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SENATE BILL 23-212

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(None),

Senate Committees

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House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A SEABEES LICENSE PLATE TO HONOR**
102 **THE SEABEES TRADITION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**
103 **MAKING AN 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 creates the Seabees license plate. An applicant qualifies for issuance of the license plate if the applicant is an active or former member of a construction battalion of the United States Navy. The bill exempts an applicant for the Seabees license plate from paying the additional fees associated with special license plates.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly
3 recognizes the unique role that the United States Naval Construction
4 Battalions serve in the nation's armed forces. This act creates a
5 commemorative license plate to honor the service of Seabees veterans and
6 actively serving Seabees. The "Seabees" take their name from United
7 States Naval Construction Battalions, or "CBs". Since World War II, the
8 Seabees have provided essential engineering and construction services
9 prior to and during combat all over the globe. Their ingenuity and
10 dedication have made critical differences in combat efforts from
11 Normandy and Okinawa to Iraq and Afghanistan. They have a "can do"
12 attitude and an ability to drop their tools and take up arms to fight. They
13 have been a dependable force for more than 75 years and continue to
14 serve our nation. Seabees service people have a motto: "We build, we
15 fight".

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-213, **amend**
17 (1)(a)(XXXI) and (1)(a)(XXXII); and **add** (1)(a)(XXXIII), (1)(b)(II)(K),
18 and (34) as follows:

19 **42-3-213. License plates - military veterans - rules -**
20 **retirement.** (1) (a) The department shall issue one or more sets of license
21 plates to the following persons who own a truck that does not exceed
22 sixteen thousand pounds empty weight, a passenger car, a motorcycle, or
23 a noncommercial or recreational vehicle:

24 (XXXI) A woman veteran of the United States armed forces who
25 has a disability; ~~or~~

26 (XXXII) A serving member of, honorably discharged or

1 discharged veteran of, discharged LGBT veteran of, or retired member of
2 any component of the United States Space Force; OR

3 (XXXIII) AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN OR RETIRED,
4 ACTIVE, OR RESERVE MEMBER OF A CONSTRUCTION BATTALION OF THE
5 UNITED STATES NAVY.

6 (b) (II) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(b)(I) of this section:

7 (K) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR ONE SET OF
8 SEABEES LICENSE PLATES ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (34) OF THIS
9 SECTION FOR A PASSENGER CAR, TRUCK, MOTORCYCLE, OR
10 NONCOMMERCIAL OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE.

11 (34) **Honorably discharged veteran or retired, active, or**
12 **reserve member of the Seabees.** (a) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, THE
13 DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGN THE SEABEES LICENSE PLATE TO INDICATE
14 THAT AN OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO WHICH THE PLATE IS ATTACHED
15 IS AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED, RETIRED, ACTIVE, OR RESERVE MEMBER
16 OF A CONSTRUCTION BATTALION OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

17 (b) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, OR WHEN THE DEPARTMENT IS
18 ABLE TO ISSUE THE PLATES DESIGNED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (34)(a)
19 OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE THE SEABEES LICENSE
20 PLATE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS RECEIVED AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE
21 FROM, IS RETIRED FROM, OR IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OR A RESERVE MEMBER
22 OF ANY CONSTRUCTION BATTALION OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

23 (c) TO QUALIFY FOR A SEABEES LICENSE PLATE, AN APPLICANT
24 MUST SUBMIT A DD214 FORM ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES
25 GOVERNMENT OR OTHER EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT
26 THE APPLICANT WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM, IS RETIRED FROM,
27 OR IS AN ACTIVE OR A RESERVE MEMBER OF A CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

1 OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

2 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2023-24 state fiscal
3 year, \$8,684 is appropriated to the department of revenue for use by the
4 division of motor vehicles. This appropriation consists of \$6,653 from the
5 Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account in the highway users tax fund
6 created in section 42-1-211 (2), C.R.S., and \$2,031 from the license plate
7 cash fund created in section 42-3-301 (1)(b), C.R.S. To implement this
8 act, the division may use this appropriation as follows:

9 (a) \$ 6,653 from the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account
10 for DRIVES maintenance and support; and

11 (b) \$2,031 from the license plate cash fund for use by vehicle
12 services for license plate ordering.

13 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
14 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
15 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
16 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
17 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
18 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
19 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
20 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
21 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.