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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT THE INTEGRATION OF**
102 **COLORADANS WITH DISABILITIES INTO THEIR COMMUNITIES,**
103 **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE COLORADO**
104 **DISABILITY OPPORTUNITY OFFICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF**
105 **LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT AND MOVING THE COLORADO**
106 **DISABILITY FUNDING COMMITTEE AND ITS FUNCTIONS FROM THE**
107 **DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL TO THE COLORADO DISABILITY**
108 **OPPORTUNITY OFFICE.**

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

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The bill creates the Colorado disability opportunity office (CDOO) within the department of labor and employment (department) as a **type 1** entity. The executive director of the department is required to appoint the director of the CDOO. The CDOO is required to:

- Serve as a resource for contact for state agencies, private and nonprofit organizations, and the public concerning disability issues in Colorado;
- Ensure that goals of full societal inclusion for individuals with disabilities are met by meeting with stakeholders from entities around the state related to disabilities and with state agencies to develop recommendations on the administration of grants, restructuring of disability related entities, and collaboration on overlapping aging and disability issues; and
- Submit the recommendations to the governor and state agencies.

The CDOO is also required to:

- Implement a statewide strategy to facilitate economic stability for individuals with disabilities and promote successful economic, social, and community integration and to identify and address issues related to integration;
- Work towards enhanced inclusion and equitable opportunities for individuals with disabilities, as well as address concerns raised by disability populations;
- Coordinate with other entities to identify and eliminate barriers to prosperity and the integration of individuals with disabilities into their communities;
- Make recommendations to the governor and state agencies on ways to improve policies and programs to support the integration of individuals with disabilities across the state;
- As funding allows, undertake other projects, including analyzing economic and demographic trends, gathering insight and formulating and presenting recommendations to the governor and state agencies related to issues of concern and importance to individuals with disabilities in Colorado; and
- Promote integration among individuals with disabilities with the goal of implementing disability support through community-based initiatives and nonprofit organizations, which promotion includes economic opportunities, increased access to resources, and state education and outreach.

The bill also transfers the Colorado disability funding committee

(committee) from the department of personnel to the CDOO. The transfer includes a transfer of the committee's responsibilities, including:

- The program to assist persons to obtain disability benefits;
- The program to investigate, fund, and pilot projects or programs to benefit individuals with disabilities; and
- The buying and selling of select registration numbers for license plates to raise funds for the disability support fund.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) Approximately twenty percent of Coloradans live with one or
5 more disabilities;

6 (b) The poverty rate of Coloradans with disabilities is
7 approximately twice that of Coloradans without disabilities;

8 (c) Students with disabilities in Colorado drop out of high school
9 at twice the rate as their peers without disabilities and have a college
10 graduation rate that is half that of students without disabilities;

11 (d) The employment rate of Coloradans with disabilities is
12 approximately forty percent that of Coloradans without disabilities;

13 (e) Two-thirds of Colorado's unhoused population have one or
14 more disabilities;

15 (f) Individuals with disabilities are often subject to discrimination
16 in the areas of telecommunication, public services, public
17 accommodations operated by private entities, and employment;

18 (g) The federal "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990", 42
19 U.S.C. sec. 12101 et seq., as amended; the federal "Rehabilitation Act of
20 1973", 29 U.S.C. sec. 701 et seq., as amended; and the "Individuals with
21 Disabilities Education Act", 20 U.S.C. sec. 1400 et seq., as amended,
22 establish principles and guidelines regarding individuals with disabilities;

1 (h) Colorado's disability and aging populations are growing as a
2 proportion of the total population; and

3 (i) Colorado is committed to:

4 (I) Protecting the civil rights of individuals with disabilities;

5 (II) Creating opportunities for individuals with disabilities to
6 thrive; and

7 (III) Ensuring individuals with disabilities have adequate:

8 (A) Health care, including community-based long-term services
9 and supports;

10 (B) Affordable and accessible housing integrated into
11 communities statewide;

12 (C) Transportation;

13 (D) Employment supports, including benefits counseling.

14 (E) Education, from early intervention through higher education;

15 (F) Emergency and disaster planning and preparedness; and

16 (G) Recreational opportunities; and

17 (IV) Ensuring that individuals with disabilities have a voice in
18 governing.

19 (2) Therefore, the general assembly finds that it is in the best
20 interest of the state of Colorado to strive to achieve equality of
21 opportunity, education, health, independent living, mobility, and
22 economic self-sufficiency for individuals with disabilities and that the
23 creation of the Colorado disability opportunity office is vital to achieving
24 these goals.

25 (3) It is in the best interest of the state to transfer the Colorado
26 disability funding committee (committee) to the Colorado disability
27 opportunity office (office), which is created in this act, given the

1 alignment of the purpose of the committee and the intent of the office, to
2 ensure there is a focus on opportunities for Coloradans with disabilities
3 in the grant and contract work done by the committee. It is the intent of
4 the general assembly for the office to advise the committee on disability
5 issues, to help state agencies coordinate their efforts concerning disability
6 issues, and to not supplant the work or responsibilities or statutory
7 authority of state agencies.

8 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add with amended**
9 **and relocated provisions** article 88 to title 8 as follows:

10 **ARTICLE 88**

11 **Support of Coloradans with Disabilities**

12 **PART 1**

13 **COLORADO DISABILITY OPPORTUNITY OFFICE**

14 **8-88-101. [Formerly 24-30-2202] Definitions.** As used in this ~~part~~
15 ~~22, unless the context otherwise requires~~ ARTICLE 88:

16 (1) "CDOO" MEANS THE COLORADO DISABILITY OPPORTUNITY
17 OFFICE CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-102.

18 ~~(1)~~ (2) "Committee" means the Colorado disability funding
19 committee created in section ~~24-30-2203~~ 8-88-202.

