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INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL

Transportation Legislation Review Committee

BILL TOPIC: "Yield To Larger Vehicles In Roundabouts"

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING YIELDING TO LARGER VEHICLES IN ROUNDABOUTS.**

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 requires a driver to yield the right-of-way to a driver of a vehicle having a total length of at least 40 feet or a total width of at least 10 feet (large vehicle) when driving through a roundabout. The bill also requires that when 2 drivers of large vehicles approach or drive through a roundabout at the same time, the driver on the right must yield the right-of-way to the driver on the left.

A person who fails to yield commits a class A traffic infraction and is subject to a fine of \$70 and an \$11 surcharge.

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-4-715 as
3 follows:

4 **42-4-715. Yielding right-of-way in roundabouts - definition.**

5 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ROUNDBOUT" MEANS A CIRCULAR
6 INTERSECTION OR JUNCTION IN WHICH ROAD TRAFFIC FLOWS ALMOST
7 CONTINUOUSLY IN ONE DIRECTION AROUND A CENTRAL ISLAND.

8 (2) (a) WHEN APPROACHING OR DRIVING THROUGH A
9 ROUNDBOUT, A PERSON DRIVING A VEHICLE SHALL:

10 (I) YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE WITH
11 A TOTAL LENGTH OF FORTY FEET OR GREATER OR A TOTAL WIDTH OF TEN
12 FEET OR GREATER THAT IS DRIVING THROUGH THE ROUNDBOUT AT THE
13 SAME TIME OR SO CLOSELY AS TO PRESENT AN IMMEDIATE HAZARD; AND

14 (II) SLOW DOWN OR STOP IF NECESSARY TO YIELD TO THE OTHER
15 VEHICLE AS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

16 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (2) DOES NOT REQUIRE A PERSON WHO IS
17 DRIVING A VEHICLE THROUGH A ROUNDBOUT TO YIELD THE
18 RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE WITH A TOTAL LENGTH OF
19 FORTY FEET OR GREATER OR A TOTAL WIDTH OF TEN FEET OR GREATER
20 THAT IS APPROACHING, BUT HAS NOT YET ENTERED, THE ROUNDBOUT.

21 (3) IF TWO VEHICLES EACH HAVING A TOTAL LENGTH OF FORTY
22 FEET OR GREATER OR A TOTAL WIDTH OF TEN FEET OR GREATER APPROACH
23 OR DRIVE THROUGH A ROUNDBOUT AT THE SAME TIME OR SO CLOSELY AS
24 TO PRESENT AN IMMEDIATE HAZARD, THE DRIVER ON THE RIGHT SHALL
25 YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE DRIVER ON THE LEFT AND SHALL SLOW
26 DOWN OR STOP IF NECESSARY TO YIELD TO THE DRIVER ON THE LEFT.

1 (4) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION COMMITS A CLASS A
2 TRAFFIC INFRACTION.

3 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1701, amend
4 (4)(a)(I)(H) as follows:

5 42-4-1701. Traffic offenses and infractions classified -
6 penalties - penalty and surcharge schedule - repeal. (4) (a) (I) Except
7 as provided in subsection (5)(c) of this section, every person who is
8 convicted of, who admits liability for, or against whom a judgment is
9 entered for a violation of this title 42 to which subsection (5)(a) or (5)(b)
10 of this section applies shall be fined or penalized and have a surcharge
11 levied in accordance with sections 24-4.1-119 (1)(f) and 24-4.2-104
12 (1)(b)(I), in accordance with the penalty and surcharge schedule set forth
13 in subsections (4)(a)(I)(A) to (4)(a)(I)(S) of this section; or, if no penalty
14 or surcharge is specified in the schedule, the penalty for class A and class
15 B traffic infractions is fifteen dollars, and the surcharge is four dollars.
16 These penalties and surcharges apply whether the defendant
17 acknowledges the defendant's guilt or liability in accordance with the
18 procedure set forth by subsection (5)(a) of this section, is found guilty by
19 a court of competent jurisdiction, or has judgment entered against the
20 defendant by a county court magistrate. Penalties and surcharges for
21 violating specific sections are as follows:

22	Section Violated	Penalty	Surcharge
23	(H) Rights-of-way violations:		
24	42-4-701	\$ 70.00	\$ 10.00
25	42-4-702	70.00	10.00
26	42-4-703	70.00	10.00
27	42-4-704	70.00	10.00

1	42-4-705	70.00	16.00
2	42-4-706	70.00	10.00
3	42-4-707	70.00	10.00
4	42-4-708	35.00	10.00
5	42-4-709	70.00	10.00
6	42-4-710	70.00	10.00
7	42-4-711	100.00	10.00
8	42-4-712	70.00	10.00
9	42-4-714	70.00	10.00
10	42-4-715	70.00	11.00

11 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
12 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect October 1, 2023; except that, if a
13 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
14 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
15 within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general
16 assembly, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless
17 approved by the people at the general election to be held in November
18 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official
19 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.
20 (2) This act applies to offenses committed on or after the
21 applicable effective date of this act.