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**HOUSE BILL 15-1026**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF MILITARY LICENSE PLATES WITH AN**  
102                    **IDENTIFYING FIGURE NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC THAT THE HOLDER**  
103                    **MAY USE RESERVED PARKING FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES,**  
104                    **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING 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://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Currently, a person may be issued a disabled veteran's license plate with the identifying figure that allows the holder to use reserved parking for people with disabilities. The bill allows any military license plate to

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

have an identifying figure if the applicant demonstrates a physical impairment affecting mobility.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-204, **amend** (3)  
3 (a) (VI), (3) (b) (II), (5) (i), and (6) (e) (I) introductory portion as follows:

4 **42-3-204. Reserved parking for persons with disabilities -**  
5 **applicability - definitions - rules. (3) Types of plates or placards.**

6 (a) **Authorization.** The department may issue the following registration  
7 type for issuing disabled plates and placards that notify the public that the  
8 vehicle transports a person who may use reserved parking:

9 (VI) A ~~disabled-veteran~~ MILITARY license plate, ISSUED UNDER  
10 SECTION 42-3-213 OR 42-3-218 (3), with an additional identifying figure  
11 ~~as determined by the department~~, to indicate that the owner of the vehicle  
12 is authorized to make use of reserved parking for persons with  
13 disabilities.

14 (b) **Number of placards and license plates allowed.** (II) The  
15 department may issue a ~~disabled-veteran~~ MILITARY license plate UNDER  
16 SECTION 42-3-213 OR 42-3-218 (3) with an additional identifying figure  
17 and one placard to an individual.

18 (5) **Issuance of plate or placard - rules.** (i) **Requirements for**  
19 **identifying figure on military license plate.** To qualify for a ~~disabled~~  
20 ~~veteran~~ MILITARY license plate with an identifying figure, the applicant  
21 must qualify for a permanent identifying plate under subparagraph (I) of  
22 paragraph (h) of this subsection (5) and meet the eligibility criteria in  
23 section 42-3-213 ~~(5)~~ OR 42-3-218 (3) for a ~~disabled-veteran~~ MILITARY  
24 license plate. A ~~disabled-veteran~~ MILITARY license plate with an  
25 identifying figure expires in accordance with the schedule established by

1 the department for periodic registration under section 42-3-102 (1) (a).

2 (6) **Expiration and renewal.** (e) **Permanent identifying plates.**

3 (I) A permanent identifying plate or ~~disabled-veteran~~ MILITARY license  
4 plate WITH AN IDENTIFYING FIGURE expires in accordance with the  
5 schedule established by the department for periodic registration under  
6 section 42-3-102 (1) (a). Eligibility for a permanent identifying plate or  
7 identifying figure for a ~~disabled-veteran~~ MILITARY license plate expires  
8 on the last day of the thirty-sixth full month after the date of issuance or  
9 renewal. The holder may renew the plate by submitting:

10 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-213, **repeal** (5)  
11 (a) (II); and **add** (1) (h) as follows:

12 **42-3-213. License plates - military veterans - rules -**  
13 **retirement.** (1) (h) IF AN APPLICANT FOR A MILITARY LICENSE PLATE  
14 ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION DEMONSTRATES A PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT  
15 AFFECTING MOBILITY UNDER THE STANDARDS PROVIDED IN SECTION  
16 42-3-204 (1), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A MILITARY LICENSE PLATE  
17 WITH AN ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING FIGURE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
18 42-3-204 (1) (e), TO INDICATE THAT THE VEHICLE IS AUTHORIZED TO  
19 TRANSPORT A PERSON WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO USE RESERVED PARKING UNDER  
20 SECTION 42-4-1208.

21 (5) **Disabled veterans.** (a) (II) ~~In addition to the requirements of~~  
22 ~~subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (a), if the applicant demonstrates that~~  
23 ~~he or she has a physical impairment affecting mobility under the~~  
24 ~~standards provided in section 42-3-204 (1), then the license plate shall~~  
25 ~~have an additional identifying figure, as defined in section 42-3-204 (1)~~  
26 ~~(e), to indicate that the vehicle is authorized to transport a person who is~~  
27 ~~eligible to use reserved parking under section 42-4-1208.~~

1           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-218, **amend** (2)  
2 as follows:

3           **42-3-218. Special plates - active and retired members of the**  
4 **Colorado National Guard - retirement.** (2) (a) The special license  
5 plates ~~shall~~ MUST have a white background with blue lettering and ~~shall~~  
6 MUST be of a design determined by the executive director of the  
7 department. ~~Such~~ THE plates ~~shall~~ indicate that the owner of the motor  
8 vehicle is a member of the Colorado National Guard.

9           (b) IF AN APPLICANT FOR A COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE  
10 PLATE UNDER THIS SECTION DEMONSTRATES A PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT  
11 AFFECTING MOBILITY UNDER THE STANDARDS PROVIDED IN SECTION  
12 42-3-204 (1), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A COLORADO NATIONAL  
13 GUARD LICENSE PLATE WITH AN ADDITIONAL IDENTIFYING FIGURE, AS  
14 DEFINED IN SECTION 42-3-204 (1) (e), TO INDICATE THAT THE VEHICLE IS  
15 AUTHORIZED TO TRANSPORT A PERSON WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO USE RESERVED  
16 PARKING UNDER SECTION 42-4-1208.

17           **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2015-16 state fiscal  
18 year, \$5,190 is appropriated to the department of revenue for use by the  
19 division of motor vehicles. This appropriation is from the license plate  
20 cash fund created in section 42-3-301 (1) (b), C.R.S. To implement this  
21 act, the division may use this appropriation for license plate ordering.

22           (2) For the 2015-16 state fiscal year, \$52,942 is appropriated to  
23 the department of revenue. This appropriation is from the Colorado state  
24 titling and registration account of the highway users tax fund created in  
25 section 42-1-211 (2), C.R.S. To implement this act, the department may  
26 use this appropriation for the purchase of information technology  
27 services.

1           (3) For the 2015-16 state fiscal year, \$52,942 is appropriated to  
2 the office of the governor for use by the office of information technology.  
3 This appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the  
4 department of revenue under subsection (2) of this section. To implement  
5 this act, the office may use this appropriation to provide information  
6 technology services for the department of revenue.

7           **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
8 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
9 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
10 general assembly (August 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6,  
11 2015); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1  
12 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,  
13 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part  
14 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election  
15 to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the  
16 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

17           (2) This act applies to license plates issued on or after the January  
18 1, 2016.