20 ~~(2)~~ (3) "Contract entity" means ~~the~~ AN entity the committee
21 contracts with PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-88-206 (5) to implement ~~sections~~
22 ~~24-30-2206 to 24-30-2210~~ SECTION 8-88-206.

23 (4) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
24 EMPLOYMENT CREATED IN SECTION 24-1-121.

25 (5) "DISABILITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN
26 SECTION 24-34-301 (7).

27 ~~(3)~~ (6) "Disability benefits" means THE FOLLOWING SERVICES

1 PROVIDED TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY:

2 (a) Cash payments from social security disability insurance under
3 Title II of the federal "Social Security Act", 42 U.S.C. sec. 401 et seq., as
4 amended;

5 (b) Cash payments made by the federal government to persons
6 who are aged, blind, or disabled under Title XVI of the federal "Social
7 Security Act", 42 U.S.C. sec. 401 et seq., as amended; ~~and~~

8 (c) AID TO THE NEEDY DISABLED PURSUANT TO SECTION 26-2-119;

9 (d) MEDICAL CARE, INCLUDING long-term care under the
10 "Colorado Medical Assistance Act", articles 4 to 6 of title 25.5, ~~C.R.S.~~
11 AND THE HOME CARE ALLOWANCE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED PURSUANT TO
12 SECTION 26-2-122.3;

13 (e) TAX FILING ASSISTANCE;

14 (f) REBATES FOR PROPERTY TAX, RENT, AND HEAT;

15 (g) EARNED INCOME TAX CREDITS AND STATE TAX CREDITS
16 APPLICABLE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; AND

17 (h) ANY OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL BENEFITS THAT
18 IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND INDEPENDENCE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH
19 DISABILITIES AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE.

20 (7) "FULL SOCIETAL INTEGRATION" MEANS INCLUSIVE LIVING IN
21 THE COMMUNITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S CHOOSING, WITH OPTIONS TO WORK,
22 LIVE, RECREATE, LEARN, TRAVEL, AND RECEIVE SERVICES.

23 ~~(4)~~ (8) "Fund" means the disability support fund created in section
24 ~~24-30-2205.5~~ 8-88-205.

25 ~~(5)~~ (9) "Nonprofit entity" means an entity incorporated under the
26 "Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act", articles 121 to 137 of
27 title 7, ~~C.R.S.~~, or a tax-exempt entity under 26 U.S.C. sec. 501 (c)(3) of

1 the federal "Internal Revenue Code of 1986".

2 ~~(6)~~ (10) "Recipient" means a person who receives disability
3 benefits. ~~or long-term care services.~~

4 ~~(7)~~ (11) "Registration number" means the unique combination of
5 letters and numbers assigned to a vehicle by the department OF REVENUE
6 under section 42-3-201 ~~C.R.S.~~, and required to be displayed on ~~the~~ A
7 license plate by section 42-3-202. ~~C.R.S.~~

8 ~~(8)~~ (12) "Vehicle" means a vehicle required to be registered
9 pursuant to part 1 of article 3 of title 42. ~~C.R.S.~~

10 **8-88-102. Colorado disability opportunity office - creation -**
11 **duties - legislative intent.** (1) (a) (I) THERE IS CREATED IN THE
12 DEPARTMENT THE COLORADO DISABILITY OPPORTUNITY OFFICE, THE HEAD
13 OF WHICH IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO DISABILITY OPPORTUNITY
14 OFFICE. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, IN
15 CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, SHALL APPOINT THE
16 DIRECTOR OF THE CDOO.

17 (II) THE CDOO IS A **TYPE 1** ENTITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
18 24-1-105, AND EXERCISES ITS POWERS AND PERFORMS ITS DUTIES AND
19 FUNCTIONS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT.

20 (III) THE DIRECTOR OF THE CDOO HAS REGULAR ACCESS TO THE
21 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AND SHALL COLLABORATE WITH STATE
22 AGENCIES.

23 (b) THE DIRECTOR OF THE CDOO SHALL STAFF THE CDOO IN
24 ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY MEET THE GOALS AND INTENTIONS SET FORTH IN
25 THIS ARTICLE 88 AND TO MEET THE FUTURE NEEDS OF COLORADO'S
26 DISABILITY COMMUNITY. IN ORDER TO SUCCESSFULLY CARRY OUT THE
27 CDOO'S PURPOSE, IT IS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT THAT LIVED

1 EXPERIENCE AS AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY BE CONSIDERED WHEN
2 HIRING DECISIONS ARE MADE FOR THE CDOO STAFF. THE CDOO SHALL
3 SERVE AS A RESOURCE FOR STATE AGENCIES, PRIVATE AND NONPROFIT
4 ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE FULL SPECTRUM OF
5 DISABILITY ISSUES IN COLORADO.

6 (2) TO ENSURE THE CDOO'S DISABILITY INTEGRATION GOALS ARE
7 MET, THE CDOO SHALL:

8 (a) CONVENE AND COORDINATE A DISABILITY TECHNICAL
9 ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
10 DEPARTMENT, THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE
12 POLICY AND FINANCING, THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS, THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY
14 CHILDHOOD, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 HIGHER EDUCATION, THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 PUBLIC SAFETY, THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL
19 TO:

20 (I) DISCUSS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CDOO ON
21 CROSS-AGENCY EFFORTS, INCLUDING REPORTS FROM AGENCIES,
22 IMPACTING COLORADANS WITH DISABILITIES;

23 (II) UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES IMPACTING STATE AGENCIES'
24 ABILITY TO BEST SERVE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; AND

25 (III) OBTAIN THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH
26 DISABILITIES ON HOW TO ADDRESS AGENCY ISSUES;

