

## CHAPTER 336

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**MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION**

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**HOUSE BILL 02-1131**

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Hodge, Mace, Ragsdale, Tochtrop, and Vigil;  
also SENATOR(S) Takis, Entz, and Tupa.

**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED OF AN APPLICANT BEFORE A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE  
MAY BE ISSUED.**

*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:

**42-3-117.5. Special plates - qualifications for issuance of special license plates.** (1) THE FOLLOWING PLATES CREATED BY RULE BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENT SO SPECIFIED:

(a) THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT SHALL NOT ISSUE A DENVER FIREFIGHTERS' SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO AN APPLICANT UNTIL SUCH APPLICANT HAS PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE APPLICANT IS AN ACTIVE OR RETIRED DENVER FIREFIGHTER.

(b) THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT SHALL NOT ISSUE A RAPTOR EDUCATION FOUNDATION SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO AN APPLICANT UNTIL SUCH APPLICANT HAS PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE APPLICANT IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE RAPTOR EDUCATION FOUNDATION AND QUALIFIED BY SUCH FOUNDATION TO RECEIVE A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.

(c) THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT SHALL NOT ISSUE A ROTARY CLUB SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO AN APPLICANT UNTIL SUCH APPLICANT HAS PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE APPLICANT IS A MEMBER OF THE ROTARY CLUB.

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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.*

(d) THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT SHALL NOT ISSUE A VIETNAM VETERAN SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO AN APPLICANT UNTIL SUCH APPLICANT HAS PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT A DD214 FORM ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OR OTHER EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE APPLICANT IS A VETERAN OF THE ARMED SERVICES WHO SERVED DURING THE VIETNAM ENGAGEMENT.

(e) THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT SHALL NOT ISSUE A UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO AN APPLICANT UNTIL SUCH APPLICANT HAS PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT A DD214 FORM ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY, OR SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE APPLICANT IS AN ACTIVE, RESERVE, OR RETIRED MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

(f) THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT SHALL NOT ISSUE AN ELKS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO AN APPLICANT UNTIL SUCH APPLICANT HAS PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE APPLICANT IS A MEMBER OF THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS.

**SECTION 2. 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.

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