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**HOUSE BILL 24-1369**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A COLORADO AGRICULTURE LICENSE**  
102 **PLATE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**  
103 **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>.)*

The bill creates the Colorado agriculture license plate. In addition to the normal fees for a license plate, a person must pay 2 additional one-time fees, one in the amount of \$25 and one in the amount of \$50, for the issuance of the plate. The \$25 fee is credited to the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account. Of the \$50 fee, \$25 is credited to the highway

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users tax fund, and the remainder is credited to the agriculture management fund and designated for supporting or expanding marketing programs designed to help consumers, restaurants, and retailers identify and purchase Colorado agricultural products.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-3-270 as  
3 follows:

4 **42-3-270. Special plates - Colorado agriculture.** (1) ON  
5 JANUARY 1, 2025, OR WHEN THE DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO ISSUE THE  
6 PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO  
7 QUALIFIED APPLICANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION FOR  
8 MOTORCYCLES, PASSENGER CARS, TRUCKS, OR NONCOMMERCIAL OR  
9 RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES THAT DO NOT EXCEED SIXTEEN  
10 THOUSAND POUNDS EMPTY WEIGHT.

11 (2) (a) THERE IS ESTABLISHED THE COLORADO AGRICULTURE  
12 LICENSE PLATE.

13 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE A DESIGN:

14 (I) THAT INCLUDES A TAGLINE TO READ "FEEDING THE WORLD";  
15 AND

16 (II) SUBMITTED BY OR DEVELOPED WITH THE LOGAN COUNTY  
17 CATTLEWOMEN, BUT THE DESIGN MUST CONFORM TO DEPARTMENT  
18 STANDARDS AND BE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

19 (3) A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR A COLORADO AGRICULTURE LICENSE  
20 PLATE IF THE PERSON PAYS THE TAXES AND FEES REQUIRED UNDER THIS  
21 SECTION.

22 (4) THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES FOR SPECIAL LICENSE  
23 PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION IS THE SAME AS THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES

1 AND FEES FOR REGULAR MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; EXCEPT THAT  
2 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT THE FEE SPECIFIED IN SECTION 42-3-312  
3 AND AN ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR  
4 ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE PLATE. THE DEPARTMENT  
5 SHALL TRANSMIT THE ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE TO THE STATE  
6 TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE FEE TO THE HIGHWAY USERS TAX  
7 FUND CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-201.

8 (5) AN APPLICANT MAY APPLY FOR PERSONALIZED COLORADO  
9 AGRICULTURE LICENSE PLATES. UPON PAYMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE  
10 REQUIRED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(a) FOR PERSONALIZED LICENSE  
11 PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE THE PLATES IF THE APPLICANT  
12 COMPLIES WITH SECTION 42-3-211. IF AN APPLICANT HAS EXISTING  
13 PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE, THE APPLICANT  
14 MAY TRANSFER THE COMBINATION OF LETTERS OR NUMBERS TO A NEW SET  
15 OF COLORADO AGRICULTURE LICENSE PLATES FOR THE VEHICLE UPON  
16 PAYING THE FEE REQUIRED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(a) AND UPON  
17 TURNING IN THE EXISTING PLATES TO THE DEPARTMENT. A PERSON WHO  
18 HAS OBTAINED PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION  
19 (5) MUST PAY THE ANNUAL FEE IMPOSED BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6)(b) TO  
20 RENEW THE PERSONALIZED PLATES. THE FEES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5)  
21 ARE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER APPLICABLE TAXES AND FEES.

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

24 **42-3-312. Special license plate surcharge.** In addition to any  
25 other fee imposed by this article 3, an applicant for a special license plate  
26 created by rule in accordance with section 42-3-207, as the section existed  
27 when the plate was created, personalized plates issued under section

1 42-3-211, or special license plates issued under sections 42-3-212 to  
2 42-3-214, sections 42-3-217 to 42-3-218, sections 42-3-221 to 42-3-234,  
3 sections 42-3-237 to 42-3-258, sections 42-3-260 to 42-3-265, ~~42-3-267,~~  
4 ~~42-3-268, and section 42-3-269~~ AND SECTIONS 42-3-267 TO 42-3-270  
5 shall pay an issuance fee of twenty-five dollars; except that the fee is not  
6 imposed on special license plates exempted from additional fees for the  
7 issuance of a military special license plate by section 42-3-213 (1)(b)(II).  
8 The department shall transfer the money from the fee to the state  
9 treasurer, who shall credit it to the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services  
10 account created in section 42-1-211 (2).

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12                   **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2024-25 state fiscal  
13 year, \$15,775 is appropriated to the department of revenue. This  
14 appropriation is from the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account in  
15 the highway users tax fund created in section 42-1-211 (2), C.R.S. To  
16 implement this act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:

- 17                   (a) \$1,225 for use by the executive director's office for personal  
18 services related to administration and support;
- 19                   (b) \$1,782 for payments to OIT;
- 20                   (c) \$864 for use by the division of motor vehicles for personal  
21 services related to vehicle services; and
- 22                   (d) \$11,904 for DRIVES maintenance and support.

23                   (2) For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, \$17,431 is appropriated to the  
24 department of revenue for use by the division of motor vehicles. This  
25 appropriation is from the license plate cash fund created in section  
26 42-3-301 (1)(b), C.R.S. To implement this act, the division may use this  
27 appropriation for license plate ordering.

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