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HOUSE BILL 23-1014

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING YIELDING TO LARGER VEHICLES IN ROUNDABOUTS.**

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/>.)

Transportation Legislation Review Committee. The bill requires a driver to yield the right-of-way to a driver of a vehicle having a total length of at least 40 feet or a total width of at least 10 feet (large vehicle) when driving through a roundabout. The bill also requires that when 2 drivers of large vehicles approach or drive through a roundabout at the same time, the driver on the right must yield the right-of-way to the driver on the left.

A person who fails to yield commits a class A traffic infraction and

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SENATE
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February 28, 2023

SENATE
Amended 2nd Reading
February 27, 2023

HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
February 7, 2023

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
February 6, 2023

is subject to a fine of \$70 and an \$11 surcharge.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-4-715 as
3 follows:

4 **42-4-715. Yielding right-of-way in roundabouts - definitions.**

5 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

6 (a) "LARGE VEHICLE" MEANS A TRUCK, BUS, EMERGENCY VEHICLE,
7 OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE THAT GENERALLY HAS A TOTAL LENGTH OF
8 MORE THAN THIRTY-FIVE FEET OR A TOTAL WIDTH OF MORE THAN TEN
9 FEET.

10 (b) "ROUNDBOUT" MEANS A CIRCULAR INTERSECTION OR
11 JUNCTION IN WHICH ROAD TRAFFIC FLOWS ALMOST CONTINUOUSLY IN ONE
12 DIRECTION AROUND A CENTRAL ISLAND.

13 (2) (a) WHEN ENTERING, EXITING, OR DRIVING IN THE
14 CIRCULATORY LANES IN A ROUNDBOUT, A PERSON DRIVING A VEHICLE
15 SHALL:

16 (I) YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE DRIVER OF A LARGE VEHICLE
17 THAT IS ENTERING, EXITING, OR DRIVING IN THE CIRCULATORY LANES IN
18 A ROUNDBOUT AT THE SAME TIME OR SO CLOSELY AS TO PRESENT AN
19 IMMEDIATE HAZARD; AND

20 (II) SLOW DOWN OR YIELD TO THE OTHER VEHICLE AS REQUIRED
21 BY SUBSECTION (2)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

22 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (2) DOES NOT REQUIRE A PERSON WHO IS
23 ENTERING, EXITING, OR DRIVING IN THE CIRCULATORY LANES IN A
24 ROUNDBOUT TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE DRIVER OF A LARGE
25 VEHICLE THAT IS APPROACHING, BUT HAS NOT YET ENTERED, THE

1 ROUNDABOUT.

2 (c) THIS SUBSECTION (2) DOES NOT REQUIRE A PERSON WHO IS
3 DRIVING A VEHICLE THAT IS ENTERING, EXITING, OR DRIVING IN THE
4 CIRCULATORY LANES IN A ROUNDABOUT TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO
5 A LARGE VEHICLE THAT IS DRIVING BEHIND THE PERSON'S VEHICLE AND
6 ALLOW THE LARGE VEHICLE TO PASS THE PERSON'S VEHICLE.

7 (3) IF TWO VEHICLES THAT ARE LARGE VEHICLES ENTER, EXIT, OR
8 DRIVE IN THE CIRCULATORY LANES IN A ROUNDABOUT AT THE SAME TIME
9 OR SO CLOSELY AS TO PRESENT AN IMMEDIATE HAZARD, THE DRIVER ON
10 THE RIGHT SHALL YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE DRIVER ON THE LEFT
11 AND SHALL SLOW DOWN OR YIELD TO THE DRIVER ON THE LEFT.

12 (4) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION COMMITS A CLASS A
13 TRAFFIC INFRACTION.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1701, **amend**
15 (4)(a)(I)(H) as follows:

16 **42-4-1701. Traffic offenses and infractions classified -**
17 **penalties - penalty and surcharge schedule - repeal.** (4) (a) (I) Except
18 as provided in subsection (5)(c) of this section, every person who is
19 convicted of, who admits liability for, or against whom a judgment is
20 entered for a violation of this title 42 to which subsection (5)(a) or (5)(b)
21 of this section applies shall be fined or penalized and have a surcharge
22 levied in accordance with sections 24-4.1-119 (1)(f) and 24-4.2-104
23 (1)(b)(I), in accordance with the penalty and surcharge schedule set forth
24 in subsections (4)(a)(I)(A) to (4)(a)(I)(S) of this section; or, if no penalty
25 or surcharge is specified in the schedule, the penalty for class A and class
26 B traffic infractions is fifteen dollars, and the surcharge is four dollars.
27 These penalties and surcharges apply whether the defendant

1 acknowledges the defendant's guilt or liability in accordance with the
 2 procedure set forth by subsection (5)(a) of this section, is found guilty by
 3 a court of competent jurisdiction, or has judgment entered against the
 4 defendant by a county court magistrate. Penalties and surcharges for
 5 violating specific sections are as follows:

6	Section Violated	Penalty	Surcharge
7	(H) Rights-of-way violations:		
8	42-4-701	\$ 70.00	\$ 10.00
9	42-4-702	70.00	10.00
10	42-4-703	70.00	10.00
11	42-4-704	70.00	10.00
12	42-4-705	70.00	16.00
13	42-4-706	70.00	10.00
14	42-4-707	70.00	10.00
15	42-4-708	35.00	10.00
16	42-4-709	70.00	10.00
17	42-4-710	70.00	10.00
18	42-4-711	100.00	10.00
19	42-4-712	70.00	10.00
20	42-4-714	70.00	10.00
21	<i>42-4-715</i>	<i>70.00</i>	<i>11.00</i>

22 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
 23 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect October 1, 2023; except that, if a
 24 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
 25 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
 26 within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general
 27 assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless

1 approved by the people at the general election to be held in November
2 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official
3 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

4 (2) This act applies to offenses committed on or after the
5 applicable effective date of this act.