

CHAPTER 358

MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION

HOUSE BILL 18-1244

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AN ACT

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A SUBMARINE SERVICE LICENSE PLATE TO HONOR THE SERVICE OF SUBMARINE VETERANS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. The Colorado General Assembly hereby recognizes the unique role that the United States Navy submarine service provides our nation's armed forces. This act creates a commemorative license plate to honor the service of submarine veterans. Founded in 1900, the "silent service" is an all volunteer force, with members who are accepted only after rigorous testing and observation. A submariner must earn their "dolphins" once aboard, signifying their in-depth knowledge of shipboard systems, allowing their fellow submariners to feel secure that their lives are safe in each other's hands. The submariner's motto is "Pride Runs Deep".

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-213, **add** (1)(a)(XXIX) and (30) as follows:

42-3-213. License plates - military veterans - rules - retirement. (1) (a) The department shall issue one or more sets of 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:

(XXIX) AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED, RETIRED, RESERVE, OR ACTIVE MEMBER OF A SUBMARINE CREW OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

(30) **Honorably discharged, retired veteran, or reserve or active member of the United States Navy submarine service.** (a) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019, THE

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

DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGN THE SUBMARINE SERVICE LICENSE PLATE TO INDICATE THAT AN OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO WHICH THE PLATE IS ATTACHED IS A VETERAN, RESERVE MEMBER, OR ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE SUBMARINE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

(b) A NATURAL PERSON WHO HAS RECEIVED AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM, IS RETIRED FROM, OR IS AN ACTIVE OR RESERVE MEMBER OF THE SUBMARINE SERVICE MAY USE A SUBMARINE SERVICE LICENSE PLATE.

(c) TO QUALIFY FOR A SUBMARINE SERVICE LICENSE PLATE, AN APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT A DD214 FORM ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OR OTHER EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE APPLICANT IS A VETERAN, RESERVE MEMBER, OR ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE SUBMARINE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

SECTION 3. Appropriation. For the 2018-19 state fiscal year, \$2,960 is appropriated to the department of revenue. This appropriation is from the license plate cash fund created in section 42-3-301 (1)(b), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for license plate ordering.

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, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); 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 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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