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BILL TOPIC: Colorado Eagles Special License Plate

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A COLORADO EAGLES SPECIAL
102 LICENSE PLATE.

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 Eagles special license plate. To be issued a plate, an applicant must make a donation to the Colorado Eagles Charities, Inc., and pay the normal fees for a license plate plus 2 one-time fees of \$25. One of the \$25 fees is transferred to the highway users tax fund and the other is transferred to the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account.

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing law.*

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-3-272 as
3 follows:

4 **42-3-272. Special plates - Colorado Eagles.** (1) BEGINNING ON
5 JANUARY 1, 2026, 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. <*Giving the DMV a bit more time*
11 *to implement the bill avoids additional programming, which avoids a*
12 *fiscal cost, which makes the bill more likely to pass.*>

13 (2) (a) THE COLORADO EAGLES LICENSE PLATE IS ESTABLISHED.

14 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE A DESIGN FROM THE COLORADO
15 EAGLES, BUT THE DESIGN MUST CONFORM TO DEPARTMENT STANDARDS
16 AND BE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

17 (3) A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR A COLORADO EAGLES LICENSE
18 PLATE IF THE PERSON PAYS THE TAXES AND FEES REQUIRED UNDER THIS
19 SECTION AND PROVIDES TO THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT
20 A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE COLORADO EAGLES CHARITIES, INC.,
21 CONFIRMING THAT THE APPLICANT HAS MADE A DONATION TO THE
22 ORGANIZATION. THE ORGANIZATION MAY ESTABLISH A MINIMUM
23 DONATION AMOUNT TO QUALIFY FOR THE LICENSE PLATE.

24 (c) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO QUALIFY APPLICANTS FOR THE COLORADO
25 EAGLES LICENSE PLATE, THE COLORADO EAGLES CHARITIES, INC., MUST
26 FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT AN ANNUAL STATEMENT VERIFYING THAT IT

1 IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.

2 (4) THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES FOR SPECIAL LICENSE
3 PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION IS THE SAME AS THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES
4 AND FEES FOR REGULAR MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; EXCEPT THAT
5 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT:

6 (a) A ONE-TIME SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE ISSUANCE FEE AS
7 SPECIFIED IN SECTION 42-3-312; AND

8 (b) AN ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE OF TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR
9 ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE PLATE. THE STATE
10 TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER THE ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE COLLECTED
11 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (4)(b) TO THE HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND
12 CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-201.

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

27 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 42-3-312 as

1 follows:

2 **42-3-312. Special license plate surcharge.** In addition to any
3 other fee imposed by this article 3, an applicant for a special license plate
4 created by rule in accordance with section 42-3-207, as the section existed
5 when the plate was created, personalized plates issued under section
6 42-3-211, or special license plates issued under sections 42-3-212 to
7 42-3-214, sections 42-3-217 to 42-3-218, sections 42-3-221 to 42-3-234,
8 sections 42-3-237 to 42-3-258, sections 42-3-260 to 42-3-265, and
9 sections 42-3-267 to ~~42-3-271~~ 42-3-272 shall pay an issuance fee of
10 twenty-five dollars; except that the fee is not imposed on special license
11 plates exempted from additional fees for the issuance of a military special
12 license plate by section 42-3-213 (1)(b)(II). The ~~department shall transfer~~
13 ~~the money from the fee to the state treasurer who shall credit it~~ TRANSFER
14 THE FEE to the Colorado DRIVES vehicle services account created in
15 section 42-1-211 (2).

16 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
17 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
18 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
19 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
20 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
21 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
22 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
23 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
24 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.