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HOUSE BILL 22-1162

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Transportation & Local Government

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION TO USE DIGITAL NUMBER PLATES IN
102 LIEU OF METAL NUMBER PLATES ON A VEHICLE.

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 authorizes digital license plates to be used in lieu of metal license plates if the registration number and expiration date are visible from 100 feet away in sunlight. The plates need not display more than one color. The department of revenue may permit messaging and other digital functionality on digital plates.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-201, **add** (8) as
3 follows:

4 **42-3-201. Number plates furnished - style - periodic reissuance**
5 **- tabs - rules - definition.** (8) (a) THE OWNER OF A REGISTERED VEHICLE
6 MAY DISPLAY A DIGITAL NUMBER PLATE IN LIEU OF ONE OR BOTH OF THE
7 PLATES ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (1)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION IF THE
8 REGISTRATION NUMBER AND EXPIRATION DATE ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE AT
9 A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED FEET IN NORMAL SUNLIGHT.

10 (b) DIGITAL NUMBER PLATES NEED NOT DISPLAY MORE THAN ONE
11 COLOR.

12 (c) (I) THE DEPARTMENT MAY PERMIT, IF NOT OTHERWISE
13 INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ARTICLE 3, THE USE ON A DIGITAL NUMBER
14 PLATE OF:

15 (A) MESSAGES DISPLAYED ON THE PLATE; AND

16 (B) OTHER FUNCTIONALITY MADE POSSIBLE BY THE USE OF
17 DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY.

18 (II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT RULES FOR THE USE OF DIGITAL
19 NUMBER PLATES.

20 (d) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (8), "DIGITAL NUMBER PLATE"
21 MEANS AN ELECTRONIC DISPLAY THAT IS MOUNTED ON A VEHICLE IN THE
22 PLACE OF AND THAT SERVES THE FUNCTION OF A NUMBER PLATE ISSUED BY
23 THE DEPARTMENT.

24 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
25 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
26 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except

1 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
2 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
3 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
4 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
5 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
6 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.