

CHAPTER 194

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION

HOUSE BILL 12-1275

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE WILDLIFE SPORTING LICENSE PLATE AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-3-245 as follows:

42-3-245. Special plates - wildlife sporting. (1) BEGINNING THE EARLIER OF JANUARY 1, 2013, OR WHEN THE DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO ISSUE THE PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS UNDER THIS SECTION FOR MOTORCYCLES, PASSENGER CARS, TRUCKS, OR NONCOMMERCIAL OR RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES THAT DO NOT EXCEED SIXTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS EMPTY WEIGHT; EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ISSUE THE LICENSE PLATE UNTIL THE PROPONENTS COMPLY WITH SECTION 42-3-207 (2).

(2) (a) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED THE WILDLIFE SPORTING LICENSE PLATE. THE DEPARTMENT MAY STOP ISSUING THE LICENSE PLATE IF A TOTAL OF THREE THOUSAND LICENSE PLATES ARE NOT ISSUED BY JULY 1, 2017. A PERSON WHO WAS ISSUED A LICENSE PLATE ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2017, MAY CONTINUE TO USE THE LICENSE PLATE AFTER JULY 1, 2017, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT STOPS ISSUING THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.

(b) THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE MAY DESIGN THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE IN CONSULTATION WITH SPORTSMEN'S ADVISORY GROUPS. THE PLATE MUST CONFORM WITH STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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

(3) A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR A WILDLIFE SPORTING LICENSE PLATE IF THE PERSON PAYS THE TAXES AND FEES REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(4)(a) THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES FOR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION IS THE SAME AS THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES SPECIFIED FOR REGULAR MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT THE FOLLOWING FEES:

(I) A ONE-TIME, TWENTY-FIVE-DOLLAR FEE FOR ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE PLATE, WHICH FEE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE SAME TO THE HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-201, C.R.S.;

(II) A ONE-TIME, TEN-DOLLAR FEE FOR ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE WILDLIFE SPORTING LICENSE PLATE, WHICH FEE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE SAME TO THE WILDLIFE CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 33-1-112, C.R.S.; AND

(III) AN ANNUAL TWENTY-FIVE-DOLLAR RENEWAL FEE, WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE SAME TO THE WILDLIFE CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 33-1-112, C.R.S.; EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS AUTHORIZED AGENTS MAY RETAIN THE PORTION OF THE FEE NECESSARY TO OFFSET IMPLEMENTING THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (III), UP TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO DOLLARS.

(b) THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE SHALL USE THE MONEY FROM FEES PAID UNDER SUBPARAGRAPHS (II) AND (III) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (4) FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

(I) PROVIDING GRANTS TO CREATE AND ENHANCE SHOOTING RANGES AND AREAS THROUGHOUT COLORADO TO INCREASE PUBLIC RECREATIONAL SHOOTING OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING HUNTER EDUCATION, MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING, AND YOUTH SHOOTING;

(II) PROVIDING GRANTS TO LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS, PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS, WATER DISTRICTS, ANGLING ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHERS FOR PROJECTS TO IMPROVE FISHING OPPORTUNITIES IN COLORADO.

(5) AN APPLICANT MAY APPLY FOR PERSONALIZED WILDLIFE SPORTING LICENSE PLATES. UPON PAYMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED BY SECTION 42-3-211

(6) (a) FOR PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE THE PLATES IF THE APPLICANT COMPLIES WITH SECTION 42-3-211. IF AN APPLICANT HAS EXISTING PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE, THE APPLICANT MAY TRANSFER THE COMBINATION OF LETTERS OR NUMBERS TO A NEW SET OF WILDLIFE SPORTING LICENSE PLATES FOR THE VEHICLE UPON PAYING THE FEE REQUIRED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6) (a) AND UPON TURNING IN THE EXISTING PLATES TO THE DEPARTMENT. A PERSON WHO HAS OBTAINED PERSONALIZED WILDLIFE SPORTING LICENSE PLATES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) SHALL PAY THE ANNUAL FEE IMPOSED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6) (b) FOR RENEWAL OF THE PERSONALIZED PLATES. THE FEES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) ARE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER APPLICABLE TAXES AND FEES.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 42-3-312 as follows:

42-3-312. Special license plate surcharge. In addition to any other fee imposed by this article, an applicant for a special license plate created by rule in accordance with section 42-3-207, as such section existed when the plate was created, or license plates issued pursuant to sections 42-3-211 to 42-3-218, sections 42-3-221 to 42-3-234, and sections 42-3-237 to ~~42-3-240~~ 42-3-245 shall pay an issuance fee of twenty-five dollars; except that the fee is not imposed on special license plates exempted from additional fees for the issuance of a military special license plate by section 42-3-213 (1) (b) (II). The department shall transfer the fee to the state treasurer, who shall credit it to the licensing services cash fund created in section 42-2-114.5.

SECTION 3. Appropriation. (1) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the Colorado state titling and registration account of the highway users tax fund created in section 42-1-211 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of revenue, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, the sum of \$68,080, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be allocated to the information technology division for the purchase of computer programming services from the office of information technology.

(2) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated to the governor - lieutenant governor - state planning and budgeting, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, the sum of \$68,080, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for allocation to the office of information technology, for the provision of computer center services for the department of revenue related to the implementation of this act. Said sum is from reappropriated funds received from the department of revenue out of the appropriation made in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) 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 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, the sum of \$17,760, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for allocation to the division of motor vehicles for the purchase of license plates related to the implementation of this act.

SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes 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 8, 2012, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2012); 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 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2012 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: May 21, 2012