

CHAPTER 349

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION

HOUSE BILL 03-1367

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF A MILITARY VALOR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO PERSONS WHO HAVE RECEIVED A MILITARY AWARD FOR VALOR, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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

SECTION 1. 42-3-115.5 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended, and the said 42-3-115.5 is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

42-3-115.5. Special plates - military veterans - rules - retirement. (1)(a) The department is directed to issue one or more sets of special license plates to the following persons who own a truck that does not exceed twelve thousand pounds empty weight, a passenger car, a motorcycle, or a noncommercial or recreational vehicle:

- (I) A recipient of the purple heart;
- (II) A former prisoner of war;
- (III) An honorably discharged or retired veteran of the armed forces of the United States;
- (IV) A disabled veteran of the armed forces of the United States;
- (V) A survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor;

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

(VI) A recipient of the medal of honor;

(VII) An honorably discharged, retired, reserve, or active member of the United States Marine Corps; ~~or~~

(VIII) A veteran of the Korean war; OR

(IX) A RECIPIENT OF A MILITARY AWARD FOR VALOR.

(10) Recipient of a military valor award. (a) THE MILITARY VALOR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE DESIGNED TO INDICATE THAT AN OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE BEARING SUCH LICENSE PLATE HAS RECEIVED A MILITARY AWARD FOR VALOR.

(b) A NATURAL PERSON WHO HAS BEEN AWARDED A MILITARY AWARD FOR VALOR IS AUTHORIZED TO USE A MILITARY VALOR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE. WHEN APPLYING FOR SUCH A LICENSE PLATE, THE APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT A COPY OF THE MILITARY ORDER AWARDING THE MILITARY AWARD FOR VALOR.

(c) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "MILITARY AWARD FOR VALOR" OR "MILITARY VALOR AWARD" MEANS THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

(I) NAVY CROSS;

(II) DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS;

(III) AIR FORCE CROSS; OR

(IV) SILVER STAR.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the license plate cash fund created in section 42-3-113, Colorado Revised Statutes, to the department of revenue, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, the sum of six thousand four hundred thirty-two dollars (\$6,432), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

SECTION 3. Effective date. (1) 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:

(a) 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; and

(b) This act shall not take effect unless Senate Bill 03-272 is enacted at the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly and becomes law.

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