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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SAFETY MEASURES ON

102 COLORADO <u>HIGHWAYS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH</u>,

103 <u>MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.</u>

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 <u>http://leg.colorado.gov</u>.)

Current law allows the department of transportation (department) to issue closures or require certain equipment on interstate 70 (I-70) from September 1 through May 31 each year between milepost 133 in Dotsero and milepost 259 in Morrison.

Section 1 of the bill changes the geographic location where the

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department has authority to require certain equipment to interstate 25 (I-25) and any interstate, U.S. highway, and state highway west of I-25.

Section 2 allows the department to establish heightened speed limit enforcement zones (zone) within public highways in Glenwood Canyon on I-70 eastbound from milepost 116.0 to milepost 131.0 and westbound from milepost 118.5 to milepost 131.0 where there are safety concerns related to commercial motor vehicle drivers exceeding the posted speed limits. If the department establishes a zone, the department must erect signs identifying the zone and notifying commercial motor vehicle drivers that increased fines are assessed for speeding in the zone.

Section 3 makes it a traffic offense for any commercial vehicle to be driving in the farthest left lane on I-70 between milepost 116 in Glenwood Springs and milepost 259 in Morrison during all conditions on that highway except to safely pass a vehicle driving under the posted speed limit.

Section 4 subjects a commercial motor vehicle driver who commits a speeding violation in a zone to double fines and surcharges.

Section 5 ensures that a port of entry officer has all the powers of a peace officer when enforcing highway closures and the state's winter traction device law.

Section 6 requires the freight mobility and safety branch of the department to study the feasibility of funding additional locations of chain-up stations utilizing the money from the increased penalties in zones within public highways in Glenwood Canyon.

Section 7 allows the study on feasibility of new chain-up stations to also be funded by the fuels impact reduction grant program.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado: 1 2 SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-106, amend 3 (5)(a)(I)(C); and **add** (5)(a)(I)(C.5) and (5)(a)(I)(G) as follows: 4 42-4-106. Who may restrict right to use highways - definitions 5 - rules. (5) (a) (I) (C) A closure or restriction under this subsection (5) 6 is effective when signs, including temporary or electronic signs, that 7 notify the public of the closure or restriction are erected upon the 8 highway, and the restriction in subsection (5)(a)(I)(B) of this section is 9 effective on ANY PORTION OF THE FOLLOWING CORRIDORS LOCATED ON 10 THE WESTERN SLOPE FROM SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH MAY 31 OF EACH YEAR

1	DURING ANY CONDITIONS THAT EXIST ON THE HIGHWAY FOR ANY
2	COMMERCIAL VEHICLE WITH A DECLARED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING
3	OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND ONE POUNDS OR MORE: Interstate 70 between
4	milepost 133 (Dotsero) and WEST OF milepost 259 (Morrison), from
5	September 1 through May 31 of each year COLORADO STATE HIGHWAY 9
6	<u>FROM MILEPOST 63 TO MILEPOST 97 (FRISCO TO FAIRPLAY), U.S. ROUTE 40</u>
7	WEST OF MILEPOST 256 (EMPIRE), U.S. ROUTE 50 WEST OF MILEPOST 225
8	(SALIDA), U.S. ROUTE 160 WEST OF MILEPOST 304 (WALSENBURG), U.S.
9	ROUTE 285 WEST OF MILEPOST 250 (MORRISON), AND ALL OF U.S. ROUTE
10	550 FROM MILEPOST 0 TO 130 It is unlawful to proceed when a state
11	highway is closed or to proceed when a restriction is in effect without the
12	equipment required by this subsection (5).
13	(C.5) A CLOSURE OR RESTRICTION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) IS
14	EFFECTIVE ON ANY MOTOR VEHICLE WHEN SIGNS, INCLUDING TEMPORARY
15	OR ELECTRONIC SIGNS, THAT NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF THE CLOSURE OR
16	RESTRICTION ARE ERECTED UPON THE HIGHWAY, AND THE RESTRICTION IN
17	SUBSECTION $(5)(a)(I)(B)$ of this section is effective on interstate 70
18	BETWEEN MILEPOST 133 (DOTSERO) AND MILEPOST 259 (MORRISON) FROM
19	September 1 through May 31 of each year. It is unlawful to
20	PROCEED WHEN A STATE HIGHWAY IS CLOSED OR TO PROCEED WHEN A
21	RESTRICTION IS IN EFFECT WITHOUT THE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY THIS
22	SUBSECTION (5).
23	(G) ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE FREIGHT
24	MOBILITY AND SAFETY BRANCH CREATED IN SECTION 43-1-117 (4) SHALL
25	LAUNCH AN AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON ANY LAWS ENACTED THAT MODIFY
26	SUBSECTION (5)(a)(I)(C) OF THIS SECTION.
27	SECTION 2 In Colorado Revised Statutes add 12-1-618 as

