

## CHAPTER 190

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**MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION**


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**HOUSE BILL 05-1313**

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**AN ACT****CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.**

*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 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBPARAGRAPH 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:

(XI) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006, AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED, RETIRED, RESERVE, OR ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

**SECTION 2.** 42-3-115.5, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

**42-3-115.5. Special plates - military veterans - rules - retirement.** (12) **Honorably discharged, retired veteran, or active member of the United States Navy.** (a) THE UNITED STATES NAVY SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE SHALL INDICATE THAT AN OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO WHICH SUCH PLATE IS ATTACHED IS A VETERAN, A RESERVE MEMBER, OR AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

(b) A NATURAL PERSON WHO HAS RECEIVED AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE, IS

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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.*

RETIRED, OR IS AN ACTIVE OR RESERVE MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO USE A UNITED STATES NAVY SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE. WHEN APPLYING FOR SUCH A LICENSE PLATE, AN APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT A DD214 FORM ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OR OTHER EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE APPLICANT HAS AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE OR PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT IS CURRENTLY AN ACTIVE OR RESERVE MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

(c) THIS SUBSECTION (12) SHALL TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 2006.

**SECTION 3.** 42-1-102 (24.5), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(24.5) "Distinctive special license plate" means a special license plate that is issued to a person because such person has an immutable characteristic or special achievement honor. Such special achievement honor shall not include a common achievement such as graduating from an institution of higher education. SUCH SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT SHALL INCLUDE HONORABLE SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

**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 (August 10, 2005, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2005); 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 27, 2005