

## CHAPTER 236

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**MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION**

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**HOUSE BILL 10-1139**

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also SENATOR(S) Heath, Cadman, Gibbs, Kester, King K., Kopp, Lundberg, Mitchell, Newell, Penry, Scheffel, Schultheis,  
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**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING THE CREATION OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR MILITARY VETERANS OF THE  
CONFLICTS OCCURRING AFTER SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION  
THEREFOR.**

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

**SECTION 1.** 42-3-213 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBPARAGRAPHS to read:

**42-3-213. Special plates - military veterans - rules - retirement.** (1) (a) The department shall issue one or more sets of special license plates to the following persons who own a truck that does not exceed sixteen thousand pounds empty weight, a passenger car, a motorcycle, or a noncommercial or recreational vehicle:

(XX) A VETERAN OF THE AFGHANISTAN WAR;

(XXI) A VETERAN OF THE IRAQ WAR.

**SECTION 2.** 42-3-213, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBSECTIONS to read:

**42-3-213. Special plates - military veterans - rules - retirement.** (21) **Veteran of the Afghanistan war.** (a) THE VETERAN OF THE AFGHANISTAN WAR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE DESIGNED TO INDICATE THAT THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE TO WHICH SUCH LICENSE PLATE IS ATTACHED IS A VETERAN OF THE AFGHANISTAN WAR.

(b) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011, A NATURAL PERSON MAY USE A VETERAN OF THE

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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.*

AFGHANISTAN WAR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE IF SUCH PERSON WAS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES BETWEEN OCTOBER 7, 2001, AND THE END OF THE CONFLICT.

(c) THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT SHALL NOT ISSUE A VETERAN OF THE AFGHANISTAN WAR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO AN APPLICANT UNTIL THE APPLICANT PROVIDES 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 BETWEEN OCTOBER 7, 2001, AND THE END OF THE CONFLICT.

(22) **Veteran of the Iraq war.** (a) THE VETERAN OF THE IRAQ WAR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE DESIGNED TO INDICATE THAT THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE TO WHICH SUCH LICENSE PLATE IS ATTACHED IS A VETERAN OF THE IRAQ WAR.

(b) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011, A NATURAL PERSON MAY USE A VETERAN OF THE IRAQ WAR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE IF SUCH PERSON WAS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES BETWEEN MARCH 20, 2003, AND THE END OF THE CONFLICT.

(c) THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT SHALL NOT ISSUE A VETERAN OF THE IRAQ WAR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO AN APPLICANT UNTIL THE APPLICANT PROVIDES 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 BETWEEN MARCH 20, 2003, AND THE END OF THE CONFLICT.

**SECTION 3. Appropriation.** In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the license plate cash fund created in section 42-3-301 (1) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of revenue, for allocation to the division of motor vehicles, driver and vehicle services, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, the sum of thirty-five thousand five hundred twenty dollars (\$35,520) cash funds, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

**SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - 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 (August 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: May 19, 2010