

CHAPTER 260

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION

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AN ACT

CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.

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

SECTION 1. Article 3 of title 42, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

42-3-115.8. Special plates - United States olympic committee. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE ONE OR MORE SETS OF OLYMPIC COMMITTEE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO APPLICANTS UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION FOR PASSENGER CARS OR TRUCKS THAT DO NOT EXCEED SIXTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS EMPTY WEIGHT.

(2) (a) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE. THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO BEGIN ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE PLATE WHEN THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE HAS COMMITMENTS FOR LICENSE PLATE PURCHASES FROM AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED PERSONS AND PROVIDES A LIST OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF SUCH PERSONS TO THE DEPARTMENT.

(b) THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COSTS OF DESIGNING THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE AND SHALL PAY SUCH COSTS BEFORE THE LICENSE PLATE IS PRODUCED. THE DESIGN FOR THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE SHALL CONFORM WITH STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(3) (a) A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR AN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE IF THE PERSON PAYS THE TAXES AND FEES REQUIRED UNDER

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THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AND PROVIDES THE DEPARTMENT OR AUTHORIZED AGENT A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE COMMITTEE CONFIRMING THAT SUCH PERSON MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE LICENSE PLATE ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (3). THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE A CERTIFICATE FORM TO BE USED BY THE COMMITTEE WHEN CONFIRMING THAT A PERSON IS ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

(b) THE COMMITTEE MAY ESTABLISH THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS FOR PERSONS SEEKING TO OBTAIN SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION:

(I) SPECIFIED LEVELS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE; OR

(II) PAYMENT OF SPECIFIED DUES, INCLUDING SPECIAL DUES ESTABLISHED FOR THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES. IF THE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE COLLECTS SPECIAL DUES FOR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, THE MONEYS MAY BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE PROGRAM.

(4) VEHICLES REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE EXCEPT THOSE RELATING TO THE TYPE OF NUMBER LICENSE PLATES UNDER SECTION 42-3-113.

(5) (a) THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES FOR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION IS THE SAME AS THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES SPECIFIED FOR REGULAR MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT A ONE-TIME FEE OF TEN DOLLARS FOR EACH MOTOR VEHICLE FOR ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF SUCH LICENSE PLATES. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT THE ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE TO THE STATE TREASURER WHO SHALL CREDIT THE SAME TO THE HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND.

(b) AN APPLICANT MAY APPLY FOR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES THAT ARE PERSONALIZED UPON PAYMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED BY SECTION 42-3-114 (7) (a) FOR PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES AND CONFORMANCE WITH ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 42-4-114. IF ANY 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 SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR THE VEHICLE UPON PAYING THE FEE IMPOSED BY SECTION 42-3-114 (7) (a) AND UPON TURNING SUCH EXISTING PLATES IN TO THE DEPARTMENT AS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT. ANY PERSON WHO HAS OBTAINED PERSONALIZED OLYMPIC COMMITTEE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH (b) IS REQUIRED TO PAY THE ANNUAL FEE IMPOSED BY SECTION 42-3-114 (7) (b) FOR RENEWAL OF SUCH PERSONALIZED PLATES. THE FEES UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH (b) ARE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER TAXES AND FEES IMPOSED FOR THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

(6) ANY RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE HANDLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER LICENSE PLATES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 42-3-112 OR, FOR PERSONALIZED PLATES, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 42-3-114.

(7) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "COMMITTEE" MEANS THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE.

SECTION 2. No appropriation. The general assembly has determined that this act can be implemented within existing appropriations, and therefore no separate appropriation of state moneys is necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability. (1) This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

(2) The provisions of this act shall apply to applications made on or after the applicable effective date of this act.

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