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HOUSE BILL 20-1190

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CLARIFYING WHETHER A VETERAN WITH A DISABILITY
102 NEEDS TO OBTAIN A DISABLED VETERAN LICENSE PLATE TO
103 QUALIFY FOR THE CURRENT EXEMPTION FROM PAYING VEHICLE
104 ASSESSMENTS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Current law provides 2 means by which veterans with qualifying disabilities may be exempted from paying vehicle ownership tax and registration fees: The first exemption is associated with the issuance of a

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disabled veteran license plate, but the second exemption is not specifically associated with the issuance of the disabled veteran license plate. The bill clarifies that a veteran who is disabled need not obtain the disabled veteran license plate to qualify for the second exemption.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-104, **amend** (5)
3 as follows:

4 **42-3-104. Exemptions - specific ownership tax - registration**
5 **- domicile and residency - rules - definitions.** (5) One Class B or Class
6 C motor vehicle weighing less than sixteen thousand pounds empty
7 weight owned by a person who is a veteran and has established rights to
8 benefits under the provisions of Public Law 663, 79th Congress, as
9 amended, and Public Law 187, 82nd Congress, as amended, or is a
10 veteran of the armed forces of the United States who incurred a disability
11 and is receiving compensation from the veterans administration or any
12 branch of the armed forces of the United States for a fifty percent or
13 more, service-connected, permanent disability, or for loss of use of one
14 or both feet or one or both hands, or for permanent impairment or loss of
15 vision in both eyes that constitutes virtual blindness ~~shall be~~ IS exempt
16 from the imposition of the annual specific ownership tax imposed by this
17 ~~article~~ ARTICLE 3. Only one such Class B or Class C motor vehicle per
18 veteran ~~shall be~~ IS exempted. TO QUALIFY FOR THE EXEMPTION PROVIDED
19 IN THIS SUBSECTION (5), THE VETERAN WITH A DISABILITY NEED NOT
20 OBTAIN A DISABLED VETERAN LICENSE PLATE ISSUED UNDER SECTION
21 42-3-213.

22 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-304, **amend** (3)
23 introductory portion and (3)(a) as follows:

1 **42-3-304. Registration fees - passenger and passenger-mile**
2 **taxes - clean screen fund - definitions.** (3) ~~No fee shall be payable~~ A
3 FEE NEED NOT BE PAID for the annual registration of a vehicle when:

4 (a) The owner of ~~such~~ THE vehicle is a veteran who in an
5 application for registration shows that the owner has established ~~such~~ THE
6 owner's rights to benefits under the provisions of Public Law 663, 79th
7 Congress, as amended, and Public Law 187, 82nd Congress, as amended,
8 or is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States who incurred a
9 disability and who is, ~~at~~ ON the date of ~~such~~ THE application, receiving
10 compensation from the veterans administration or any branch of the
11 armed forces of the United States for a fifty percent or more,
12 service-connected, permanent disability, or for loss of use of one or both
13 feet or one or both hands, or for permanent impairment or loss of vision
14 in both eyes that constitutes virtual or actual blindness. The exemption
15 provided in this ~~paragraph (a) shall apply~~ SUBSECTION (3)(a) APPLIES to
16 the original qualifying vehicle and to any vehicle subsequently purchased
17 and owned by the same veteran but ~~shall~~ DOES not apply to more than one
18 vehicle at a time. TO QUALIFY FOR THE EXEMPTION PROVIDED IN THIS
19 SUBSECTION (3)(a), THE VETERAN WITH A DISABILITY NEED NOT OBTAIN
20 A DISABLED VETERAN LICENSE PLATE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 42-3-213.

21 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
22 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
23 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
24 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a
25 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
26 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
27 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect

1 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
2 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
3 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.