

CHAPTER 1

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION

SENATE BILL 02-072

BY SENATOR(S) Hernandez and Isgar;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Larson, Coleman, Hodge, Lee, Mace, Stafford, and Webster.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO IDENTIFY FLEET MOTOR VEHICLES BY MEANS OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

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

SECTION 1. 42-1-102 (35) and (36), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

42-1-102. Definitions - repeal. As used in articles 1 to 4 of this title, unless the context otherwise requires:

(35) "Fleet ~~owner~~ OPERATOR" means any resident who owns OR LEASES ten or more motor vehicles, TRAILERS, OR POLE TRAILERS and who receives from the department a registration period certificate in accordance with article 3 of this title.

(36) "Fleet vehicle" means any motor vehicle, TRAILER, OR POLE TRAILER owned OR LEASED by a fleet ~~owner~~ OPERATOR AND REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-3-143.

SECTION 2. 42-3-143 (1), (2), and (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

42-3-143. Fleet operators - registration period certificates - multi-year registrations. (1) (a) The department may issue to a fleet ~~owner~~ OPERATOR, upon application of the fleet ~~owner~~ OPERATOR, a registration period certificate. Such registration period certificate shall be presented to the appropriate county clerk and recorder, the clerk and recorder in the city and county of Broomfield, or to the manager of revenue in the city and county of Denver no later than the tenth day of the month in which registration of any motor vehicle is required by this article. When so

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presented, the twelve-month period stated in the registration period certificate shall govern the date on which registration is required for all ~~motor~~ FLEET vehicles owned OR LEASED by the fleet ~~owner~~ OPERATOR.

(b) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 42-3-122 (1) (b), THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROMULGATE RULES TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR A FLEET OPERATOR TO REGISTER THE OPERATOR'S FLEET VEHICLES AND HAVE THEM IDENTIFIED BY SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE AN ANNUAL VALIDATING TAB OR STICKER. REGISTRATION FEES PAYABLE ON FLEET VEHICLES UNDER A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BE DISCOUNTED BELOW THE OTHERWISE APPLICABLE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEES. A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT, OR EXTENSION THEREOF, THAT COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION AND THAT WAS IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2002, IS HEREBY EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED; AND PLATES ISSUED UNDER SUCH AGREEMENT PRIOR TO ITS EXTENSION ARE HEREBY VALIDATED UNTIL MARCH 1, 2003.

(2) (a) Vehicles registered by a fleet ~~owner~~ OPERATOR after the issuance of a registration period certificate OR THE EXECUTION OF A MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT shall be subject to the provisions of section 42-3-109.

(b) The annual registration fees prescribed in section 42-3-134 for fleet vehicles shall be reduced by twenty-five percent at the end of each successive quarter of the registration period ~~which~~ THAT has elapsed prior to making application for the balance of the registration period.

(3) The fees and taxes for vehicles registered prior to the effective date of the registration period certificate OR MULTI-YEAR AGREEMENT shall be apportioned in the manner as prescribed in subsection (2) of this section.

SECTION 3. 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 1, 2002