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HOUSE BILL 12-1162

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN OPERATION DESERT STORM  
102 LICENSE PLATE.

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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 the operation desert storm license plate to identify that the owner of the motor vehicle is a veteran of operation desert storm. In addition to the normal motor vehicle fees, the plate requires 2 one-time fees of \$25. One of the fees is credited to the highway users tax fund and the other to the licensing services cash fund.

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.*

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

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-3-213, **amend** (1)  
3 (a) (XXI) and (1) (a) (XXII); and **add** (1) (a) (XXIII) and (24) as follows:

4           **42-3-213. Special plates - military veterans - rules - retirement.**

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

9           (XXI) A veteran of the Iraq war; ~~or~~

10           (XXII) A veteran of world war II; OR

11           (XXIII) A VETERAN OF OPERATION DESERT STORM.

12           (24) **Veteran of operation desert storm.** (a) THE DEPARTMENT  
13 SHALL DESIGN THE VETERAN OF OPERATION DESERT STORM LICENSE PLATE  
14 TO INDICATE THAT THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE TO WHICH THE  
15 LICENSE PLATE IS ATTACHED IS A VETERAN OF OPERATION DESERT STORM.

16           (b) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013, A NATURAL PERSON MAY USE AN  
17 OPERATION DESERT STORM LICENSE PLATE IF THE PERSON WAS A MEMBER  
18 OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES BETWEEN AUGUST 2, 1990, AND  
19 FEBRUARY 28, 1991.

20           (c) THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT SHALL NOT ISSUE  
21 AN OPERATION DESERT STORM LICENSE PLATE TO AN APPLICANT UNTIL THE  
22 APPLICANT PROVIDES A DD214 FORM ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES  
23 GOVERNMENT OR OTHER EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT  
24 THE APPLICANT IS A VETERAN OF THE ARMED SERVICES WHO SERVED  
25 BETWEEN AUGUST 2, 1990, AND FEBRUARY 28, 1991.

26           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act

1 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
2 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
3 7, 2012, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2012); except that, if a  
4 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
5 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
6 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
7 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
8 November 2012 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
9 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.