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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO SUPPORT
102 THE CHICANO COMMUNITY.

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 creates the Chicana/o special license plate. An applicant becomes eligible to use the plate by providing a certificate to the department of revenue (department) confirming that the applicant has made a donation to a nonprofit organization (organization) chosen by the department based on the organization's provision of services to the Latin American community. The organization may implement the bill by

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making grants to other organizations that also qualify under the standards of the bill.

In addition to the standard motor vehicle fees, the plate requires 2 one-time fees of \$25. One of the fees is credited to the highway users tax fund and the other to the licensing services cash fund.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-3-270 as follows:

42-3-270. Special plates - Chicana/o license plate.

(1) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2025, OR WHEN THE DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO ISSUE THE PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION FOR MOTORCYCLES, PASSENGER CARS, TRUCKS, OR NONCOMMERCIAL OR RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES THAT DO NOT EXCEED SIXTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS EMPTY WEIGHT.

(2) (a) THERE IS ESTABLISHED THE CHICANA/O LICENSE PLATE.

(b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGN THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE WITH INPUT FROM INTERESTED PERSONS TO SHOW THAT THE OWNER SUPPORTS THE LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

(3) (a) AT LEAST ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE ONE OR MORE ORGANIZATIONS TO QUALIFY APPLICANTS TO BE ISSUED THE CHICANA/O LICENSE PLATE. AN ORGANIZATION IS ELIGIBLE TO BE SELECTED AND RETAINED IF THE ORGANIZATION IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM TAXATION, HAS A DIVISION IN COLORADO, AND:

(I) PROVIDES CHICANA/O YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING;

(II) PROMOTES AND FACILITATES ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CHICANA/O STUDENTS;

1 (III) PROVIDES CHICANA/O YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION
2 PROGRAMS;

3 (IV) WORKS TO INCREASE THE CULTURAL, SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND
4 ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE CHICANA/O COMMUNITY; OR

5 (V) PROVIDES ETHNIC STUDIES EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS,
6 INCLUDING THOSE RELATED TO CHICANA/O HISTORY, INSTITUTIONAL
7 RACISM, AND IMMIGRATION.

8 (b) AN ORGANIZATION CHOSEN TO QUALIFY APPLICANTS TO BE
9 ISSUED A LICENSE PLATE MAY PROVIDE SERVICES DIRECTLY OR BY ACTING
10 AS A FISCAL AGENT BY IMPLEMENTING A GRANT PROGRAM TO OTHER
11 ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES. TO QUALIFY FOR A GRANT
12 USING MONEY RAISED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE ORGANIZATION MUST
13 MEET THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS
14 SECTION. TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM AS A FISCAL AGENT MAKING
15 GRANTS, THE FISCAL AGENT SHALL NOT RETAIN OR SPEND MORE THAN TEN
16 PERCENT OF THE MONEY RAISED UNDER THIS SECTION ON ADMINISTRATIVE
17 COSTS.

18 (c) A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR A CHICANA/O LICENSE PLATE IF THE
19 PERSON PAYS THE TAXES AND FEES REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION AND
20 PROVIDES TO THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT A CERTIFICATE
21 ISSUED BY THE ORGANIZATION CHOSEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION
22 (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION CONFIRMING THAT THE APPLICANT HAS MADE A
23 DONATION TO THE ORGANIZATION. THE ORGANIZATION MAY ESTABLISH A
24 MINIMUM DONATION AMOUNT TO QUALIFY FOR THE LICENSE PLATE. THE
25 ORGANIZATION SHALL USE THE DONATION TO SUPPORT LATIN AMERICAN
26 COMMUNITIES.

27 (d) THE ORGANIZATION CHOSEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH

1 SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION SHALL FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT
2 AN ANNUAL STATEMENT VERIFYING THAT IT IS A NONPROFIT
3 ORGANIZATION.

4 (4) THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES FOR SPECIAL LICENSE
5 PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION IS THE SAME AS THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES
6 AND FEES FOR REGULAR MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; EXCEPT THAT
7 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT AN ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE OF
8 TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE
9 PLATE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT THE ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME
10 FEE TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE FEE TO THE
11 HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-201.

12 (5) AN APPLICANT MAY APPLY FOR PERSONALIZED CHICANA/O
13 LICENSE PLATES. UPON PAYMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED BY
14 SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(a) FOR PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES, THE
15 DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE THE PLATES IF THE APPLICANT COMPLIES WITH
16 SECTION 42-3-211. IF AN APPLICANT HAS EXISTING PERSONALIZED LICENSE
17 PLATES FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE, THE APPLICANT MAY TRANSFER THE
18 COMBINATION OF LETTERS OR NUMBERS TO A NEW SET OF CHICANA/O
19 LICENSE PLATES FOR THE VEHICLE UPON PAYING THE FEE REQUIRED BY
20 SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(a) AND UPON TURNING IN THE EXISTING PLATES TO
21 THE DEPARTMENT. A PERSON WHO HAS OBTAINED PERSONALIZED LICENSE
22 PLATES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) SHALL PAY THE ANNUAL FEE IMPOSED
23 BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(b) FOR RENEWAL OF THE PERSONALIZED PLATES.
24 THE FEES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) ARE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER
25 APPLICABLE TAXES AND FEES.

26 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 42-3-312 as
27 follows:

1 **42-3-312. Special license plate surcharge.** In addition to any
2 other fee imposed by this article 3, an applicant for a special license plate
3 created by rule in accordance with section 42-3-207, as the section existed
4 when the plate was created, personalized plates issued under section
5 42-3-211, or special license plates issued under sections 42-3-212 to
6 42-3-214, sections 42-3-217 to 42-3-218, sections 42-3-221 to 42-3-234,
7 sections 42-3-237 to 42-3-258, sections 42-3-260 to 42-3-265, AND
8 SECTIONS 42-3-267 ~~42-3-268~~, and section ~~42-3-269~~ TO 42-3-270 shall pay
9 an issuance fee of twenty-five dollars; except that the fee is not imposed
10 on special license plates exempted from additional fees for the issuance
11 of a military special license plate by section 42-3-213 (1)(b)(II). The
12 department shall transfer the money from the fee to the state treasurer,
13 who shall credit it to the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account
14 created in section 42-1-211 (2).

15 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
16 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
17 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
18 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
19 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
20 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
21 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
22 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
23 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.