

## CHAPTER 347

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**MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION**

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**HOUSE BILL 24-1369**

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**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A COLORADO AGRICULTURE LICENSE PLATE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-3-271 as follows:

**42-3-271. Special plates - Colorado agriculture.** (1) 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 COLORADO AGRICULTURE LICENSE PLATE.

(b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE A DESIGN:

(I) THAT INCLUDES A TAGLINE TO READ "FEEDING THE WORLD"; AND

(II) SUBMITTED BY OR DEVELOPED WITH THE LOGAN COUNTY CATTLEWOMEN, BUT THE DESIGN MUST CONFORM TO DEPARTMENT STANDARDS AND BE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(3) A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR A COLORADO AGRICULTURE LICENSE PLATE IF THE PERSON PAYS THE TAXES AND FEES REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.*

(4) THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES FOR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION IS THE SAME AS THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES FOR REGULAR MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT THE FEE SPECIFIED IN SECTION 42-3-312 AND AN ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE PLATE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT THE ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE FEE TO THE HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-201.

(5) AN APPLICANT MAY APPLY FOR PERSONALIZED COLORADO AGRICULTURE LICENSE PLATES. UPON PAYMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(a) FOR PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE THE PLATES IF THE APPLICANT COMPLIES WITH SECTION 42-3-211. IF AN APPLICANT HAS EXISTING PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE, THE APPLICANT MAY TRANSFER THE COMBINATION OF LETTERS OR NUMBERS TO A NEW SET OF COLORADO AGRICULTURE LICENSE PLATES FOR THE VEHICLE UPON PAYING THE FEE REQUIRED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(a) AND UPON TURNING IN THE EXISTING PLATES TO THE DEPARTMENT. A PERSON WHO HAS OBTAINED PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) MUST PAY THE ANNUAL FEE IMPOSED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(b) TO RENEW THE PERSONALIZED PLATES. THE FEES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) ARE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER APPLICABLE TAXES AND FEES.

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

**42-3-312. Special license plate surcharge.** In addition to any other fee imposed by this article 3, an applicant for a special license plate created by rule in accordance with section 42-3-207, as the section existed when the plate was created, personalized plates issued under section 42-3-211, or special license plates issued under sections 42-3-212 to 42-3-214, sections 42-3-217 to 42-3-218, sections 42-3-221 to 42-3-234, sections 42-3-237 to 42-3-258, sections 42-3-260 to 42-3-265, ~~42-3-267, 42-3-268, and section 42-3-269~~ AND SECTIONS 42-3-267 TO 42-3-271 shall pay an issuance fee of twenty-five dollars; except that the fee is not imposed on special license plates exempted from additional fees for the issuance of a military special license plate by section 42-3-213 (1)(b)(II). The department shall transfer the money from the fee to the state treasurer, who shall credit it to the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account created in section 42-1-211 (2).

**SECTION 3. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, \$15,775 is appropriated to the department of revenue. This appropriation is from the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account in the highway users tax fund created in section 42-1-211 (2), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:

(a) \$1,225 for use by the executive director's office for personal services related to administration and support;

(b) \$1,782 for payments to OIT;

(c) \$864 for use by the division of motor vehicles for personal services related to vehicle services; and

(d) \$11,904 for DRIVES maintenance and support.

(2) For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, \$17,431 is appropriated to the department of revenue for use by the division of motor vehicles. This appropriation is from the license plate cash fund created in section 42-3-301 (1)(b), C.R.S. To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for license plate ordering.

**SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V 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.

Approved: June 3, 2024