

CHAPTER 236

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION

SENATE BILL 00-146

BY SENATORS Musgrave, Dyer, Hernandez, Matsunaka, Powers, Tebedo, and Wedding;
also REPRESENTATIVES McKay and Gagliardi.

AN ACT

CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE USE OF ORIGINAL PLATES UPON VEHICLES VALUED BY COLLECTORS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. 42-3-138 (1) and (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

42-3-138. Special registration of collectors' items. (1) (a) The department is authorized to specially register and issue a special registration plate for motor vehicles valued principally because of their early date of manufacture, design, or historical interest or as collectors' items.

(b) EXCLUSIVELY OR IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REGISTRATION THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE USE OF ORIGINAL PLATES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES VALUED PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE OF THEIR EARLY DATE OF MANUFACTURE, DESIGN, OR HISTORICAL INTEREST OR AS COLLECTORS' ITEMS. THE USE OF A VEHICLE BEARING SUCH ORIGINAL PLATES SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE USES AUTHORIZED IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION WHEN USING THE USED ORIGINAL PLATES AUTHORIZED IN THIS SECTION. A USED ORIGINAL PLATE SHALL MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR USE UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH (b):

- (I) THE PLATES WERE MADE BEFORE 1943;
- (II) THE PLATES ARE EMBOSSED WITH THE YEAR OF ORIGINAL ISSUE;
- (III) THE PLATES ARE LEGIBLE;
- (IV) THE PLATES WERE ISSUED CONTEMPORANEOUSLY WITH THE YEAR OF

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MANUFACTURE OF THE VEHICLE UPON WHICH THEY ARE DISPLAYED AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(V) THE PLATES SHALL NOT EXCEED SEVEN CHARACTERS.

(2) The registration plates issued under PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (1) OF this section shall be of a design determined by the executive director of the department, which shall be different from that used by the state for regular motor vehicle registration.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the distributive data processing fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of revenue, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, the sum of fifteen thousand four hundred dollars (\$15,400), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for implementation of this act.

SECTION 3. Effective date. 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.

Approved: May 26, 2000