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LLS NO. 10-0576.01 Jery Payne

**HOUSE BILL 10-1139**

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**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**House Committees**

Transportation & Energy  
Appropriations

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR**  
102             **MILITARY VETERANS OF THE CONFLICTS OCCURRING AFTER**  
103             **SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION**  
104             **THEREFOR.**

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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>.)*

The bill creates 2 sets of special license plates to identify that the owner of the motor vehicle is a veteran of either the Afghanistan or Iraq

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.

war. The owner would pay the normal fees for special license plates, plus a one-time fee of \$25 that is credited to the Colorado state veterans trust fund.

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

2           **SECTION 1.** 42-3-213 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW  
4 SUBPARAGRAPHS to read:

5           **42-3-213. Special plates - military veterans - rules - retirement.**

6 (1) (a) The department shall issue one or more sets of special license  
7 plates to the following persons who own a truck that does not exceed  
8 sixteen thousand pounds empty weight, a passenger car, a motorcycle, or  
9 a noncommercial or recreational vehicle:

10           (XX) A VETERAN OF THE AFGHANISTAN WAR;

11           (XXI) A VETERAN OF THE IRAQ WAR.

12           **SECTION 2.** 42-3-213, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
13 BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBSECTIONS to  
14 read:

15           **42-3-213. Special plates - military veterans - rules - retirement.**

16 (21) **Veteran of the Afghanistan war.** (a) THE VETERAN OF THE  
17 AFGHANISTAN WAR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE DESIGNED TO  
18 INDICATE THAT THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE TO WHICH SUCH  
19 LICENSE PLATE IS ATTACHED IS A VETERAN OF THE AFGHANISTAN WAR.

20           (b) A NATURAL PERSON MAY USE A VETERAN OF THE  
21 AFGHANISTAN WAR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE IF SUCH PERSON WAS A  
22 MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES BETWEEN OCTOBER 7,  
23 2001, AND THE END OF THE CONFLICT.

24           (c) THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT SHALL NOT ISSUE

1 A VETERAN OF THE AFGHANISTAN WAR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO AN  
2 APPLICANT UNTIL THE APPLICANT PROVIDES A DD214 FORM ISSUED BY  
3 THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OR OTHER EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT TO  
4 DEMONSTRATE THAT THE APPLICANT IS A VETERAN OF THE ARMED  
5 SERVICES WHO SERVED BETWEEN OCTOBER 7, 2001, AND THE END OF THE  
6 CONFLICT.

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8 (22) **Veteran of the Iraq war.** (a) THE VETERAN OF THE IRAQ  
9 WAR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE DESIGNED TO INDICATE THAT THE  
10 OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE TO WHICH SUCH LICENSE PLATE IS  
11 ATTACHED IS A VETERAN OF THE IRAQ WAR.

12 (b) A NATURAL PERSON MAY USE A VETERAN OF THE IRAQ WAR  
13 SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE IF SUCH PERSON WAS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED  
14 STATES ARMED SERVICES BETWEEN MARCH 20, 2003, AND THE END OF  
15 THE CONFLICT.

16 (c) THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT SHALL NOT ISSUE  
17 A VETERAN OF THE IRAQ WAR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO AN APPLICANT  
18 UNTIL THE APPLICANT PROVIDES A DD214 FORM ISSUED BY THE UNITED  
19 STATES GOVERNMENT OR OTHER EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT TO DEMONSTRATE  
20 THAT THE APPLICANT IS A VETERAN OF THE ARMED SERVICES WHO SERVED  
21 BETWEEN MARCH 20, 2003, AND THE END OF THE CONFLICT.

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23 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** In addition to any other  
24 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the  
25 license plate cash fund created in section 42-3-301 (1) (b), Colorado  
26 Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of  
27 revenue, for allocation to the division of motor vehicles, driver and

1 vehicle services, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, the sum of  
2 thirty-five thousand five hundred twenty dollars (\$35,520) cash funds, or  
3 so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

4           **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
5 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
6 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
7 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a  
8 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
9 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
10 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect  
11 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
12 November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official  
13 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.