27 (b) COORDINATE WITH THE DISABILITY TECHNICAL ADVISORY

1 COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP, MAINTAIN, AND MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON
2 THE CDOO WEBSITE A COLLECTION OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO
3 COLORADANS WITH DISABILITIES AND LINKS TO THE AGENCIES OR OTHER
4 BODIES THAT ADMINISTER THOSE RESOURCES;

5 (c) COLLABORATE WITH STATE AGENCIES AND THE STATEWIDE
6 EQUITY OFFICE CREATED IN SECTION 24-50-146 TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN
7 AN INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EQUITY PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT
8 OF SHARED DASHBOARDS THAT MEASURE PERFORMANCE AGAINST SHARED
9 GOALS WITHIN THOSE PLANS THAT ACHIEVE THE SHARED GOALS AND
10 VISION OF THE CDOO;

11 (d) COLLABORATE WITH STAKEHOLDERS FROM THE DISABILITY
12 COMMUNITY, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOARDS AND
13 COMMISSIONS THAT ADVISE ON DISABILITY ISSUES; EXCEPT THAT THE
14 CDOO SHALL NOT COLLABORATE WITH ANY BOARD OR COMMISSION THAT
15 EXERCISES QUASI-JUDICIAL AUTHORITY IN RELATION TO DISABILITY
16 DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS, INCLUDING ANY STATE AGENCY THAT
17 CONDUCTS, AND ANY STATE AGENCY PERSONNEL WHO CONDUCT,
18 INVESTIGATIVE OR OTHER ACTIVITIES RELATED TO A BOARD'S OR
19 COMMISSION'S QUASI-JUDICIAL AUTHORITY IN RELATION TO DISABILITY
20 DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS. THE COLLABORATION MUST BE ON A
21 RECURRING BASIS TO ALLOW THE CDOO AND THE DISABILITY TECHNICAL
22 ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES COLORADANS WITH
23 DISABILITIES WANT PRIORITIZED AND THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW
24 TO ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES.

25 (e) COLLABORATE WITH THE STATE OFFICE ON AGING IN THE
26 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND ADVOCATES FOR THE AGING
27 POPULATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDRESSING AGING AND

1 DISABILITY INTERSECTING ISSUES TO ENSURE COORDINATION WITH THE
2 DISABILITY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE;

3 (f) CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN RELEVANT REPORTS
4 AND AUDITS, INCLUDING:

5 (I) THE TASK FORCE ON THE RIGHTS OF COLORADANS WITH
6 DISABILITIES, CREATED IN SECTION 24-34-1003;

7 (II) THE FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY LIVING ADVISORY
8 GROUP, CREATED IN THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIVING PURSUANT TO THE
9 GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER D 2012-027;

10 (III) THE COLORADO COMMUNITY LIVING PLAN;

11 (IV) THE REPORT ISSUED BY THE EMPLOYMENT FIRST ADVISORY
12 PARTNERSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8-84-303 (7); AND

13 (V) THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING GROUP ON AGING FINAL
14 REPORT; AND

15 (g) ACT AS LEAD COORDINATOR ON MULTIAGENCY REPORTS AND
16 PLANS FOCUSED ON COLORADANS WITH DISABILITIES BY COORDINATING
17 WITH ALL RELEVANT AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDER GROUPS.

18 (3) THE CDOO SHALL PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO THE OFFICE OF THE
19 GOVERNOR AND STATE AGENCIES ON MATTERS RELATED TO COLORADANS
20 WITH DISABILITIES, TO:

21 (a) IMPLEMENT A STATEWIDE STRATEGY TO FACILITATE FULL
22 SOCIETAL INTEGRATION BY INVESTING IN THE SUCCESS OF INDIVIDUALS
23 WITH DISABILITIES IN COLORADO;

24 (b) FOSTER ENHANCED INCLUSION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH
25 DISABILITIES;

26 (c) ENSURE EQUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES AND ACCESS TO SERVICES
27 FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES;

1 (d) ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO PROSPERITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH
2 DISABILITIES; AND

3 (e) COORDINATE WITH AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
4 GOVERNOR AND STATE AGENCIES ON WAYS TO IMPROVE POLICIES,
5 PROGRAMS, AND OPERATIONS TO SUPPORT FULL SOCIETAL INTEGRATION
6 OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ACROSS THE STATE.

7 (4) AS FUNDING ALLOWS, THE CDOO SHALL PROMOTE FULL
8 SOCIETAL INTEGRATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, WITH THE
9 GOAL OF IMPLEMENTING DISABILITY SUPPORT THROUGH
10 COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVES AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
11 THROUGH WHICH INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES
12 CAN ACCESS FORMAL AND INFORMAL SUPPORT TO PROMOTE THEIR
13 HEALTH, ECONOMIC WELL-BEING, AND FULL SOCIETAL INTEGRATION. THE
14 PROMOTION MUST INCLUDE:

15 (a) IMPLEMENTING STUDIES, SYMPOSIA, AND RESEARCH AND THE
16 REVIEW OF FACTUAL REPORTS IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER STATE
17 AGENCIES TO GATHER INSIGHT AND TO FORMULATE AND PRESENT
18 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND STATE AGENCIES RELATED TO
19 ISSUES OF CONCERN AND IMPORTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES
20 IN COLORADO;

21 (b) ANALYZING ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS IN ORDER
22 TO MAKE POLICY AND PROGRAMMATIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
23 GOVERNOR AND STATE AGENCIES;

24 (c) CREATING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, SUCH AS:

25 (I) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, SKILLS RECOGNITION, AND
26 BARRIER REDUCTION;