27 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 42-4-618 as

1 follows:

42-4-618. Glenwood Canyon - increase in penalties and
surcharges for speeding violations - definitions. (1) THE DEPARTMENT
MAY DETERMINE THAT THERE ARE SAFETY CONCERNS IN GLENWOOD
CANYON ON INTERSTATE 70 EASTBOUND BETWEEN MILEPOST 116.0 AND
MILEPOST 131.0 AND WESTBOUND BETWEEN MILEPOST 118.5 AND
MILEPOST 131.0 RELATED TO COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEEDING
THE POSTED SPEED LIMITS.

9 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ERECT, WHERE APPLICABLE, SIGNS 10 NOTIFYING DRIVERS OF EACH AREA OF THE STATE HIGHWAYS THAT THE 11 DEPARTMENT HAS DESIGNATED AS A HEIGHTENED SPEED LIMIT 12 ENFORCEMENT ZONE.

13 (3) A DRIVER OF A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE WHO COMMITS 14 A SPEEDING VIOLATION IN A HEIGHTENED SPEED LIMIT ENFORCEMENT 15 ZONE IS SUBJECT TO THE INCREASED PENALTIES AND SURCHARGES IMPOSED UNDER SECTION 42-4-1701 (4)(d.9); EXCEPT THAT THE 16 17 INCREASED PENALTIES AND SURCHARGES DO NOT APPLY WHEN THE DRIVER 18 COMMITS THE VIOLATION WITHIN A HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, OR 19 CONSTRUCTION ZONE AND IS ALREADY SUBJECT TO AN INCREASED 20 PENALTY AND SURCHARGE FOR THE VIOLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 42-4-614. 22 (4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE 23 **REQUIRES:** 24 (a) "COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS

25 SET FORTH IN SECTION 42-2-402 (4).

26 (b) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
27 CREATED IN SECTION 43-1-103.

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- 1 (c) "HEIGHTENED SPEED LIMIT ENFORCEMENT ZONE" MEANS AN 2 AREA OF A STATE HIGHWAY THAT: 3 (I) BEGINS AND ENDS AT A SIGN THAT: 4 (A) CONFORMS TO THE STATE TRAFFIC CONTROL MANUAL; 5 (B) INDICATES THAT A DRIVER IS ABOUT TO ENTER OR IS AT THE 6 END OF A HEIGHTENED SPEED LIMIT ENFORCEMENT ZONE; AND 7 NOTIFIES COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS THAT (C) 8 INCREASED PENALTIES AND SURCHARGES ARE IN EFFECT AND ASSESSED 9 FOR SPEEDING IN THE ZONE; AND 10 (II) IS DESIGNATED AS A HEIGHTENED SPEED LIMIT ENFORCEMENT 11 ZONE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PURSUANT TO 12 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION. 13 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 42-4-1014 as 14 follows: 15 42-4-1014. No commercial vehicles in the left lane - penalty. (1) A DRIVER OF A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MAY NOT ENTER THE FURTHEST 16 17 LEFT LANE WHEN DRIVING IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS UNLESS SPECIFICALLY 18 REQUIRED OR AUTHORIZED TO PASS BY LAW: 19 (a) BETWEEN MILEPOST 115.5 AND MILEPOST 131.0 (GLENWOOD 20 CANYON); 21 (b) Between Milepost 169.5 and Milepost 173.0 (Dowd 22 JUNCTION); 23 (c) BETWEEN MILEPOST 180.0 AND MILEPOST 190.5 (VAIL PASS); 24 (d) Between Milepost 205.5 and 221.0 (Eisenhower-Johnson 25 TUNNEL); 26 (e) BETWEEN MILEPOST 224.0 AND MILEPOST 228.5 (GEORGETOWN 27 HILL); AND
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 (f) BETWEEN MILEPOST 243.0 AND MILEPOST 247.0 (FLOYD HILL).

