

CHAPTER 105

TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL 23-1022

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also SENATOR(S) Bridges and Rich, Sullivan, Winter F., Cutter, Gardner, Hinrichsen, Jaquez Lewis.

AN ACT

**CONCERNING REGISTRATION OF FLEET VEHICLES THAT ARE PART OF RENTAL VEHICLE FLEETS,
AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-115, **amend as it will become effective January 1, 2023**, (5)(a); and **add** (5)(d) as follows:

42-3-115. Registration upon transfer - rules - definitions. (5) (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections ~~(5)(b) and (5)(c)~~ (5)(b), (5)(c), AND (5)(d) of this section, on and after January 1, 2022, whenever the owner of a motor vehicle that is Class C personal property, as defined in section 42-3-106 (2)(c), transfers or assigns the owner's title or interest, the number plates issued to the owner for the vehicle expire and shall not be transferred by the department to any other motor vehicle. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (5)(d) OF THIS SECTION, whenever the owner of a motor vehicle that is Class B personal property, as defined in section 42-3-106 (2)(b), Class D personal property, as defined in section 42-3-106 (2)(d), or Class F personal property, as defined in section 42-3-106 (2)(e), transfers or assigns the owner's title or interest, the number plates issued to the owner for the vehicle expire and shall not be transferred by the department to any other motor vehicle. An owner of a motor vehicle whose number plates expire due to the operation of this subsection (5)(a) who wishes to retain the same combination of letters or numbers displayed on the expired license plates retains the priority right to use the combination and may, after surrendering the expired plates to the department, apply for personalized license plates with the combination in the manner specified in section 42-3-211 when registering another motor vehicle.

(d) SUBSECTION (5)(a) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO NUMBER PLATES ISSUED TO A FLEET OPERATOR THAT ARE EASILY LEGIBLE AND IN GOOD CONDITION,

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

AND A FLEET OPERATOR MAY TRANSFER SUCH NUMBER PLATES FROM ONE FLEET VEHICLE TO ANOTHER WHEN THE FLEET OPERATOR TRANSFERS OR ASSIGNS THE OWNER'S TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE FLEET VEHICLE FROM WHICH THE NUMBER PLATES ARE BEING TRANSFERRED.

SECTION 2. Appropriation. For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, \$2,700 is appropriated to the department of revenue. This appropriation is from the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account in the highway users tax fund created in section 42-1-211(2), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for DRIVES maintenance and support.

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect January 1, 2024; 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 the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly, 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 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: April 24, 2023