

CHAPTER 253

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION

HOUSE BILL 99-1370

BY REPRESENTATIVES Larson, Gagliardi, Kaufman, Kester, Ragsdale, and Swenson;
also SENATOR Arnold.

AN ACT

CONCERNING INFORMATION MAINTAINED BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

SECTION 1. 42-3-105 (1) (a), (1) (b), and (1) (d), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

42-3-105. Application for registration - tax. (1) (a) Application for the registration of a vehicle required to be registered under this article shall be made by the owner or the owner's agent, and if applicable, simultaneously with the application for certificate of title, as required by this section. The application for registration, which shall be in writing and signed by the owner of such vehicle or the owner's duly authorized agent, shall include: The name of the applicant; the name and correct address of the owner determined pursuant to section 42-6-139, designating the county, school district, and city or town within the limits of which the owner resides; a description of the motor vehicle in such form as shall be required by the department; the purpose for which the vehicle is used; the notice described in subsection (2) of this section; and such other pertinent information as may be required by the department. In addition, on or after July 1, 1999, any application for new registration of a vehicle shall include the primary body color of the motor vehicle. ON AND AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 1999, ANY APPLICATION SUBMITTED IN PERSON TO A COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER, MANAGER OF REVENUE, OR DEPARTMENT OFFICE FOR REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED SHALL INCLUDE THE PRIMARY BODY COLOR OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE.

(b) The department shall by regulation require those vehicle-related entities specified by regulation to verify information concerning any vehicle through the physical inspection of such vehicle. The information required to be verified by such

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a physical inspection shall include, but shall not be limited to, the vehicle identification number or numbers, the make of vehicle, the vehicle model, the type of vehicle, the year of manufacture of such vehicle, THE PRIMARY BODY COLOR OF SUCH VEHICLE, the type of fuel used by such vehicle, the odometer reading of such vehicle, and such other information as may be required by the department. For the purposes of this paragraph (b), "vehicle-related entity" means any county clerk and recorder or designated employee of such county clerk and recorder, any Colorado law enforcement officer, any licensed Colorado dealer, any licensed inspection and readjustment station, or any licensed diesel inspection station.

(d) The department shall establish a set of standard color descriptions for use in identifying the primary body color of a motor vehicle. Any applicant applying for the new OR IN-PERSON RENEWAL registration of a motor vehicle or providing notice of any change in the primary body color of a motor vehicle shall use the standard color descriptions of the department to identify the primary body color of the motor vehicle.

SECTION 2. 42-2-119 (1) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-2-119. Notices - change of address or name. (1) (b) ~~If a motor vehicle is newly registered on or after July 1, 1999, and~~ the primary body color of the A motor vehicle is subsequently changed from the primary body color that is identified in the application for registration OR IN-PERSON RENEWAL REGISTRATION for the motor vehicle, the owner of the motor vehicle shall notify the department in writing within thirty days after the color of such motor vehicle is changed regarding the new primary body color of the motor vehicle. The primary body color of any motor vehicle shall be identified using the standard color descriptions of the department that are established pursuant to section 42-3-105 (1) (d).

SECTION 3. 24-33.5-412 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

24-33.5-412. Functions of bureau - legislative review. (1) The bureau has the following authority:

(c.5) TO MAINTAIN A COMPUTERIZED DATA FILE OF MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES ACCESSIBLE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGH THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK OPERATED BY THE BUREAU, AND, BY JANUARY 1, 2001, TO ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO SEARCH MULTIPLE FIELDS IN THE MOTOR VEHICLE FILES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS, VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS, MANUFACTURERS, MODELS, YEARS, TAB, AND PRIMARY BODY COLORS, OR ANY COMBINATIONS THEREOF.

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: May 29, 1999