

CHAPTER 20

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION

HOUSE BILL 04-1088

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE WEIGHT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT MAY BE ISSUED SPECIAL MILITARY LICENSE PLATES WITHOUT PAYING A FEE.

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

SECTION 1. 42-3-104 (8), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-3-104. Exemptions - specific ownership tax - registration. (8) One Class B motor vehicle weighing less than ~~sixty-five hundred~~ TWELVE THOUSAND pounds EMPTY WEIGHT or one Class C motor vehicle weighing less than ~~sixty-five hundred~~ TWELVE THOUSAND pounds EMPTY WEIGHT owned by any natural person who, while serving in the armed forces of the United States, was the recipient of a purple heart and who is authorized to use the special license plate for purple heart recipients pursuant to section 42-3-115.5 shall be exempt from the imposition of the annual specific ownership tax imposed by this article. Only one such Class B or Class C motor vehicle per purple heart recipient shall be exempted.

SECTION 2. 42-3-115.5 (1) (c) (II) (A), (1) (c) (II) (B), (1) (c) (II) (D), (3) (d), (5) (c), and (7) (c), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

42-3-115.5. Special plates - military veterans - rules - retirement. (1) (c) (II) Notwithstanding subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (c):

(A) No fee shall be charged for one set of prisoner of war special license plates issued pursuant to subsection (3) of this section for a truck that does not exceed ~~six~~ TWELVE thousand ~~five hundred~~ pounds empty weight, a passenger car, a motorcycle, or a noncommercial or recreational vehicle;

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

(B) No fee shall be charged for one set of disabled veteran special license plates issued pursuant to subsection (5) of this section for a truck that does not exceed ~~six~~ TWELVE thousand ~~five hundred~~ pounds empty weight, a passenger car, a motorcycle, or a noncommercial or recreational vehicle;

(D) No fee shall be charged for one set of medal of honor special license plates issued pursuant to subsection (7) of this section for a truck that does not exceed ~~six~~ TWELVE thousand ~~five hundred~~ pounds empty weight, a passenger car, a motorcycle, or a noncommercial or recreational vehicle;

(3) **Former prisoner of war.** (d) No fee shall be charged for one set of prisoner of war special license plates for a passenger car, a motorcycle, a noncommercial or recreational vehicle, or a truck that does not exceed ~~six~~ TWELVE thousand ~~five hundred~~ pounds empty weight. If an eligible person applies for any additional such license plates, such person shall be required to pay any fees or taxes required by subsection (1) of this section for such additional plates.

(5) **Disabled veterans.** (c) No fee shall be charged for one set of disabled veteran special license plates for a passenger car, a motorcycle, a noncommercial or recreational vehicle, or a truck that does not exceed ~~six~~ TWELVE thousand ~~five hundred~~ pounds empty weight. If an eligible person applies for any additional such license plates, such person shall pay any fees or taxes required by subsection (1) of this section for such additional license plates.

(7) **Recipient of a medal of honor.** (c) No fee shall be charged for one set of medal of honor special license plates for a passenger car, a motorcycle, a noncommercial or recreational vehicle, or a truck that does not exceed ~~six~~ TWELVE thousand ~~five hundred~~ pounds empty weight. If an eligible person applies for any additional such license plates, such person shall be required to pay any fees or taxes required by subsection (1) of this section for such additional plates.

SECTION 3. Effective date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

SECTION 4. 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 8, 2004