27 (II) INITIATIVES THAT INCREASE ECONOMIC STABILITY; AND

- 1 (III) ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND HIGHER EDUCATION ATTAINMENT;
- 2 (d) CONNECTING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO LOCAL,
- 3 STATE, AND FEDERAL RESOURCES, AND TO OTHER RESOURCES AS THEY ARE
- 4 AVAILABLE OR RELEVANT, TO MEET THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS; AND
- 5 (e) EDUCATING AND REACHING OUT TO PEOPLE IN THE STATE BY:
- 6 (I) PROMOTING AND CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS AND
- 7 CONTRIBUTIONS OF COLORADO'S DISABILITY COMMUNITY; AND
- 8 (II) ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE IN ORDER TO
- 9 FOSTER INCLUSIVITY AND INTEGRATION BY BUILDING AWARENESS,
- 10 PROMOTING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, AND INCREASING SOCIAL BRIDGING
- 11 OPPORTUNITIES.

12 (5) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2025, AND ON OR BEFORE

13 NOVEMBER 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DIRECTOR OF THE COLORADO

14 DISABILITY OPPORTUNITY OFFICE, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, SHALL

15 SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE A

16 REVIEW AND SUMMARY OF THE ACTIVITY OF, INFORMATION ON, AND DATA

17 ON THE PROGRAMS THAT THE CDOO ADMINISTERED DURING THE PRIOR

18 STATE FISCAL YEAR.

19 **8-88-103. Appropriation - gifts, grants, and donations.** THE

20 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM THE FUND OR

21 FROM ANY OTHER AVAILABLE SOURCE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR USE BY

22 THE CDOO FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE 88. THE CDOO

23 MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM

24 PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 88.

25 PART 2

26 DISABILITY SUPPORT

27 **8-88-201. [Formerly 24-30-2201] Short title.** The short title of

1 this ~~part 22~~ PART 2 is the "Laura Hershey Disability Support Act".

2 **8-88-202. [Formerly 24-30-2203] Colorado disability funding**
3 **committee.** (1) (a) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2024, THE RIGHTS, POWERS,
4 DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS REGARDING the Colorado disability funding
5 committee ~~is hereby created within~~ VESTED IN the department of
6 personnel PRIOR TO SAID DATE ARE TRANSFERRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT
7 OF PERSONNEL TO THE COLORADO DISABILITY OPPORTUNITY OFFICE
8 WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.

9 (b) (I) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2024, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED,
10 WHENEVER ANY PROVISION OF LAW REFERS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 PERSONNEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS
12 TRANSFERRED TO THE CDOO, SUCH LAW MUST BE CONSTRUED AS
13 REFERRING TO THE CDOO.

14 (II) AS OF JULY 1, 2024, ALL RULES AND ORDERS OF THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL ADOPTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE POWERS,
16 DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS TRANSFERRED TO THE CDOO CONTINUE TO BE
17 EFFECTIVE UNTIL REVISED, AMENDED, REPEALED, OR NULLIFIED PURSUANT
18 TO LAW.

19 (III) AS OF JULY 1, 2024, WHENEVER THE DEPARTMENT OF
20 PERSONNEL IS REFERRED TO OR DESIGNATED BY ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER
21 DOCUMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS
22 TRANSFERRED TO THE CDOO, SUCH REFERENCE OR DESIGNATION IS
23 DEEMED TO APPLY TO THE CDOO. ALL CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BY THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2024, IN CONNECTION WITH
25 THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS ARE HEREBY VALIDATED, WITH THE CDOO
26 SUCCEEDING TO ALL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER SUCH CONTRACTS.
27 AS OF JULY 1, 2024, ANY CASH FUNDS, CUSTODIAL FUNDS, TRUSTS,

1 GRANTS, AND APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS FROM PRIOR STATE FISCAL YEARS
2 OPEN TO SATISFY OBLIGATIONS INCURRED UNDER SUCH CONTRACTS ARE
3 TRANSFERRED AND APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR ALLOCATION
4 TO THE CDOO FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH OBLIGATIONS.

5 (c) The committee consists of thirteen members appointed by the
6 governor, the majority of whom are ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS with
7 disabilities, ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS with immediate family members who
8 are ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS with disabilities, or ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS who
9 are caregivers to a family member who is ~~a person~~ AN INDIVIDUAL with
10 ~~disabilities~~ A DISABILITY. In making the appointments, the governor shall
11 ensure that the committee has members with experience in or knowledge
12 of:

- 13 (I) Business and business management;
- 14 (II) Nonprofit entities and managing nonprofit entities;
- 15 (III) Advocacy for ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS with disabilities;
- 16 (IV) The practice of medicine, WITH EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH
17 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; and
- 18 (V) The practice of law, with experience working with ~~persons~~
19 INDIVIDUALS with disabilities.

20 (2) Members of the committee serve three-year terms; except that
21 the terms shall be staggered so that no more than five members' terms
22 expire in the same year. The governor shall not appoint a member for
23 more than two consecutive terms.

24 (3) An act of the committee is void unless a majority of the
25 appointed members has voted in favor of the act.

26 (4) The committee shall implement this ~~part 22~~ PART 2 using the
27 fund.

1 (5) The committee is authorized to seek and accept GIFTS, grants,
2 or donations from private or public sources for the purposes of this ~~part~~
3 ~~22~~ PART 2; except that the committee shall not accept a gift, grant, or
4 donation that is subject to conditions that are inconsistent with this ~~part~~
5 ~~22~~ PART 2 or part 13 of article 75 of ~~this title~~ TITLE 24 regarding the status
6 of GIFTS, grants, and donations made to state agencies.

