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An Act

HOUSE BILL 17-1149

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Exum and Michaelson Jenet, Becker K., Bridges, Buckner, Carver, Danielson, Ginal, Gray, Hamner, Herod, Hooton, Humphrey, Jackson, Lebsock, Lontine, McLachlan, Melton, Mitsch Bush, Rankin, Rosenthal, Saine, Salazar, Valdez, Winter, Young, Duran;
also SENATOR(S) Gardner, Baumgardner, Cooke, Crowder, Fields, Hill, Lambert, Lundberg, Marble, Martinez Humenik, Priola, Scott, Tate, Todd, Williams A., Grantham.

CONCERNING SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES ISSUED TO MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIAL FORCES.

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

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly hereby declares that the United States Army special forces license plate is intended to honor the unique, demanding, and dangerous service that special forces represent. Therefore, only qualified special forces soldiers should be eligible to receive this plate.

(2) The general assembly hereby finds that, upon completing special forces training, soldiers were awarded the suffix "S" to identify them as

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qualified special forces. Yet during the past decade, battalion commanders have been giving out the suffix "S" to support soldiers. These soldiers work in areas such as medical support, logistical support, and communications support. This was done to be able to identify them and keep them in the special forces operational community. Because of this change in practice, the suffix "S" no longer denotes qualified special forces soldiers.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-213, **amend** (18)(b)(II) as follows:

42-3-213. License plates - military veterans - rules - retirement. (18) **Honorably discharged, retired veteran, or active member of the United States Army special forces.** (b) Beginning January 1, 2008, a natural person who has received an honorable discharge or is an active or reserve member of the United States Army special forces may use a United States Army special forces license plate. When applying for such a license plate, an applicant shall submit:

(II) Orders or a DD214 form that shows an awarded prefix "3" or ~~suffix "S"~~ or a designation of "5G", 18/180 series MOS, special forces tab, OSS, or UNPIK-8240.

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date - applicability. (1) 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 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); 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.

(2) This act applies to license plates issued on or after January 1, 2018.

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