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HOUSE BILL 25-1127

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE SURPLUS MILITARY**
102 **VEHICLES ON THE ROAD IF REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT**
103 **OF REVENUE.**

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>.)

Current law requires a motor vehicle to be designed for operation on a highway to be covered by the "Uniform Motor Vehicle Law", which governs driver's licenses, registrations, and traffic regulation. The bill authorizes the owner of a surplus military vehicle to register the vehicle and be issued a license plate. If the vehicle is registered, it may be driven

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on the road but must comply with the registration provisions. The driver's license provisions and the traffic regulations apply to these vehicles.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-1-102, **amend**
3 (58)(b); and **add** (102.6) as follows:

4 **42-1-102. Definitions.** As used in articles 1 to 4 of this title 42,
5 unless the context otherwise requires:

6 (58) "Motor vehicle":

7 (b) (I) Includes a low-power scooter for the purposes of sections
8 42-2-127, 42-2-127.7, 42-2-128, 42-2-138, 42-2-206, 42-4-1301, and
9 42-4-1301.1; and

10 (II) INCLUDES A SURPLUS MILITARY VEHICLE FOR THE PURPOSES
11 OF:

12 (A) REQUIRING A DRIVER'S LICENSE TO DRIVE ON THE HIGHWAY IN
13 ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 2 OF THIS TITLE 42;

14 (B) REGISTERING AND TAXING THE VEHICLE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE
15 3 OF THIS TITLE 42 IF THE OWNER HAS ELECTED TO REGISTER THE VEHICLE
16 UNDER SECTION 42-3-103 (1)(d); AND

17 (C) DRIVING THE VEHICLE ON A HIGHWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH
18 ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 42; AND

19 (102.6) "SURPLUS MILITARY VEHICLE" HAS THE MEANING SET
20 FORTH IN SECTION 42-6-102 (20.5).

21 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-103, **add** (1)(d)
22 as follows:

23 **42-3-103. Registration required or permitted - exemptions -**
24 **rules.** (1) (d) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2026, THE OWNER OF A SURPLUS
25 MILITARY VEHICLE MAY REGISTER THE VEHICLE WITH THE DEPARTMENT

1 IF THE VEHICLE COMPLIES WITH ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 42. IF THE OWNER
2 OF A SURPLUS MILITARY VEHICLE REGISTERS THE VEHICLE WITH THE
3 DEPARTMENT, THE VEHICLE AND OWNER ARE SUBJECT TO THIS ARTICLE 3.

4 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-4-109.7 as
5 follows:

6 **42-4-109.7. Surplus military vehicles.** A SURPLUS MILITARY
7 VEHICLE THAT IS REGISTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3 OF THIS
8 TITLE 42 MAY BE DRIVEN ON THE HIGHWAY. A SURPLUS MILITARY VEHICLE
9 IS SUBJECT TO THIS ARTICLE 4.

10 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
11 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect July 1, 2027; except that, if a
12 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
13 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
14 within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general
15 assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless
16 approved by the people at the general election to be held in November
17 2026 and, in such case, will take effect July 1, 2027, or on the date of the
18 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor, whichever is
19 later.

20 (2) This act applies to applications made for registrations
21 submitted on or after January 1, 2028.