7 (6) The committee has the following duties and powers:

8 (a) To sue and be sued and otherwise assert or defend the
9 committee's legal interests;

10 (b) To prepare and sign contracts;

11 (c) To have and exercise all rights and powers necessary or
12 incidental to, or implied from, the specific powers granted in this ~~part 22~~
13 PART 2;

14 (d) To fix the time and place at which meetings may be held;

15 (e) To adopt and use a seal and to alter the same at its pleasure;

16 ~~(f) To authorize an auctioneer or other seller of a registration~~
17 ~~number to retain a reasonable commission as determined by the~~
18 ~~committee;~~

19 ~~(g)~~ (f) To make business decisions to implement this ~~part 22~~ PART
20 2;

21 ~~(h)~~ (g) To create incentives for holders to turn in currently issued
22 registration numbers if any actual costs are reimbursed to the state from
23 the sale;

24 ~~(i)~~ (h) To authorize and sell license plates made of alternative
25 materials if approved by the department of revenue; and

26 ~~(j)~~ (i) To sell the right to use additional license plate options, such
27 as historically issued backgrounds, for a fee if the option is approved by

1 the department of revenue and the Colorado state patrol.

2 (7) (a) The committee may ~~obtain~~ CONTRACT FOR the services of
3 professional advisors ~~or contract with employees~~ to ~~handle the conduct~~
4 ~~of all meetings~~ OR carry out its administrative functions for meetings and
5 committee business. ~~or handle the committee's auctions.~~

6 (b) The department of ~~personnel~~ may hire employees to handle the
7 administrative aspects of supporting the committee. ~~resulting from the~~
8 ~~committee being within the department of personnel.~~

9 (8) The attorney general is the legal counsel for the committee.

10 (9) Committee members do not receive compensation for
11 performing official duties of the committee but may receive a per diem
12 or reimbursement for travel and other reasonable and necessary expenses
13 for performing official duties of the committee. The per diem or
14 reimbursement is paid from the fund.

15 (10) The department of public safety may prohibit any action of
16 the committee or its agents that concerns the sale of license plates or
17 registration numbers if the decision would affect the policy of the state of
18 Colorado as it relates to the use or display of license plates or registration
19 numbers.

20 **8-88-203. [Formerly 24-30-2204] Program to assist individuals**
21 **to obtain disability benefits.** (1) ~~When adequate funding is available,~~
22 The committee shall invite nonprofit entities, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF
23 HUMAN SERVICES, AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES to
24 submit a ~~proposal for a program~~ PROPOSALS FOR PROGRAMS to aid persons
25 INDIVIDUALS with disabilities in accessing disability benefits. To qualify
26 ~~the~~ FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, A
27 nonprofit organization must be based in Colorado and:

1 (a) BE governed by a board: ~~that:~~

2 ~~(a)~~ (I) THAT is composed of persons with a demonstrated
3 commitment to improving the lives of recipients with disabilities;

4 ~~(b)~~ (II) ~~Contains~~ THAT INCLUDES members who understand a
5 range of disabilities; and

6 ~~(c)~~ (III) ~~Contains~~ A majority of THE members ~~who~~ OF WHICH are
7 ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS with disabilities, ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS with
8 immediate family members who are ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS with
9 disabilities, or ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS who are caregivers to a family
10 member who is ~~a person~~ AN INDIVIDUAL with ~~disabilities~~ A DISABILITY;

11 or

12 ~~(f) and (H)~~ ~~(Deleted by amendment, L. 2022.)~~

13 ~~(HH)~~ (b) ~~Has~~ HAVE a contract with an organization that meets the
14 ~~above~~ criteria IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION to assume the
15 disability perspective APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE.

16 (1.5) TO QUALIFY FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER SUBSECTION (2) OF
17 THIS SECTION, A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES OR A COUNTY
18 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENT OF
19 SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

20 (2) (a) (I) The committee shall review the proposed programs and
21 shall award a contract ~~to one or more entities that best meet the~~
22 ~~requirements of this section~~ in accordance with the "Procurement Code",
23 articles 101 to 112 of ~~this~~ title 24, TO ONE OR MORE ENTITIES THAT BEST
24 MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

25 (II) The term of each contract is up to three years. The committee
26 shall include evaluation criteria in the contract with metrics that must be
27 met at least once a year to continue funding.

1 ~~(HH) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2022.)~~

2 (b) The committee shall not award a contract unless the proposal
3 includes:

4 (I) A system for evaluating whether ~~a person~~ AN INDIVIDUAL with
5 a disability is reasonably able to navigate the application process to obtain
6 disability benefits, health care, and employment;

7 (II) A system for prioritizing the need of applicants based upon
8 the evaluations;

9 (III) A plan for assisting ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS with disabilities in
10 navigating the processes of obtaining and retaining disability benefits,
11 health care, and employment;

12 (IV) A plan for ~~establishment of~~ ESTABLISHING working
13 relationships with state agencies, county departments of human or social
14 services, health-care providers, the United States social security
15 administration, and the business community;

16 (V) A policy of preferential hiring of ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS with
17 disabilities;

18 (VI) Reasonable standards for accounting control of expenditures;
19 and

20 (VII) Metrics to evaluate the program's quality and
21 cost-effectiveness.

22 ~~(VIII) Repealed.~~

23 (c) The committee shall not discriminate against a contracting
24 entity ~~for~~ BASED ON ITS advocacy concerning ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS with
25 disabilities.

26 (d) To the greatest extent possible, the committee shall ensure,
27 through one or more contracts pursuant to this section, that ~~persons~~

1 INDIVIDUALS with disabilities are served statewide.

2 (3) ~~The~~ AN entity awarded a contract under this section shall make
3 quarterly reports of expenditures to the committee. The committee shall
4 include in the contract a method and format for making the reports.

