

CHAPTER 276

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION

HOUSE BILL 03-1040

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) McCluskey, Hall, Ragsdale, Spence, Stafford, Weddig, and Williams S.;
also SENATOR(S) Johnson S.

AN ACT

**CONCERNING REPEAL OF THE AUTHORITY FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE OWNER TO CONTINUE TO USE
CERTAIN TYPES OF LICENSE PLATES.**

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

SECTION 1. 42-3-113.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-3-113.5. Remanufacture of certain license plates. ~~A motor vehicle owner who wishes to retain a set of license plates that contain only two alphabetic figures and up to four numeric figures may have such license plates remanufactured upon application to the department. Only number plates currently assigned and registered to such owner are eligible for remanufacture. The application shall be on such form as is determined by the department. No additional fee shall be charged for remanufacture beyond the existing taxes and fees imposed for vehicle registration. Remanufacture is not authorized for any license plates other than the plates described in this section.~~ PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN APPROVED TO BE ISSUED A LICENSE PLATE BEFORE JULY 1, 2003, PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AS IT EXISTED ON JULY 1, 2003, SHALL BE ISSUED SUCH PLATE, SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE USING SUCH PLATE, AND SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY ADDITIONAL FEES BEYOND THE EXISTING TAXES AND FEES IMPOSED FOR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION. SUCH ISSUANCE OF LICENSE PLATES THAT CONTAIN ONLY TWO ALPHABETIC FIGURES AND UP TO FOUR NUMERIC FIGURES SHALL BE ISSUED AS PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-3-114, WHICH ARE A FLAT-STYLE LICENSE PLATE. IF THE SAME ALPHANUMERIC COMBINATION IS ISSUED TO MULTIPLE VEHICLES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPARE THE LAST FOUR NUMBERS OF THE VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES TO WHICH SUCH PLATES ARE ISSUED AND ISSUE SUCH ALPHANUMERIC COMBINATION ONLY TO THE VEHICLE WITH THE LOWEST LAST FOUR NUMBERS.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

SECTION 2. 42-3-114 (7), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

42-3-114. Issuance of personalized plates authorized. (7) (e) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPHS (a) TO (d) OF THIS SUBSECTION (7), IN LIEU OF SUCH FEES, THE FEE FOR A LICENSE PLATE THAT CONTAINS ONLY TWO ALPHABETIC FIGURES AND UP TO FOUR NUMERIC FIGURES SHALL BE THE ACTUAL COST OF ISSUING SUCH PLATE.

SECTION 3. 42-3-114 (9), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-3-114. Issuance of personalized plates authorized. (9) All applications for special registration of motor vehicles shall be made directly to the department, and all matters pertaining thereto shall be administered by such department. All fees received from special registrations shall be placed by the department in the same fund as its other registration fees; except that two dollars of each such special registration fee shall be remitted to the county general fund AND THE ENTIRE FEE COLLECTED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (e) OF SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-201, C.R.S.

SECTION 4. 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 21, 2003