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 (2) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION

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 COMMITS A CLASS A TRAFFIC INFRACTION.

4 SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1701, add
5 (4)(d.9) as follows:

6 Traffic offenses and infractions classified -42-4-1701. 7 penalties - penalty and surcharge schedule - repeal. (4) (d.9) (I) THE 8 PENALTY AND SURCHARGE IMPOSED FOR A VIOLATION UNDER SUBSECTION 9 (4)(a)(I)(L) OF THIS SECTION IS DOUBLED IF THE VIOLATION IS COMMITTED 10 BY A DRIVER OF A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE WITHIN AN AREA OF A 11 STATE HIGHWAY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS 12 DESIGNATED AS A HEIGHTENED SPEED LIMIT ENFORCEMENT ZONE 13 PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-4-618; EXCEPT THAT THE FINE IS NOT DOUBLED 14 WHEN THE DRIVER OF A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE COMMITS THE 15 VIOLATION WITHIN A HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, OR CONSTRUCTION 16 ZONE AND IS ALREADY SUBJECT TO AN INCREASED PENALTY AND 17 SURCHARGE FOR THE VIOLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-4-614.

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE
CONTRARY, FOR EACH FINE COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-4-618
(4) AND SUBSECTION (4)(d.9)(I) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE TREASURER
SHALL CREDIT <u>ALL</u> OF THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE TO THE MOUNTAIN
HIGHWAYS COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACCOUNT, CREATED IN
SUBSECTION (4)(d.7)(II) OF THIS SECTION. _____

SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-8-104, amend (2)
as follows:

42-8-104. Powers and duties - rules. (2) A port of entry officer,
during the time that the officer is actually engaged in performing the

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1 officer's duties as such and while acting under proper orders or rules 2 issued by the chief of the Colorado state patrol, shall exercise all the 3 powers invested in peace officers in connection with directing traffic and 4 in the enforcement of the provisions of this article 8; articles 2, 3, and 20 5 of this title 42; part 5 of article 4 of this title 42; and sections 42-4-106 6 (5), 42-4-209, 42-4-225 (1.5), 42-4-235, 42-4-1407, 42-4-1409, and 7 42-4-1414; except that an officer does not have the power to serve civil 8 writs and process and, in the exercise of the officer's duties, an officer has 9 the authority to restrain and detain persons or vehicles and may impound 10 any vehicle until any tax or license fee imposed by law is paid or until 11 compliance is had with any tax or regulatory law or rule issued 12 thereunder.