5 **8-88-204. [Formerly 24-30-2204.5] Program to investigate,**
6 **fund, and pilot projects or programs to benefit individuals with**
7 **disabilities.** (1) WHEN ADEQUATE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE, the committee
8 shall accept and review proposals to fund projects or programs, or both,
9 that study or pilot new and innovative ideas that will lead to an improved
10 quality of life or increased independence for ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS with
11 disabilities. Proposals may be accepted throughout the year, and grants ~~or~~
12 ~~loans~~ may be made by the committee at its regular meetings. The fund
13 ~~created in section 24-30-2205.5 shall be~~ IS the sole source ~~to fund~~ OF
14 MONEY FOR any grants ~~or loans~~ made pursuant to this section.

15 (2) To be eligible for funding pursuant to this section, a project or
16 program must:

17 (a) Demonstrate a capability to be self-sustaining or otherwise be
18 able to develop long-term independent funding; AND

19 (b) (I) ~~Have a governing body, A board, or ownership that is~~
20 ~~composed of persons~~ INDIVIDUALS with a demonstrated commitment to
21 improving the lives of ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS with disabilities, the majority
22 of whom are ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS with disabilities, ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS
23 with immediate family members who are ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS with
24 disabilities, or ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS who are caregivers to a family
25 member who is ~~a person~~ AN INDIVIDUAL with ~~disabilities;~~ and A
26 DISABILITY;

27 (II) ~~FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT DO NOT MEET THE GOVERNANCE~~

1 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (2)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION, HAVE A GRANT
2 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE, THAT IS
3 RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OVERSIGHT OF THE GRANT AND IS COMPRISED OF
4 INDIVIDUALS WITH A DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE
5 LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE
6 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, INDIVIDUALS WITH IMMEDIATE FAMILY
7 MEMBERS WHO ARE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, OR INDIVIDUALS WHO
8 ARE CAREGIVERS TO A FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A
9 DISABILITY; OR

10 (c) (III) In the case of a sole proprietorship, have an owner ~~who~~
11 ~~is a person with a demonstrated commitment to improving the lives of~~
12 ~~persons with disabilities~~, who:

13 (A) Is ~~a person~~ AN INDIVIDUAL with a disability, ~~a person~~ AN
14 INDIVIDUAL with an immediate family member who is ~~a person~~ AN
15 INDIVIDUAL with a disability, or ~~a person~~ AN INDIVIDUAL who is a
16 caregiver to a family member who is ~~a person~~ AN INDIVIDUAL with a
17 disability; AND

18 (B) HAS DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LIVES
19 OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

20 **8-88-205. [Formerly 24-30-2205.5] Disability support fund.**

21 (1) There is ~~hereby~~ created in the state treasury the disability support
22 fund, which ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of money transferred to the fund in
23 accordance with section 25.5-5-308 (8); ~~C.R.S.~~, MONEY from the sale of
24 registration numbers under this ~~part 22~~, PART 2; any money that may be
25 appropriated OR TRANSFERRED to the fund by the general assembly; and
26 any gifts, grants, or donations received by the department of ~~personnel~~
27 for the purpose of implementing this ~~part 22~~ PART 2.

1 (2) The money in the fund is subject to annual appropriation by
2 the general assembly for the direct and indirect costs associated with the
3 implementation of this ~~part 22~~ PART 2. Any money in the fund not
4 expended for the purpose of this section may be invested by the state
5 treasurer as provided by law. All interest and income derived from the
6 investment and deposit of money in the fund must be credited to the fund.
7 Any unexpended and unencumbered money remaining in the fund at the
8 end of a fiscal year must remain in the fund for use as provided in this
9 ~~part 22~~ PART 2 and MUST not be credited or transferred to the general fund
10 or another fund. If this section is repealed, prior to its repeal, all
11 unexpended and unencumbered money remaining in the fund must be
12 transferred to the general fund.

13 ~~(3) Any money used to implement additional license plate options
14 shall not be transferred to the department of revenue. The committee or
15 contract entity shall transfer the money directly to the division of
16 correctional industries.~~

17 ~~(4) The committee shall evaluate the cost of implementing section
18 24-30-2204 at least once annually and, if it is financially feasible to
19 implement that section, shall implement section 24-30-2204 before
20 implementing section 24-30-2204.5.~~

21 **8-88-206. Sale of registration numbers for license plates -
22 license to buy and sell - market for - royalty payment -
23 administration - third-party contracting entity.** (1) (a) [Formerly
24 **24-30-2206 (1)**] The state or a person may sell, and the state or a person
25 may purchase, the exclusive right to use a registration number selected by
26 the committee under ~~section 24-30-2208~~ SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION
27 for the purpose of registering a vehicle under article 3 of title 42. ~~C.R.S.~~

1 (b) [Formerly 24-30-2206 (2)] The right to use a registration
2 number is a license, the use of which is subject to compliance with this
3 ~~part 22~~ PART 2. The duration of the license is determined by the
4 committee.

5 (2) (a) [Formerly 24-30-2208 (1)] The committee shall raise
6 money by selling to a buyer the right to use valuable letter and number
7 combinations for a registration number. ~~The committee shall auction~~
8 ~~registration numbers that are likely to be worth substantially more than~~
9 ~~the average value of a registration number.~~

10 (b) (I) [Formerly 24-30-2208 (2)(a)] The committee shall study
11 the market ~~and determine which registration numbers are the most~~
12 ~~valuable, including both the types of plates currently issued and any type~~
13 ~~of plate that has been historically issued,~~ TO DETERMINE WHICH
14 REGISTRATION NUMBERS ARE THE MOST VALUABLE. Based on the study,
15 the committee shall select the most valuable registration numbers and
16 request the department of revenue to verify whether plates with the
17 registration numbers are currently issued. The committee and the
18 department of revenue shall enter into an agreement establishing a
19 process for requesting registration numbers, ~~that specifies~~ INCLUDING
20 SPECIFYING the frequency of these requests.

