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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE COLORADO AIR AND SPACE PORT
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 Air and Space Port license plate for vehicles. Designated portions of the fees imposed by the bill for the issuance of the plate or a personalized version of the plate are credited to the highway users tax fund and the licensing services cash fund, and the remainder shall be used to make grants to colleges, universities, and vocational schools that provide programs in aerospace engineering,

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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design, and maintenance.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-3-255 as
3 follows:

4 **42-3-255. Special plates - Colorado Air and Space Port license**
5 **plate.** (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO
6 QUALIFIED APPLICANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION FOR
7 MOTORCYCLES, PASSENGER CARS, TRUCKS, OR NONCOMMERCIAL OR
8 RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES THAT DO NOT EXCEED SIXTEEN
9 THOUSAND POUNDS EMPTY WEIGHT.

10 (2) (a) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED THE COLORADO AIR AND
11 SPACE PORT LICENSE PLATE.

12 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE A DESIGN FROM THE COLORADO
13 AIR AND SPACE PORT, BUT THE DESIGN MUST CONFORM TO DEPARTMENT
14 STANDARDS AND BE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

15 (3) (a) A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR A COLORADO AIR AND SPACE
16 PORT LICENSE PLATE IF THE PERSON PAYS THE TAXES AND FEES REQUIRED
17 UNDER THIS SECTION.

18 (b) FROM THE FEES COLLECTED UNDER SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS
19 SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE GRANTS TO COLORADO
20 COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE
21 PROGRAMS IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING, DESIGN, AND MAINTENANCE. THE
22 DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE A GRANT RECIPIENT TO USE THE GRANT TO
23 PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO COLORADO RESIDENTS ENROLLED IN ONE OF
24 THESE PROGRAMS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALLOCATE GRANTS IN
25 PROPORTION TO THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ANNUALLY ENROLLED IN

1 THESE PROGRAMS AT EACH INSTITUTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE
2 AN INITIAL GRANT TO EACH RECIPIENT BY JULY 1, 2022, AND SUBSEQUENT
3 GRANTS ANNUALLY BY THAT DATE THEREAFTER. THE DEPARTMENT MAY
4 AUDIT A GRANT RECIPIENT UPON OBTAINING EVIDENCE OF A FAILURE OF
5 THE RECIPIENT TO USE THE GRANT AS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION
6 (3)(b).

7 (4) THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES AND FEES FOR SPECIAL LICENSE
8 PLATES UNDER THIS SECTION IS THE SAME AS THE AMOUNT OF THE TAXES
9 AND FEES FOR REGULAR MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES; EXCEPT THAT
10 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT AN ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME FEE OF
11 TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR ISSUANCE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE LICENSE
12 PLATE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSMIT THE ADDITIONAL ONE-TIME
13 FEE TO THE STATE TREASURER, WHO SHALL CREDIT THE FEE TO THE
14 HIGHWAY USERS TAX FUND CREATED IN SECTION 43-4-201.

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

1 SUBSECTION (5) ARE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER APPLICABLE TAXES AND
2 FEES.

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

5 **42-3-312. Special license plate surcharge.** In addition to any
6 other fee imposed by this article 3, an applicant for a special license plate
7 created by rule in accordance with section 42-3-207, as the section existed
8 when the plate was created, or license plates issued pursuant to sections
9 42-3-211 to 42-3-214, sections 42-3-217 to 42-3-218, sections 42-3-221
10 to 42-3-234, and sections 42-3-237 to ~~42-3-254~~ 42-3-255 shall pay an
11 issuance fee of twenty-five dollars; except that the fee is not imposed on
12 special license plates exempted from additional fees for the issuance of
13 a military special license plate by section 42-3-213 (1)(b)(II). The
14 department shall transfer the fee to the state treasurer, who shall credit it
15 to the licensing services cash fund created in section 42-2-114.5.

16 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
17 takes effect January 1, 2021; except that, if a referendum petition is filed
18 pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this
19 act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period
20 after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item,
21 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
22 general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take
23 effect January 1, 2021, or on the date of the official declaration of the
24 vote thereon by the governor, whichever is later.