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 43-1-132 as
follows:

15 43-1-132. Additional chain-up and chain-down stations and 16 winter safety measures feasability report - report - repeal. (1) THE 17 DEPARTMENT SHALL TASK THE FREIGHT MOBILITY AND SAFETY BRANCH 18 CREATED IN SECTION 43-1-117 (4) TO STUDY LOCATIONS FOR NEW 19 CHAIN-UP AND CHAIN-DOWN STATIONS ON ALL STATE HIGHWAYS WHERE 20 THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT CHAIN-UP AND CHAIN-DOWN 21 STATIONS ARE NECESSARY OR BENEFICIAL, AND TO STUDY WHAT 22 APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY COULD BE ADDED TO EXISTING CHAIN-UP AND 23 <u>CHAIN-DOWN STATIONS.</u> THE STUDY MUST, AT A MINIMUM:

(a) IDENTIFY THE CURRENT BARRIERS TO BUILDING NEW CHAIN-UP
 <u>AND CHAIN-DOWN STATIONS, INCLUDING CONSULTING WITH</u>
 <u>MUNICIPALITIES TO IDENTIFY BARRIERS RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION</u>

27 OF NEW CHAIN STATIONS WITHIN MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES;

1 (b) FIND CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS ANY IDENTIFIED 2 BARRIERS; 3 (c) IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY THAT COULD BE ADDED 4 TO EXISTING CHAIN UP AND CHAIN-DOWN STATIONS TO IMPROVE SAFETY 5 AND MOBILITY; 6 EXAMINE THE ECONOMIC AND SAFETY IMPACTS OF (d) 7 COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE AND OTHER ROADWAY INCIDENTS AND 8 CLOSURES DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER EVENTS, INCLUDING EVALUATING 9 THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF CLOSURES TO COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES 10 FOR LIMITED PERIODS OF TIME DURING SNOWSTORMS AND WORKING WITH 11 VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS ON STRATEGIES AND OPTIONS FOR KEEPING 12 ROADWAYS OPEN; AND 13 (e) EXAMINE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE PARKING LOCATIONS 14 ON INTERSTATE 70 IN COLORADO. 15 (f) IDENTIFY ANY MODIFICATIONS OR ADDITIONS THAT EXISTING 16 STATE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE MAY NEED TO ENABLE THE 17 ADDITION OF NEW CHAIN-UP AND CHAIN-DOWN STATIONS, THE TIMELINE 18 FOR MAKING SUCH MODIFICATIONS OR ADDITIONS, AND THE ANTICIPATED 19 COST OF MAKING SUCH MODIFICATIONS OR ADDITIONS. 20 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRESENT THE REPORT TO THE (2)21 TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE CREATED IN SECTION 22 43-2-145 (1)(a), TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION CREATED IN 23 SECTION 43-1-106, AND TO EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 24 WHOSE SENATORIAL OR REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT IS LOCATED WHOLLY 25 OR PARTLY WITHIN THE WESTERN SLOPE. DURING THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE 26 INTERIM. 27 (3) This section is repealed, effective July 1, 2026.

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SECTION 7. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 43-4-1506, amend
 (3) as follows:

3 **43-4-1506.** Fuels impact reduction grant program. (3) The 4 enterprise shall annually distribute up to five million dollars from the 5 fund, after making the transfers required by subsection (2) of this section 6 and after providing for the administrative expenses of the enterprise, to 7 key commercial freight corridors, to support state government projects 8 related to emergency responses AND MEASURES TO PREVENT 9 EMERGENCIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE STUDY REQUIRED BY 10 SECTION 43-1-132, environmental mitigation, or the transportation of fuel 11 within the state on routes necessary for the transportation of hazardous 12 materials. 13 SECTION 8. Appropriation. For the 2024-25 state fiscal year,

14 <u>\$31,684 is appropriated to the department of revenue. This appropriation</u>

15 is from the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account in the highway

16 <u>users tax fund created in section 42-1-211(2), C.R.S. To implement this</u>

17 <u>act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:</u>

18 (a) \$23,808 for DRIVES maintenance and support;

19 (b) \$1,728 for personal services related to driver services;

20 (c) \$2,485 for personal services related to administration and

21 support; and

22 (d) \$3,663 for payments to OIT.

23 **SECTION** <u>9.</u> Act subject to petition - effective date. This act 24 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the 25 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except 26 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V 27 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 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.