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LLS NO. 13-0069.01 Chuck Brackney x2295 **INTERIM COMMITTEE BILL**

**Transportation Legislation Review Committee**

**SHORT TITLE:** "Vehicle Regis Penalty Statement Repeal Spec Plates"

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING VEHICLE REGISTRATION.**

**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.)*

**Transportation Legislation Review Committee.** The bill makes the statement on the notice of vehicle registration regarding the penalty for failure to register a vehicle consistent with the actual statutory penalty. The bill also repeals the statutory provisions for 2 retired special license plates.

***Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.***
***Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.***

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

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-113, **amend** (2) (d) (III), (2) (e), and (3) as follows:

**42-3-113. Records of application and registration.** (2) The department, upon registering a vehicle, shall issue to the owner a registration card, which shall contain upon its face the following:

(d) A notice, in type that is larger than the other information contained on the registration card:

(III) That the minimum penalty for such offense is a ~~one-hundred-dollar~~ FIVE-HUNDRED-DOLLAR fine;

(e) A notice that Colorado law provides for a ~~thirty-day~~ ONE-MONTH grace period after a registration is due for renewal;

(3) A notice for renewal of registration shall include a notice, in type that is larger than the other information contained in the notice, that specifies that motor vehicle insurance coverage is compulsory in Colorado, that noncompliance is a misdemeanor traffic offense, that the minimum penalty for such offense is a ~~one-hundred-dollar~~ FIVE-HUNDRED-DOLLAR fine, and that the maximum penalty for such offense is one year's imprisonment and a one-thousand-dollar fine.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 42-3-215 as follows:

**42-3-215. Special plates - United States olympic committee - retirement.** ~~(1) The department shall issue one or more sets of olympic committee special license plates to applicants under this section for passenger cars or trucks that do not exceed sixteen thousand pounds empty weight.~~

~~(2) (a) There is hereby established the United States olympic committee special license plate. The department may begin issuance of such license plate when the United States olympic committee has commitments for license plate purchases from at least five hundred persons and provides a list of the names and addresses of such persons to the department.~~

~~(b) The United States olympic committee is responsible for the costs of designing the United States olympic committee special license plate and shall pay such costs before the license plate is produced. The design for the special license plate shall conform with standards established by the department and shall be approved by the department.~~

~~(3) (a) A person may apply for an olympic committee special license plate for a motor vehicle if the person pays the taxes and fees required under this section and provides the department or authorized agent a certificate issued by the committee confirming that such person meets the qualifications for the license plate established by the committee pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection (3). The department shall prepare a certificate form to be used by the committee when confirming that a person is eligible to obtain olympic committee special license plates.~~

~~(b) The committee may establish the following qualifications for persons seeking to obtain special license plates under this section:~~

~~(I) Specified levels of contributions to the United States olympic committee; or~~

~~(II) Payment of specified dues, including special dues established for the special license plates. If the olympic committee collects special dues for special license plates, the moneys may be expended only for~~

~~support of the United States olympic committee program.~~

~~(4) (a) The amount of the taxes and fees for olympic committee special license plates under this section is the same as the amount of the taxes and fees specified for regular motor vehicle license plates plus a one-time fee of twenty-five dollars for each motor vehicle for issuance or replacement of such license plates. The department shall transmit the additional one-time fee to the state treasurer, who shall credit the fee to the highway users tax fund for allocation and expenditure as specified in section 43-4-205 (5.5) (b), C.R.S.~~

~~(b) An applicant may apply for personalized olympic committee special license plates. Upon payment of the additional fee required by section 42-3-211 (6) (a) for personalized license plates, the department may issue such plates if the applicant complies with section 42-3-211. If an applicant has existing personalized license plates for a motor vehicle, the applicant may transfer the combination of letters or numbers to a new set of special license plates for the vehicle upon paying the fee imposed by section 42-3-211 (6) (a) and upon turning such existing plates in to the department as required by the department. A person who has obtained personalized olympic committee special license plates under this paragraph (b) is required to pay the annual fee imposed by section 42-3-211 (6) (b) for renewal of such personalized plates. The fees under this paragraph (b) are in addition to all other taxes and fees imposed for the special license plates.~~

~~(5) Special license plates issued under this section shall be renewed in the same manner as other license plates under section 42-3-113 or, for personalized plates, under section 42-3-211.~~

~~(6) For the purposes of this section, "committee" means the~~

~~United States olympic committee.~~

~~(7) The special license plates authorized by this section shall be retired unless such plates have been issued for at least three thousand vehicles by July 1, 2007.~~

**SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 42-3-216 as follows:

**42-3-216. Special plates - Colorado foundation for agriculture and natural resources - definitions - retirement.** ~~(1) For the purposes of this section:~~

~~(a) "Foundation" means the Colorado foundation for agriculture.~~

~~(b) "Special license plate" means the special agriculture and natural resources license plate.~~

~~(2) The department shall issue one or more sets of special license plates to applicants under this section for passenger cars or trucks that do not exceed sixteen thousand pounds empty weight.~~

~~(3) (a) There is hereby established the special agriculture and natural resources license plate. The department may begin issuance of such special license plate when the foundation has commitments for special license plate purchases for at least two hundred fifty special license plates and provides a list of the names and addresses of persons purchasing such plates to the department.~~

~~(b) The foundation is responsible for the costs of designing the special license plate and shall pay such costs before the license plate is produced. The design for the special license plate shall conform with standards established by the department and shall be approved by the department.~~

~~(4) (a) A person may apply for a special license plate for a motor~~

~~vehicle if the person pays the taxes and fees required under this section and provides a certificate, issued by the foundation, confirming that such person meets the qualifications for the license plate established by the foundation pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection (4). The department shall prepare a certificate form to be used by the foundation when confirming that a person is eligible to obtain a special license plate.~~

~~(b) The foundation may establish the following qualifications for persons seeking to obtain special license plates under this section:~~

~~(I) Specified levels of contributions to the foundation; or~~

~~(II) Payment of specified special dues established for the special license plates. If the foundation collects special dues for special license plates, the moneys shall be expended only for support of the foundation's programs.~~

~~(5) (a) The amount of the taxes and fees for special license plates under this section is the same as the amount of the taxes and fees specified for regular motor vehicle license plates plus a one-time fee of twenty-five dollars for each motor vehicle for issuing or replacing such license plates. The department shall transmit the additional one-time fee to the state treasurer, who shall credit the same to the highway users tax fund for allocation and expenditure as specified in section 43-4-205 (5.5) (b), C.R.S.~~

~~(b) An applicant may apply for personalized special license plates. Upon payment of the additional fee required by section 42-3-211 (6) (a) for personalized license plates, the department may issue such plates if the applicant complies with section 42-3-211. If any applicant has existing personalized license plates for a motor vehicle, the applicant may transfer the combination of letters or numbers to a new set of special~~

~~license plates for the vehicle upon paying the fee imposed by section 42-3-211 (6) (a) and upon turning such existing plates in to the department as required by the department. Any person who has obtained personalized special license plates under this paragraph (b) is required to pay the annual fee imposed by section 42-3-211 (6) (b) for renewal of such personalized plates. The fees under this paragraph (b) are in addition to all other taxes and fees imposed for the special license plates.~~

~~(6) Special license plates issued under this section shall be renewed in the same manner as other license plates under section 42-3-113 or, for personalized plates, under section 42-3-211.~~

~~(7) The special license plates authorized by this section shall be retired unless such plates have been issued for at least three thousand vehicles by March 1, 2008.~~

**SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.