21 (II) [Formerly 24-30-2208 (2)(b)] Upon receiving the committee's
22 request, the department of revenue shall verify whether the plates are
23 currently issued. For purposes of this subsection (2)(b), ~~and subsection~~
24 ~~(2)(c) of this section,~~ a plate that expires due to the operation of section
25 42-3-115 (5)(a) is considered currently issued until THE EXPIRATION OF
26 the right of the owner of the motor vehicle to which the expired plate was
27 affixed to apply to use the registration number of the expired plate when

1 registering another motor vehicle. ~~expires.~~ If the plate is not currently
2 issued, the department OF REVENUE shall reserve the registration number
3 until the committee notifies the department OF REVENUE to release the
4 registration number.

5 (III) THE COMMITTEE SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR
6 DETERMINING VALUE OF ALL CONFIGURATIONS OF REGISTRATION
7 NUMBERS RESERVED BY THE COMMITTEE. THE PRICING AND MANNER OF
8 SALE MUST FOLLOW THE ESTABLISHED PROCESS.

9 (IV) **[Formerly 24-30-2208 (2)(c)]** If a registration number is not
10 currently issued, the committee may sell the right to use the registration
11 number in a manner calculated to bring the highest price; except that the
12 department of revenue may deny the sale or use of a registration number
13 that is offensive or inappropriate.

14 (3) (a) **[Formerly 24-30-2209 (1)]** The committee shall raise
15 ~~money~~ REVENUE by creating a market, which may include an online site,
16 for THE RESALE OF LICENSE PLATE CONFIGURATIONS OF registration
17 numbers using methods that are commercially reasonable, account for
18 expenditures, and ensure the collection of the state's approval and transfer
19 royalty.

20 (b) **[Formerly 24-30-2209 (2)]** The royalty for the state's approval
21 and transfer of the right to use a registration number is twenty-five
22 percent of the sale price of the transfer. At the time of sale, the purchaser
23 shall pay the royalty to the committee. This payment is in addition to and
24 not in lieu of the normal registration fees, sales or use taxes, or specific
25 ownership tax.

26 (c) **[Formerly 24-30-2209 (3)]** A person shall not sell a
27 registration number, and the department of revenue shall not assign a

1 registration number, as a result of the right to use the number being sold
2 to a vehicle unless the registration number was sold using the market
3 created by the committee.

4 (4) (a) **[Formerly 24-30-2210 (1)]** The committee shall notify the
5 department of revenue when the right to use a registration number has
6 been sold and the committee has collected the state's sale proceeds or
7 approval and transfer royalty. Upon receiving the notice, the department
8 of revenue shall create a record in Colorado DRIVES, created in section
9 42-1-211, containing the name of the buyer; the vehicle identification
10 number, if applicable; and the corresponding registration number.

11 (b) **[Formerly 24-30-2210 (2)]** If the registration number consists
12 of a combination of letters and numbers that is not within the normal
13 format of A license plate currently produced for the department of
14 revenue, the department of revenue shall issue the plates as personalized
15 plates under section 42-3-211; ~~C.R.S.~~; except that, notwithstanding
16 section 42-3-211, ~~C.R.S.~~, the committee may sell, and the buyer or any
17 subsequent buyer may use:

18 (I) A registration number or letter of one position; or

19 (II) Any symbol on the standard American keyboard or approved
20 by the committee.

21 (c) **[Formerly 24-30-2210 (3)]** The committee shall transfer the
22 money collected under this ~~part 22~~ PART 2 to the state treasurer, who shall
23 credit the money to the fund. ~~created in section 24-30-2205.5.~~

24 (d) **[Formerly 24-30-2210 (4)]** The committee may contract with
25 one or more public or private entities to implement this ~~part 22~~ PART 2.

26 (e) **[Formerly 24-30-2210 (5)]** Any ~~money~~ REVENUE received by
27 the committee from the sale of registration numbers shall be deposited in

1 the fund.

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3 **8-88-207. [Formerly 24-30-2212] Sunset review - repeal of part.**

4 This ~~part 22~~ PART 2 is repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2026~~ SEPTEMBER
5 1, 2029. Before the repeal, this ~~part 22~~ PART 2 is scheduled for review in
6 accordance with section 24-34-104.

7 **SECTION 3. Repeal of relocated and nonrelocated provisions**
8 **in this act.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** part 22 of article 30 of
9 title 24; except that 24-30-2211 is not relocated.

10 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**
11 (27)(a)(XVIII); and **add** (30)(a)(IX) as follows:

12 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
13 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
14 **declaration - repeal.** (27) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,
15 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2026:

16 (XVIII) ~~The assistance program for disability benefits under part~~
17 ~~22 of article 30 of this title 24.~~

18 (30) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled
19 for repeal on September 1, 2029:

20 (IX) ~~THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS UNDER~~
21 ~~ARTICLE 88 OF TITLE 8.~~

22 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-1-121, **add** (3)(n)
23 as follows:

24 **24-1-121. Department of labor and employment - creation.**

25 (3) The department of labor and employment consists of the following
26 divisions and programs:

27 (n) THE COLORADO DISABILITY OPPORTUNITY OFFICE, OR

1 "CDOO", CREATED IN SECTION 8-88-102, THE HEAD OF WHICH IS THE
2 DIRECTOR OF THE CDOO. THE CDOO IS A **TYPE 1** ENTITY, AS DEFINED IN
3 SECTION 24-1-105, AND EXERCISES ITS POWERS AND PERFORMS ITS DUTIES
4 AND FUNCTIONS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT.

