARY 15, 2022, OR WHEN THE
9 DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO ISSUE THE PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
10 ISSUE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS IN ACCORDANCE
11 WITH THIS SECTION FOR MOTORCYCLES, PASSENGER CARS, TRUCKS, OR
12 NONCOMMERCIAL OR RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES THAT DO NOT
13 EXCEED SIXTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS EMPTY WEIGHT.

14 (2) (a) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED THE COLORADO NURSES
15 LICENSE PLATE.

16 (b) THE NURSES FOUNDATION THAT SATISFIES ALL APPLICABLE
17 REQUIREMENTS MAY DESIGN THE COLORADO NURSES LICENSE PLATE, BUT
18 THE LICENSE PLATE MUST CONFORM WITH STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY
19 THE DEPARTMENT.

1 (c) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
2 UTILIZE SIGNATURES COLLECTED BY THE STEPHEN T. MARCHELLO
3 SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT DESCRIBED IN
4 SECTION 42-3-207 (6) AND SHALL APPLY THOSE SIGNATURES TO THE
5 APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL GROUP LICENSE PLATE BY THE COLORADO
6 NURSES ASSOCIATION.

7 (3) (a) A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR A COLORADO NURSES LICENSE
8 PLATE IF THE PERSON PAYS THE TAXES AND FEES REQUIRED UNDER THIS
9 SECTION AND PROVIDES TO THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT
10 A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE NURSES FOUNDATION CONFIRMING THAT
11 THE APPLICANT HAS MADE A DONATION TO THE NURSES FOUNDATION IN AN
12 AMOUNT THAT THE NURSES FOUNDATION MAY DETERMINE BUT THAT MAY
13 NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

14 (b) THE NURSES FOUNDATION SHALL FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT
15 AN ANNUAL STATEMENT VERIFYING THAT IT IS A NONPROFIT
16 ORGANIZATION UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT STOPS ISSUING THE COLORADO
17 NURSES LICENSE PLATE.

18 (c) FOR EACH DONATION THAT THE NURSES FOUNDATION RECEIVES
19 IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE SALE OF A COLORADO NURSES LICENSE PLATE,
20 THE NURSES FOUNDATION SHALL USE A PORTION OF THE DONATION TO
21 PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO NURSES FROM MINORITY POPULATIONS.

22 (4) THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES FOR SPECIAL LICENSE
23 PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION ARE THE SAME AS THE AMOUNT OF THE
24 TAXES AND FEES FOR REGULAR MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; EXCEPT
25 THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT A ONE-TIME FEE OF TWENTY-FIVE
26 DOLLARS FOR ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE PLATE. THE
27 DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT THE ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE TO THE

1 STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE FEE TO THE HIGHWAY USERS
2 TAX FUND CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-201.

3 (5) AN APPLICANT MAY APPLY FOR PERSONALIZED COLORADO
4 NURSES LICENSE PLATES. UPON PAYMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE
5 REQUIRED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(a) FOR PERSONALIZED LICENSE
6 PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE THE PLATES IF THE APPLICANT
7 COMPLIES WITH SECTION 42-3-211. IF AN APPLICANT HAS EXISTING
8 PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE, THE APPLICANT
9 MAY TRANSFER THE COMBINATION OF LETTERS OR NUMBERS TO A NEW SET
10 OF COLORADO NURSES LICENSE PLATES FOR THE VEHICLE UPON PAYING
11 THE FEE REQUIRED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(a) AND UPON TURNING IN THE
12 EXISTING PLATES TO THE DEPARTMENT. A PERSON WHO HAS OBTAINED
13 PERSONALIZED COLORADO NURSES LICENSE PLATES UNDER THIS
14 SUBSECTION (5) SHALL PAY THE ANNUAL FEE IMPOSED BY SECTION
15 42-3-211 (6)(b) FOR RENEWAL OF THE PERSONALIZED PLATES. THE FEES
16 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) ARE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER APPLICABLE
17 TAXES AND FEES.

18 (6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
19 REQUIRES, "NURSES FOUNDATION" MEANS A COLORADO-BASED NURSES
20 FOUNDATION THAT IS DEDICATED TO ADVANCING NURSING THROUGH
21 SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, AND NURSE RECOGNITION.

22 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 42-3-312 as
23 follows:

24 **42-3-312. Special license plate surcharge.** In addition to any
25 other fee imposed by this article 3, an applicant for a special license plate
26 created by rule in accordance with section 42-3-207, as the section existed
27 when the plate was created, or license plates issued pursuant to sections

1 42-3-211 to 42-3-214, sections 42-3-217 to 42-3-218, sections 42-3-221
2 to 42-3-234, and sections 42-3-237 to ~~42-3-254~~ 42-3-255 shall pay an
3 issuance fee of twenty-five dollars; except that the fee is not imposed on
4 special license plates exempted from additional fees for the issuance of
5 a military special license plate by section 42-3-213 (1)(b)(II). The
6 department shall transfer the fee to the state treasurer, who shall credit it
7 to the licensing services cash fund created in section 42-2-114.5.

8 **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2021-22 state fiscal
9 year, \$17,490 is appropriated to the department of revenue for use by the
10 division of motor vehicles. This appropriation consists of \$5,400 from the
11 Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account in the highway users tax fund
12 created in section 42-1-211 (2)(b)(I), C.R.S., and \$12,090 from the
13 license plate cash fund created in section 42-3-301 (1)(b), C.R.S. To
14 implement this act, the division may use this appropriation as follows:

15 (a) \$5,400 from the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account
16 in the highway users tax fund for DRIVES maintenance and support; and

17 (b) \$12,090 from the license plate cash fund for license plate
18 ordering.

19 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
20 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
22 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
23 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
24 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
25 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
26 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
27 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.