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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO RECOGNIZE NURSES IN**
102 **COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**
103 **APPROPRIATION.**

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>.)

The bill establishes a special license plate to recognize Colorado nurses. Beginning the earlier of January 15, 2022, or when the department of revenue (department) is able to issue the plates, the department shall issue Colorado nurses license plates to qualified applicants. The department may begin issuing the Colorado nurses license plate if a

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nurses foundation obtains commitments for the purchase of at least 3,000 Colorado nurses license plates and provides to the department a list of the names and addresses of persons requesting such plates by January 15, 2022.

The nurses foundation may design the Colorado nurses license plate, but the license plate must conform with standards established by the department. A person may apply for a Colorado nurses license plate if the person pays the required taxes and fees and provides to the department a certificate issued by the nurses foundation confirming that the applicant has made a donation to the nurses foundation in an amount that the nurses foundation may determine but that may not exceed \$100.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-3-255 as
3 follows:

4 **42-3-255. Special plates - Colorado nurses - definition.**

5 (1) BEGINNING THE EARLIER OF JANUARY 15, 2022, OR WHEN THE
6 DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO ISSUE THE PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
7 ISSUE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS IN ACCORDANCE
8 WITH THIS SECTION FOR MOTORCYCLES, PASSENGER CARS, TRUCKS, OR
9 NONCOMMERCIAL OR RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES THAT DO NOT
10 EXCEED SIXTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS EMPTY WEIGHT.

11 (2) (a) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED THE COLORADO NURSES
12 LICENSE PLATE. THE DEPARTMENT MAY BEGIN ISSUING THE SPECIAL
13 LICENSE PLATE AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBSECTION (2) IF A NURSES
14 FOUNDATION OBTAINS COMMITMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF AT LEAST
15 THREE THOUSAND SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES AND PROVIDES TO THE
16 DEPARTMENT A LIST OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS
17 REQUESTING SUCH PLATES BY JANUARY 15, 2022.

18 (b) THE NURSES FOUNDATION THAT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENT
19 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION MAY DESIGN THE

1 COLORADO NURSES LICENSE PLATE, BUT THE LICENSE PLATE MUST
2 CONFORM WITH STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

3 (3) (a) A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR A COLORADO NURSES LICENSE
4 PLATE IF THE PERSON PAYS THE TAXES AND FEES REQUIRED UNDER THIS
5 SECTION AND PROVIDES TO THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT
6 A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE NURSES FOUNDATION CONFIRMING THAT
7 THE APPLICANT HAS MADE A DONATION TO THE NURSES FOUNDATION IN AN
8 AMOUNT THAT THE NURSES FOUNDATION MAY DETERMINE BUT THAT MAY
9 NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

10 (b) THE NURSES FOUNDATION SHALL FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT
11 AN ANNUAL STATEMENT VERIFYING THAT IT IS A NONPROFIT
12 ORGANIZATION UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT STOPS ISSUING THE COLORADO
13 NURSES LICENSE PLATE.

14 (4) THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES FOR SPECIAL LICENSE
15 PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION ARE THE SAME AS THE AMOUNT OF THE
16 TAXES AND FEES FOR REGULAR MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; EXCEPT
17 THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT A ONE-TIME FEE OF TWENTY-FIVE
18 DOLLARS FOR ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE PLATE. THE
19 DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT THE ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE TO THE
20 STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE FEE TO THE HIGHWAY USERS
21 TAX FUND CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-201.

22 (5) AN APPLICANT MAY APPLY FOR PERSONALIZED COLORADO
23 NURSES LICENSE PLATES. UPON PAYMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE
24 REQUIRED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(a) FOR PERSONALIZED LICENSE
25 PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE THE PLATES IF THE APPLICANT
26 COMPLIES WITH SECTION 42-3-211. IF AN APPLICANT HAS EXISTING
27 PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE, THE APPLICANT

1 MAY TRANSFER THE COMBINATION OF LETTERS OR NUMBERS TO A NEW SET
2 OF COLORADO NURSES LICENSE PLATES FOR THE VEHICLE UPON PAYING
3 THE FEE REQUIRED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(a) AND UPON TURNING IN THE
4 EXISTING PLATES TO THE DEPARTMENT. A PERSON WHO HAS OBTAINED
5 PERSONALIZED COLORADO NURSES LICENSE PLATES UNDER THIS
6 SUBSECTION (5) SHALL PAY THE ANNUAL FEE IMPOSED BY SECTION
7 42-3-211 (6)(b) FOR RENEWAL OF THE PERSONALIZED PLATES. THE FEES
8 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) ARE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER APPLICABLE
9 TAXES AND FEES.

10 (6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
11 REQUIRES, "NURSES FOUNDATION" MEANS A COLORADO-BASED NURSES
12 FOUNDATION THAT IS DEDICATED TO ADVANCING NURSING THROUGH
13 SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, AND NURSE RECOGNITION.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 42-3-312 as
15 follows:

16 **42-3-312. Special license plate surcharge.** In addition to any
17 other fee imposed by this article 3, an applicant for a special license plate
18 created by rule in accordance with section 42-3-207, as the section existed
19 when the plate was created, or license plates issued pursuant to sections
20 42-3-211 to 42-3-214, sections 42-3-217 to 42-3-218, sections 42-3-221
21 to 42-3-234, and sections 42-3-237 to ~~42-3-254~~ 42-3-255 shall pay an
22 issuance fee of twenty-five dollars; except that the fee is not imposed on
23 special license plates exempted from additional fees for the issuance of
24 a military special license plate by section 42-3-213 (1)(b)(II). The
25 department shall transfer the fee to the state treasurer, who shall credit it
26 to the licensing services cash fund created in section 42-2-114.5.

27 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2021-22 state fiscal

1 year, \$17,490 is appropriated to the department of revenue for use by the
2 division of motor vehicles. This appropriation consists of \$5,400 from the
3 Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account in the highway users tax fund
4 created in section 42-1-211 (2)(b)(I), C.R.S., and \$12,090 from the
5 license plate cash fund created in section 42-3-301 (1)(b), C.R.S. To
6 implement this act, the division may use this appropriation as follows:

7 (a) \$5,400 from the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account
8 in the highway users tax fund for DRIVES maintenance and support; and

9 (b) \$12,090 from the license plate cash fund for license plate
10 ordering.

11 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
12 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
13 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
14 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
15 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
16 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
17 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
18 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
19 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.