

## CHAPTER 27

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**MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION**

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**HOUSE BILL 97-1080**

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also SENATORS Dennis, B. Alexander, Arnold, Bishop, Chlouber, Coffman, Congrove, Duke, Matsunaka, Norton, Phillips, Powers, Schroeder, Tebedo, Wattenberg, Weddig, and Wells.

**AN ACT**

CONCERNING SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES ISSUED TO RECIPIENTS OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR.

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

**SECTION 1.** 42-3-115.5 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1993 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBPARAGRAPH to read:

**42-3-115.5. Special plates - military veterans - rules.** (1) (a) The department is directed to issue one or more sets of special license plates to the following persons who own a passenger car or a truck that does not exceed six thousand five hundred pounds empty weight:

(VI) A RECIPIENT OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR.

**SECTION 2.** 42-3-115.5 (1) (c) (II), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1993 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH to read:

**42-3-115.5. Special plates - military veterans - rules.** (1) (c) (II) Notwithstanding subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (c):

(D) NO FEE SHALL BE CHARGED FOR ONE SET OF MEDAL OF HONOR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES ISSUED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION.

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

**SECTION 3.** 42-3-115.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1993 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

**42-3-115.5. Special plates - military veterans - rules. (7) Recipient of a medal of honor.** (a) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGN THE MEDAL OF HONOR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO INDICATE THAT AN OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO WHICH SUCH LICENSE PLATE IS ATTACHED IS A RECIPIENT OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR. SUCH DESIGN SHALL BE DIFFERENT FROM THAT USED BY THE STATE FOR REGULAR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL WORK WITH INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SELECT AN APPROPRIATE DESIGN FOR THE LICENSE PLATE.

(b) ANY NATURAL PERSON WHO HAS BEEN AWARDED A MEDAL OF HONOR IS AUTHORIZED TO USE A MEDAL OF HONOR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE. WHEN APPLYING FOR SUCH A LICENSE PLATE, THE APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT A LETTER OF VERIFICATION FROM THE APPROPRIATE BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES THAT THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN AWARDED A MEDAL OF HONOR.

(c) NO FEE SHALL BE CHARGED FOR ONE SET OF MEDAL OF HONOR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES. IF AN ELIGIBLE PERSON APPLIES FOR ANY ADDITIONAL SUCH LICENSE PLATES, SUCH PERSON SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PAY ANY FEES OR TAXES REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION FOR SUCH ADDITIONAL PLATES.

(d) NOTWITHSTANDING THE WEIGHT LIMITATION IMPOSED BY PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, ANY NATURAL PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR A MEDAL OF HONOR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE MAY APPLY FOR SUCH A LICENSE PLATE FOR A MOTOR HOME, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 42-1-102 (57), UPON THE PAYMENT OF ANY FEES OR TAXES REQUIRED BY THIS ARTICLE.

**SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 24, 1997