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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATIONS FOR VEHICLE

102 TRANSACTIONS.

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>)

Section 1 of the bill requires the department of revenue (department) to create a process for a vehicle owner to request to receive and for the department to provide electronic communications and notifications, instead of written notifications, concerning vehicle transactions, including electronic notifications for vehicle registration renewals and issuance of license plates. The department is not permitted,

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however, to provide electronic notifications for the revocation of a vehicle registration or license plate. The bill also requires the department to adopt rules to create procedures for a vehicle owner to request the electronic notification.

Sections 2 and 3 make conforming amendments limiting requirements for written notification to transactions related to drivers' licenses and certain other transactions.

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

2 SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 42-1-236 as
3 follows:

4 42-1-236. Electronic notification of transactions involving
5 vehicles - rules - definitions - repeal. (1) NO LATER THAN MARCH 31,
6 2026, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE A PROCESS FOR AN OWNER TO
7 REQUEST TO RECEIVE AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE ELECTRONIC
8 NOTIFICATION, IN LIEU OF WRITTEN NOTIFICATION, OF DEPARTMENT
9 NOTICES AND TRANSACTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 2, 3, OR 6 OF THIS TITLE 42.

10 (2) (a) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS 11 SECTION, IF AN OWNER REQUESTS ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION OF THE 12 IMPENDING EXPIRATION OF THE VEHICLE'S REGISTRATION, THE 13 DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE NOTICES OR OTHERWISE COMMUNICATE WITH 14 THE OWNER ELECTRONICALLY CONCERNING VEHICLE TRANSACTIONS 15 UNDER ARTICLE 2, 3, OR 6 OF THIS TITLE 42. THE VEHICLE TRANSACTION 16 NOTICES OR OTHER COMMUNICATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

- 17 (I) NOTICES REGARDING:
- 18 (A) VEHICLE REGISTRATION EXPIRATION;

19 (B) IDENTIFYING PLATE AND IDENTIFYING PLACARD, AS DEFINED

- 20 IN SECTION 42-3-204 (1)(g) AND (1)(f), RENEWAL;
- 21 (C) VEHICLE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUANCE;
- 22 (D) FLEET VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWAL;

1 (E) HEARINGS;

2 (F) DRIVER'S LICENSES; AND

- 3 (G) DEALER LICENSE PLATE AND DEPOT TAG ISSUANCE; AND
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(II) COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT MISSING DOCUMENTATION.

5 (b) The department shall not use electronic means to 6 Notify an owner of the revocation of a vehicle registration due 7 To dishonored payment pursuant to section 42-3-123 or the 8 Revocation of an identifying plate or identifying placard 9 Pursuant to section 42-3-204 (7).

10 (c) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
11 PROMULGATE RULES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION
12 PROCESS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

13 (3) ANY ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION MADE PURSUANT TO THIS
14 SECTION MUST INCLUDE ANY NOTIFICATION INFORMATION REQUIRED BY
15 ARTICLE 2, 3, OR 6 OF THIS TITLE 42.

16 (4) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM
17 THE COLORADO DRIVES VEHICLE SERVICES ACCOUNT, CREATED IN
18 SECTION 42-1-211 (2), TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO DEVELOP THE
19 SOFTWARE TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

20 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (4) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.
21 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-2-119, amend (2)
22 as follows:

42-2-119. Notices - change of address or name. (2) All notices
and orders required to be given to any licensee or registered owner under
the provisions of the motor vehicle laws shall THIS ARTICLE 2 MUST be
PROVIDED THROUGH ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION OR GIVEN in writing and,
if mailed, postpaid by first-class mail to him or her THE LICENSEE at the

1 last-known address shown by the records kept by the department pursuant 2 to this article. Such mailing shall be ARTICLE 2. THE MAILING IS sufficient 3 notice in accord with the motor vehicle laws. Any notice or order of the 4 department mailed first class under the provisions of this title TITLE 42 5 creates a presumption for administrative purposes that such THE notice or 6 order was received if the department maintains a copy of the notice or 7 order and maintains a certification that the notice or order was deposited 8 in the United States mail by an employee of the department. Evidence of 9 a copy of the notice mailed to the last-known address of the licensee, as 10 shown by the records kept by the department pursuant to this article 11 ARTICLE 2, and a certification of mailing by a department employee; or 12 evidence of delivery of notice in person to the last-known address of the 13 licensee, as shown by the records kept by the department pursuant to this 14 article, ARTICLE 2; or evidence of personal service upon the licensee or 15 upon any AN attorney appearing on the licensee's behalf of the order of 16 denial, cancellation, suspension, or revocation of the license by the 17 executive director of the department or by the executive director's duly 18 authorized representative is prima facie proof that the licensee received 19 personal notice of said THE denial, cancellation, suspension, or 20 revocation.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-2-120, amend (1)
as follows:

