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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AN OPTION TO REGISTER A TRAILER UNTIL IT IS**
102 **TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER PERSON.**

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 authorizes the owner of a trailer to register the trailer for as long as the person owns the trailer. The trailer must be class B or class C personal property. To register the trailer, the owner must pay:

- 10 years of specific ownership tax; and
- \$24.50 to cover fees.

Upon the transfer of ownership of the trailer, the owner is required

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to notify the department of revenue of the transfer. The department will notify the owner of this requirement. If the owner fails to make the notification, the department may suspend the person's authority to register a trailer under the bill for 3 years. Procedures are set for implementing the suspension.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-102, **add** (5) as
3 follows:

4 **42-3-102. Periodic registration - rules.** (5) (a) IN LIEU OF
5 REGISTERING UNDER SUBSECTIONS (1) TO (3) OF THIS SECTION, AN
6 APPLICANT MAY REGISTER A TRAILER UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) IF:

7 (I) THE TRAILER QUALIFIES AS CLASS B OR CLASS C PERSONAL
8 PROPERTY; AND

9 (II) THE OWNER COMPLIES WITH THIS SECTION AND SECTIONS
10 42-3-107 (29) AND 42-3-315.

11 (b) A TRAILER REGISTRATION ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5)
12 DOES NOT EXPIRE UNTIL THE TRAILER CHANGES OWNERSHIP IN
13 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE 3. THE REGISTRATION EXPIRES UPON THE
14 TRANSFER OF THE TRAILER.

15 (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE PLATE TO A TRAILER
16 REGISTERED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5), BUT A VALIDATING STICKER OR
17 TAB IS NOT ISSUED NOR REQUIRED FOR THE LICENSE PLATE.

18 (d) (I) (A) UPON THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF A TRAILER
19 REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE OWNER SHALL NOTIFY THE
20 DEPARTMENT OF THE TRANSFER.

21 (B) IF A PERSON FAILS TO MAKE THE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED BY
22 THIS SUBSECTION (5)(d), THE DEPARTMENT MAY SUSPEND THE PERSON'S
23 AUTHORITY TO REGISTER A TRAILER UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) FOR

1 THREE YEARS. UPON DETERMINING THAT A PERSON FAILED TO MAKE THE
2 NOTIFICATION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE PERSON WITHIN
3 THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DETERMINATION OF THE RIGHT TO REQUEST A
4 HEARING TO APPEAL THE DETERMINATION. THE PERSON MAY APPEAL THE
5 DETERMINATION AT A HEARING IF THE REQUEST IS MADE WITHIN THIRTY
6 DAYS AFTER THE DEPARTMENT MAKES THE NOTIFICATION. THE HEARING
7 MUST BE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24.

8 (II) UPON REGISTERING A TRAILER UNDER THIS SECTION, THE
9 DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE OWNER OF THE REQUIREMENT OF THIS
10 SUBSECTION (5)(d) TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF ANY TRANSFER OF THE
11 TRAILER REGISTERED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5). THE DEPARTMENT
12 SHALL ALSO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
13 SUBSECTION (5) ON ITS WEB PAGE.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-107, **add** (29)
15 as follows:

16 **42-3-107. Taxable value of classes of property - rate of tax -**
17 **when and where payable - department duties - apportionment of tax**
18 **collections - definitions - rules - repeal.** (29) THE OWNER MUST PREPAY
19 TEN YEARS OF ANNUAL SPECIFIC OWNERSHIP TAX TO REGISTER A TRAILER
20 UNDER SECTION 42-3-102 (5).

21 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-3-315 as
22 follows:

23 **42-3-315. Fee for long-term or permanent registration -**
24 **trailers.** (1) IN LIEU OF ANY OTHER FEE IMPOSED FOR REGISTRATION OF
25 A TRAILER, THE FEE FOR REGISTRATION ISSUED UNDER SECTION 42-3-102
26 (5) IS TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS.

27 (2) (a) THE DEPARTMENT OR AUTHORIZED AGENT THAT

1 REGISTERED THE TRAILER MAY RETAIN TWO DOLLARS OF THE
2 REGISTRATION FEE.

3 (b) THE DEPARTMENT OR AUTHORIZED AGENT SHALL RETAIN ONE
4 DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS OF THE FEE, WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
5 TRANSFER TO THE COUNTY WHERE THE REGISTRATION OCCURRED, IF
6 APPLICABLE, AND THE COUNTY SHALL ALLOCATE THE MONEY TO THE
7 COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND FOR THE COUNTY CREATED PURSUANT
8 TO SECTION 43-2-202 (1)(a).

9 (c) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT THE FOLLOWING
10 AMOUNTS OF THE REMAINDER OF THE FEE TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS:

11 (I) FIFTY CENTS TO THE COLORADO DRIVES VEHICLE SERVICES
12 ACCOUNT CREATED IN SECTION 42-1-211 (2) WITHIN THE HIGHWAY USERS
13 TAX FUND;

14 (II) TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS TO THE LICENSE PLATE CASH
15 FUND CREATED IN SECTION 42-3-301 (1)(b);

16 (III) FIVE DOLLARS TO THE STATEWIDE BRIDGE AND TUNNEL
17 ENTERPRISE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-805 (3)(a);
18 AND

19 (IV) THE REMAINDER OF THE FEE TO THE HIGHWAY USERS TAX
20 FUND CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-201.

21 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-1-211, **amend** (2)
22 as follows:

23 **42-1-211. Driver's license, record, identification, and vehicle**
24 **enterprise solution.** (2) There is hereby created the Colorado DRIVES
25 vehicle services account in the highway users tax fund for the purpose of
26 providing funds for the development and operation of Colorado DRIVES,
27 including operations performed under articles 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 12 of this

1 title 42, to cover the costs of administration and enforcement of the
2 motorist insurance identification database program created in section
3 42-7-604, and to purchase and issue license plates, decals, and validating
4 tabs in accordance with article 3 of this title 42. Money received from the
5 fees imposed by sections 38-29-138 (1), (2), (4), and (5), 42-1-206 (2)(a),
6 42-1-210 (1)(a)(II), 42-1-231, 42-1-233 (3)(b), 42-2-107 (1)(a)(I),
7 42-2-114 (2)(b), (2)(c)(I), (2)(c)(II), (2)(e), and (4)(a), 42-2-114.5 (1),
8 42-2-117 (1), 42-2-118 (1)(b)(I)(C) and (1.5)(b), 42-2-133 (2), 42-2-306
9 (2), 42-2-406 (1), (2), (3)(d), and (6), 42-2-508 (1), 42-3-107 (22),
10 42-3-213 (1)(b)(IV), 42-3-304 (18)(d)(I)(B), 42-3-306 (14), 42-3-312,
11 42-3-313 (2)(c)(I), **42-3-315**, 42-6-110 (1.7)(c), 42-6-137 (1), (2), (4), (5),
12 and (6), and 42-6-138 (1)(a), (2), and (4) and any money received through
13 gifts, grants, and donations to the account from private or public sources
14 for the purposes of this section, shall be credited by the state treasurer to
15 the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account. The state treasurer shall
16 credit all interest and income derived from the deposit and investment of
17 money in the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account to the account.
18 The general assembly shall appropriate annually the money in the account
19 for the purposes of this subsection (2). If any unexpended and
20 unencumbered money remains in the account at the end of a fiscal year,
21 the balance remains in the account and is not transferred to the general
22 fund or any other fund.

23 **SECTION 5. 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

1 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
2 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
3 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
4 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.