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**SENATE BILL 20-178**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING A LICENSE PLATE TO HONOR WOMEN VETERANS WHO**  
102 **HAVE DISABILITIES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING**  
103 **AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**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>.)*

Veterans who have disabilities may obtain a special license plate without paying taxes or fees. For additional vehicles, the veteran pays the normal fees plus 2 one-time fees of \$25, one of which goes to the highway users tax fund and the other goes to the licensing services cash fund. The bill creates a license plate that honors United States women

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
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veterans who have disabilities. The requirements and benefits are substantially the same as they are for a disabled veteran license plate.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-213, **amend**  
3 (1)(a)(XXIX), (1)(a)(XXX), and (1)(b)(II) introductory portion; and **add**  
4 (1)(a)(XXXI), (1)(b)(II)(J), and (32) as follows:

5 **42-3-213. License plates - military veterans - rules -**  
6 **retirement.** (1) (a) The department shall issue one or more sets of license  
7 plates to the following persons who own a truck that does not exceed  
8 sixteen thousand pounds empty weight, a passenger car, a motorcycle, or  
9 a noncommercial or recreational vehicle:

10 (XXIX) An honorably discharged, retired, reserve, or active  
11 member of a submarine crew of the United States Navy; ~~or~~

12 (XXX) An honorably discharged or retired woman veteran of the  
13 United States armed forces; OR

14 (XXXI) A WOMAN VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED  
15 FORCES WHO HAS A DISABILITY.

16 (b) (II) Notwithstanding ~~subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (b)~~  
17 SUBSECTION (1)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION:

18 (J) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR ONE SET OF  
19 DISABLED WOMAN VETERAN LICENSE PLATES ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION  
20 (32) OF THIS SECTION FOR A PASSENGER CAR, TRUCK, MOTORCYCLE, OR  
21 NONCOMMERCIAL OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE.

22 (32) **Disabled women veterans.** (a) THE LICENSE PLATE THAT  
23 HONORS UNITED STATES WOMEN VETERANS WHO HAVE DISABILITIES MUST  
24 INDICATE THAT AN OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO WHICH THE PLATE IS  
25 ATTACHED IS A WOMAN VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

1 WHO HAS A DISABILITY.

2 (b) A WOMAN VETERAN WHO HAS RECEIVED AN HONORABLE  
3 DISCHARGE FROM OR IS RETIRED FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMED  
4 FORCES AND MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 42-3-304 (3)(a) MAY  
5 USE A LICENSE PLATE THAT HONORS UNITED STATES WOMEN VETERANS  
6 WHO HAVE DISABILITIES. TO BE ISSUED THE LICENSE PLATE, AN APPLICANT  
7 MUST BE A WOMAN AND MUST SUBMIT A DD214 FORM ISSUED BY THE  
8 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OR OTHER EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT TO  
9 DEMONSTRATE THAT THE APPLICANT HAS AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE  
10 FROM OR IS RETIRED FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.

11 (c) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGN THE LICENSE PLATE ISSUED  
12 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (32) TO INDICATE THAT THE LICENSE PLATE IS  
13 ISSUED TO A WOMAN VETERAN WHO HAS A DISABILITY. THE DEPARTMENT  
14 MAY ISSUE ADDITIONAL LICENSE PLATES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (32) TO  
15 ELIGIBLE PERSONS UPON THE PAYMENT OF ANY FEE REQUIRED BY THIS  
16 ARTICLE 3.

17 (d) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BEGIN ISSUING THE UNITED STATES  
18 DISABLED WOMAN VETERAN LICENSE PLATE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1,  
19 2021.

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

22 42-3-104. Exemptions - specific ownership tax - registration  
23 - domicile and residency - rules - definitions. (5) (a) One Class B or  
24 Class C motor vehicle weighing less than sixteen thousand pounds empty  
25 weight owned by a person who is a veteran and has established rights to  
26 benefits under the provisions of Public Law 663, 79th Congress, as  
27 amended, and Public Law 187, 82nd Congress, as amended, or is a

1 veteran of the armed forces of the United States who incurred a disability  
2 and is receiving compensation from the veterans administration or any  
3 branch of the armed forces of the United States for a fifty percent or  
4 more, service-connected, permanent disability, or for loss of use of one  
5 or both feet or one or both hands, or for permanent impairment or loss of  
6 vision in both eyes that constitutes virtual blindness shall be IS exempt  
7 from the imposition of the annual specific ownership tax imposed by this  
8 article ARTICLE 3. Only one such Class B or Class C motor vehicle per  
9 veteran shall be exempted IS EXEMPT.

10 (b) A PERSON WHO HAS A LICENSE PLATE FOR A VETERAN WHO HAS  
11 A DISABILITY OR A WOMAN VETERAN WHO HAS A DISABILITY, AS EITHER  
12 PLATE IS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 42-3-213, QUALIFIES THE EXEMPTION  
13 CREATED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5).

14 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-301, **amend**  
15 (2)(b) as follows:

16 **42-3-301. License plate cash fund - license plate fees.**

17 (2) (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article ARTICLE 3,  
18 with the exception of special license plates issued pursuant to section  
19 42-3-213 for purple heart recipients, medal of valor recipients, former  
20 prisoners of war, survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor, disabled  
21 veterans WHO HAVE DISABILITIES, WOMEN VETERANS WHO HAVE  
22 DISABILITIES, or recipients of a medal of honor, the fees imposed by this  
23 subsection (2) shall apply to all other special license plates issued in  
24 accordance with this article ARTICLE 3.

25 **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** For the 2020-21 state fiscal year,  
26 \$9,675 is appropriated to the department of revenue for use by the  
27 division of motor vehicles. This appropriation is from the Colorado

1 DRIVES vehicles services account in the highway users tax fund created  
2 in section 42-1-211 (2)(b)(I), C.R.S. To implement this act, the division  
3 may use this appropriation for DRIVES maintenance and support.

4           **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
5 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
6 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
7 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a  
8 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
9 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
10 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
11 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
12 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
13 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.