42-2-120. Methods of service. (1) Any notice or order required
to be served under the provisions of the motor vehicle laws THIS ARTICLE
2 may be served in any manner reasonably designed to notify the person
to be served of the material provisions of such THE notice or order. A
person has been served with a notice or order when such THE person has

knowledge of the material provisions of such THE notice or order,
 regardless of the manner in which such THE knowledge was acquired.
 Any irregularity in the form or manner of service or documentation of the
 proof of service or the means by which knowledge of the material
 provisions of a notice or order is acquired shall DOES not affect the
 validity of such THE notice or order.

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SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-2-127, **amend** (8)(a) as follows:

9 42-2-127. Authority to suspend license - to deny license - type of conviction - points. (8) (a) Whenever the department's records show 10 11 that a licensee has accumulated a sufficient number of points to be subject 12 to license suspension, the department shall notify the licensee that a 13 hearing will be held not less than twenty days after the date of the notice 14 to determine whether the licensee's driver's license should be suspended. 15 The notification shall be given to the licensee THROUGH ELECTRONIC 16 NOTIFICATION OR in writing by regular mail, addressed to the address of 17 the licensee as shown by the records of the department.

18 <u>SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-1-234, amend</u>
19 (1)(a) introductory portion, (1)(b), (1)(c), (2)(a) introductory portion,
20 (2)(b)(I)(A), and (2)(b)(I)(B) as follows:

- <u>42-1-234. Electronic vehicle registration and titling electronic</u>
 <u>transmission of vehicle lien information authority rules electronic</u>
 <u>transactions fund gifts, grants, and donations repeal. (1) (a) ON OR</u>
 <u>BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, the department may SHALL establish a</u>
 <u>system to allow the electronic transmission of registration, lien, and titling</u>
 <u>information for motor vehicles, off-highway vehicles, or special mobile</u>
- 27 <u>machinery</u> INCLUDING FOR LEASED MOTOR VEHICLES. Except as provided

<u>in subsection (3) of this section, the department may adopt rules necessary</u>
 <u>for the implementation of this section, including rules to allow the</u>
 <u>department to:</u>

4 (1) (b) The department's approval of a third-party provider to
5 register a vehicle, or special mobile machinery, file or release liens, or
6 issue any type of certificate of title must be evidenced by an agreement
7 between the department and the third-party provider.

8 (c) In registering a vehicle, or special mobile machinery, filing or 9 releasing liens, or issuing any type of certificate of title, the third-party 10 provider is acting as an agent of the department. The third-party provider 11 shall collect and remit to the department all taxes and fees imposed by 12 law to issue any type of certificate of title, To file or release a lien, or to 13 register the vehicle. or special mobile machinery.

14 (2) (a) The department is authorized to seek and accept gifts, 15 grants, or donations from private or public sources, including from 16 third-party providers, for the purposes of this section; except that the 17 department may not accept a gift, grant, or donation that is subject to 18 conditions that are inconsistent with this section or any other law of the 19 state. The department shall ensure that any funds contributed to the 20 department for the implementation of the system for the electronic 21 transmission of registration, lien, and titling information for motor 22 vehicles AND vehicles off-highway vehicles, and special mobile 23 machinery are: 24 (b) (I) In addition to the fees described in subsection (1)(c) of this

25 <u>section, a third-party provider shall pay the department a fee of up to</u>

26 three dollars for each of the following types of transactions completed by

27 <u>the third-party provider:</u>

1	(A) Issuance of or transfer of a certificate of title for a motor
2	<u>vehicle; or an off-highway vehicle;</u>
3	(B) Issuance of or renewal of a registration for a motor vehicle OR
4	a vehicle; or special mobile machinery; and
5	SECTION 6. Safety clause. The general assembly finds,
6	determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
7	preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
8	the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
9	institutions.