5 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-402, **amend**
6 (5)(yy) as follows:

7 **24-75-402. Cash funds - limit on uncommitted reserves -**
8 **reduction in the amount of fees - exclusions - definitions.**

9 (5) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the
10 following cash funds are excluded from the limitations specified in this
11 section:

12 (yy) The disability support fund created in section ~~24-30-2205.5~~
13 ~~(+)~~ 8-8-205 (1);

14 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-1-801, **amend**
15 (5)(c)(II)(A) as follows:

16 **25-1-801. Patient records in custody of health-care facility -**
17 **definitions.** (5) As used in this part 8, unless the context otherwise
18 requires:

19 (c) (II) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part 8:

20 (A) If a patient record is requested by a third-party entity that is
21 performing duties under the "Laura Hershey Disability Support Act", ~~part~~
22 ~~22 of article 30 of title 24, C.R.S.~~ PART 2 OF ARTICLE 88 OF TITLE 8, the
23 third party may obtain one free copy of the record for the application
24 process or for an appeal or reapplication when required by the disability
25 benefit administrator;

26 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25.5-5-308, **amend**
27 (8)(b.5) as follows:

1 **25.5-5-308. Breast and cervical cancer prevention and**
2 **treatment program - creation - legislative declaration - definitions -**
3 **funds - repeal.** (8) (b.5) Until section ~~24-30-2204.5~~ 8-88-205 is
4 repealed, the state treasurer shall transfer any interest or income earned
5 on ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund to the disability support fund created in
6 section ~~24-30-2205.5~~ 8-88-205.

7 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 26-2-119.7.

8 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-22-535, **amend**
9 (1) as follows:

10 **39-22-535. Credit for purchase of uniquely valuable motor**
11 **vehicle registration numbers.** (1) For tax years commencing on or after
12 January 1, 2013, a person who buys the right to use a registration number
13 under section ~~24-30-2206~~ 8-88-206 is allowed a credit against the income
14 taxes imposed by this article 22 for twenty percent of the purchase price
15 of the right to use the registration number that is paid to the Colorado
16 disability funding committee created in section ~~24-30-2203~~ 8-88-202.

17 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-1-227, **amend**
18 (1) introductory portion as follows:

19 **42-1-227. Disabled parking education program.** (1) Subject to
20 the availability of money appropriated to the ~~department of personnel~~
21 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, pursuant to section 42-1-226,
22 the Colorado disability funding committee, created in section ~~24-30-2203~~
23 8-88-202:

24 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-115, **amend**
25 (5)(b)(II) as follows:

26 **42-3-115. Registration upon transfer - rules - definitions.**
27 (5) (b) Subsection (5)(a) of this section does not apply to the transfer or

1 assignment of an owner's title or interest in Class B, Class C, and Class
2 D personal property that has number plates:

3 (II) That have a valuable registration number that has been
4 reserved for use under the "Laura Hershey Disability Support Act", ~~part~~
5 ~~22 of article 30 of title 24~~ PART 2 OF ARTICLE 88 OF TITLE 8.

6 **SECTION 13.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-206.5, **amend**
7 (1); and **add** (7) as follows:

8 **42-3-206.5. Issuance of plates in a retired style authorized -**
9 **additional fee - rules.** (1) (a) Beginning January 1, 2023, or when the
10 department is able to issue license plates pursuant to section ~~24-30-2203~~
11 ~~(6)(j)~~ 8-88-202 (6)(i), whichever is earlier, the department shall issue
12 license plates in previously retired styles for motorcycles, passenger cars,
13 trucks, or noncommercial or recreational motor vehicles that do not
14 exceed sixteen thousand pounds empty weight that had:

15 (a) (I) White letters and numbers on a background of green
16 mountains and a white sky;

17 (II) White letters and numbers on a background of black with a
18 white border;

19 (III) White letters and numbers on a background of blue with a
20 white border; or

21 (IV) White letters and numbers on a background of red with a
22 white border.

23 (b) The amount of the taxes and fees for license plates in the
24 previously retired style is the same as the amount of the taxes and fees
25 specified for regular motor vehicle plates plus an annual fee of
26 twenty-five dollars, which shall be credited to the disability support fund
27 created in section ~~24-30-2205.5~~ 8-88-205.

1 (7) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2027, IF AN APPLICANT FOR A
2 RETIRED LICENSE PLATE THAT WAS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION
3 DEMONSTRATES A PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT THAT AFFECTS THE APPLICANT'S
4 MOBILITY UNDER THE STANDARDS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 42-3-204 (1)(a),
5 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE THE PREVIOUSLY RETIRED LICENSE PLATE
6 TO THE APPLICANT WITH AN IDENTIFYING FIGURE AS DEFINED IN SECTION
7 42-3-204 (1)(e) TO INDICATE THAT THE VEHICLE IS AUTHORIZED TO
8 TRANSPORT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO USE RESERVED PARKING
9 PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-4-1208.

10 **SECTION 14.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-211, **amend**
11 (3)(a) as follows:

12 **42-3-211. Issuance of personalized plates authorized.**

13 (3) (a) Personalized license plates must be the same color and design as
14 regular motor vehicle license plates, must consist of any combination of
15 numbers or letters not exceeding seven positions and not less than two
16 positions except as otherwise provided in section ~~24-30-2210, C.R.S.~~
17 8-88-206 (4), and must not conflict with existing passenger, commercial,
18 trailer, motorcycle, or other special license plates series; except that
19 personalized license plates bearing the words "street rod" shall be of a
20 design determined by the executive director of the department, which
21 design shall be different from those used by the state for regular motor
22 vehicle license plates.

23 **SECTION 15. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2024.

24 **SECTION 16. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
25 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
26 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for

- 1 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
- 2 institutions.