Summary of Motor Vehicle Regulation Bills, 2007 Session (As of April 16, 2007)

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Signed into Law			
HB 07-1205 Laden Truck Trailer *Rep. Casso* *Sen. Renfroe* Signed into Law	The Act clarifies the statutory definition of "truck tractor - laden" and "laden truck tractor." Under current law, the terms are defined as any motor vehicle carrying cargo or *designed* to carry cargo over the public highways. The bill adds a qualification that the vehicle has to be drawing a semitrailer or trailer and its cargo load over the public highways in order to be considered laden. This law went into effect upon the Governor's signature.	Not applicable	No fiscal impact
Sent to Governor			
HB 07-1113 Motor Vehicle Title Information *Rep. Borodkin* *Sen. Spence* Sent to Governor	The bill modifies information that is required when an applicant is applying for a certificate of title. Owners of class A or class B motor vehicles must submit a personal identification number (PIN) when *applying* for a title. Class A or class B motor vehicles are defined as tractor-trailers, truck and trailer combinations, trucks, and large buses. The bill also requires a class B motor vehicle owner to submit a PIN when *registering* a vehicle. Additionally, it repeals the requirement that a title applicant submit the date the vehicle was first sold and the amount of debt upon the obligation secured by the vehicle.	Not applicable	No fiscal impact

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HB 07-1148 Expiration of Multiple Vehicle Registration *Rep. Rice* *Sen. Williams* Sent to Governor	Under the bill, the Department of Revenue may register motor vehicles for more than one year but less than two years to allow owners of multiple vehicles to have registrations that expire on the same day. The vehicle owner would need to pay the appropriate prorated registration fee and specific ownership tax for the new registration period. Exceptions are vehicles older than 1981 model year, all motorcycles, and Class A vehicles (trucks such as a tractor-trailer or truck and trailer combinations) that are registered through the International Registration Plan.	Not applicable	No fiscal impact
Active Bills			
HB 07-1020 Motor Vehicle Temporary Tag Fraud *Rep. McFadyen* *Sen. May* Senate Transportation	Owners of a motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or vehicle designed to be primarily operated on state highways must register that vehicle within 60 days after purchase. Failure to do so is a class B traffic infraction punishable by a fine of $50 and a surcharge of $7.80. Under the reengrossed version of HB 07-1020, a person who fails to properly register their vehicle two or more times over a five-year period will be charged with a class 1 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of $500 to $5,000, and/or 6 to 18 months imprisonment. The bill prohibits the Department of Revenue from issuing more than two temporary registration plates, tags, or certificates per Class A or Class B motor vehicle per year. The Department of Revenue must track the number of temporary registration plates, tags, or certificates issued to a motor vehicle through the vehicle identification number.	Department of Revenue	51,395 CSTARS 66,359 Federal

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HB 07-1117 Motorcycle Helmet Requirement *Rep. Primavera* *Sen. Gordon* Senate Appropriations	The bill, as referred to Senate Appropriations from the Senate Committee of the Whole, prohibits a person under 18 years from operating or being a passenger on a motorcycle or motorized bicycle unless both the operator and passenger are wearing an approved helmet that is properly secured with a chin strap. It creates a new class A traffic violation punishable by a $100 fine, a $15 surcharge, and 3 points against one's driver's license if convicted. The bill requires an additional $10 surcharge per violation to be deposited in the Colorado Traumatic Brain Injury Trust Fund.	Department of Revenue Costs under the Colorado State are included in the FY 2007-08 Long Bill.	$1,361 GF
HB 07-1229 Chain Laws Commercial Vehicles *Rep. Gibbs* *Sen. Fitzgerald* Senate Transportation	The reengrossed bill increases the penalty for commercial vehicles that fail to chain up when the chain law is in effect from $100 to $500 and increases the penalty from $500 to $1,000 if a driver's truck blocks a lane of traffic. The bill excludes tow truck drivers and allows private vendors to sell or apply chains on Interstate-70 to enable compliance for driver. The Colorado Department of Revenue must identify an appropriate location for commercial vehicles to chain up.	Department of Revenue	

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SB 07-062 Motor Carriers Registration Penalty *Rep. Rose* *Sen. Windels* House Appropriations	The reengrossed bill directs the Department of Revenue to cancel the registration of an intrastate motor carrier who fails to pay, within 30 days, any civil penalties imposed for violating commercial vehicle standards. The bill does not apply to interstate carriers until July 1, 2009. Notice of failure to pay will be sent by the Colorado State Patrol to the Department of Revenue, and the registration for all vehicles owned by a given carrier would be suspended until the fine is paid. The bill also prohibits state agencies from using such carriers while they are under suspension.	Department of Revenue	$116,569 HUTF
SB 07-070 Motor Vehicle Recyclers *Rep. Marostica* *Sen. Takis* House Appropriations	The reengrossed bill requires motor vehicle recyclers (i.e., vehicles scrapped or dismantled for parts) to verify whether a vehicle is stolen by using a newly-created Motor Vehicle Verification System. The Department of Public Safety must establish an internet-accessible verification system for use by recyclers, vehicle dealers, repair shops, tow operators, and the general public. If the system identifies a vehicle as stolen, the person submitting the inquiry must notify local law enforcement within one business day. This bill creates a new offense of failure to notify local law enforcement regarding a stolen vehicle that is punishable as a Class 3 misdemeanor for the first offense, increasing to a Class 1 misdemeanor for the third and subsequent offenses. In addition, the bill eliminates the current 7-day holding period prior to recycling a vehicle when certain conditions are met. It also requires persons offering vehicles for recycling to present valid identification.	Department of Revenue	$74,389 CF from fees

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Postponed Indefinitely			
SB 07-151 Seat Belt Violations Primary Offense *Sen. Groff* *Rep. Rice* Lost in House	The bill would have made it a primary offense to operate a motor vehicle without the driver, all front-seat passengers, children between 4 and 8 years and less than 57 inches tall, and children 8 years and older or 57 inches tall or more wearing fastened safety belts. Current law requires the driver and every front seat passenger of a vehicle to wear a seat belt whenever the vehicle is being operated on a street or highway. Colorado is currently a secondary safety belt enforcement state, which means that law enforcement must stop a driver for a vehicle or traffic law violation, other than a safety belt violation, to be able to cite the driver for a safety belt violation.	Not applicable	No fiscal impact
HB 07-1006 Driving While Distracted Traffic Penalty *Rep. Weissmann* Postponed Indefinitely	The introduced bill would have doubled the penalties and surcharges when a motorist committed a moving traffic violation if the motorist was "knowingly distracted." It defined "knowingly distracted" as an act of diverting attention from driving a vehicle to activities such as grooming, reading, eating, drinking or the use of cell phones, headphones, headsets, or electronic devices. The bill would have exempted drivers if there was an emergency or if the violation occurred in a construction or school zone. Under current law, penalties and surcharges for moving traffic violations in construction or school zones are already doubled. It did not create a separate traffic offense or infraction.	Department of Revenue	$5,000 GF