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**HOUSE BILL 19-1281**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING GIVING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES THE OPTION TO**  
102                    **PLACE A SYMBOL DOCUMENTING THE DISABILITY ON THE FACE**  
103                    **OF CERTAIN IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS.**

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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://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill adds an option for people with disabilities to place a discreet disability identifier symbol on the face of a driver's license or identification card. A listed medical professional must verify the disability by signing a form created by the department of revenue. The symbol must represent all types of disabilities, such as cognitive,

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neurological, or physical disabilities. No fee is charged for the symbol.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-2-114, **amend**  
3 (1)(b)(I); and **add** (12) as follows:

4 **42-2-114. License issued - fees - rules - repeal.** (1) (b) (I) ~~In the~~  
5 ~~event~~ IF the department issues a driver's license that contains stored  
6 information, ~~such license may include~~ THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE  
7 IN THE STORED INFORMATION only the information that is specifically  
8 referenced in ~~paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) and~~ SUBSECTION (1)(a)  
9 OF THIS SECTION, that appears in printed form on the face of the license  
10 issued by the department to the licensee, ~~and~~ OR THAT IS any race or  
11 ethnicity information identified on the application ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER  
12 section 42-2-107 (2)(a)(II); except that ~~such stored information~~ THE  
13 DEPARTMENT shall not include IN THE STORED INFORMATION:

14 (A) The licensee's social security number; OR

15 (B) THE LICENSEE'S DISABILITY STATUS OR SYMBOL GIVEN UNDER  
16 SUBSECTION (12) OF THIS SECTION.

17 (12) (a) (I) AT THE APPLICANT'S VOLUNTARY REQUEST, THE  
18 DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A DRIVER'S LICENSE BEARING A DISABILITY  
19 IDENTIFIER SYMBOL IF THE APPLICANT PRESENTS A FORM SIGNED BY ONE  
20 OF THE FOLLOWING VERIFYING THAT THE APPLICANT HAS A DISABILITY,  
21 INCLUDING CHRONIC ILLNESS OR PAIN:

22 (A) A LICENSED PHYSICIAN, INCLUDING A LICENSED NEUROLOGIST  
23 OR A LICENSED PSYCHIATRIST;

24 (B) A COMMISSIONED MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF  
25 THE UNITED STATES;

- 1 (C) A LICENSED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT;
- 2 (D) A LICENSED PODIATRIST;
- 3 (E) A REGISTERED ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE;
- 4 (F) A LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPIST;
- 5 (G) A REGISTERED NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR; OR
- 6 (H) A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST.

7 (II) THE APPLICANT NEED NOT PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THAT  
8 THE APPLICANT IS A PERSON WITH DISABILITIES TO RENEW OR BE REISSUED  
9 A DRIVER'S LICENSE BEARING A DISABILITY IDENTIFIER SYMBOL ISSUED  
10 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (12).

11 (b) THE DISABILITY IDENTIFIER SYMBOL PLACED ON A DRIVER'S  
12 LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (12) MUST:

- 13 (I) BE DISCREET; AND
- 14 (II) REPRESENT ALL TYPES OF DISABILITIES, INCLUDING COGNITIVE,  
15 NEUROLOGICAL, OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES.

16 (c) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR PLACING  
17 THE SYMBOL ON A DRIVER'S LICENSE.

18 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE A FORM FOR MEDICAL  
19 PROFESSIONALS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (12)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION TO  
20 VERIFY THAT THE APPLICANT HAS A DISABILITY.

21 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-2-303, **amend**  
22 (1)(b)(I); and **add** (6) as follows:

23 **42-2-303. Contents of identification card.** (1) (b) (I) ~~In the~~  
24 ~~event~~ If the department issues an identification card that contains stored  
25 information, ~~such card may include~~ THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN  
26 THE STORED INFORMATION only the information that is specifically  
27 referenced in ~~paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), and~~ SUBSECTION (1)(a)

1 OF THIS SECTION, that appears in printed form on the face of the card  
2 issued by the department to the registrant, ~~and~~ OR THAT IS any race or  
3 ethnicity information identified on an application ~~pursuant to~~ UNDER  
4 section 42-2-302 (1)(a)(VI); except that ~~such stored information~~ THE  
5 DEPARTMENT shall not include IN THE STORED INFORMATION:

6 (A) The registrant's social security number; OR

7 (B) THE REGISTRANT'S DISABILITY STATUS OR SYMBOL GIVEN  
8 UNDER SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION.

9 (6) (a) (I) AT THE APPLICANT'S VOLUNTARY REQUEST, THE  
10 DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE AN IDENTIFICATION CARD BEARING A  
11 DISABILITY IDENTIFIER SYMBOL IF THE APPLICANT PRESENTS A FORM  
12 SIGNED BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING VERIFYING THAT THE APPLICANT HAS  
13 A DISABILITY, INCLUDING CHRONIC ILLNESS OR PAIN:

14 (A) A LICENSED PHYSICIAN, INCLUDING A LICENSED NEUROLOGIST  
15 OR A LICENSED PSYCHIATRIST;

16 (B) A COMMISSIONED MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF  
17 THE UNITED STATES;

18 (C) A LICENSED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT;

19 (D) A LICENSED PODIATRIST;

20 (E) A REGISTERED ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE;

21 (F) A LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPIST;

22 (G) A REGISTERED NATUROPATHIC DOCTOR; OR

23 (H) A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST.

24 (II) THE APPLICANT NEED NOT PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THAT  
25 THE APPLICANT IS A PERSON WITH DISABILITIES TO RENEW OR BE REISSUED  
26 AN IDENTIFICATION CARD BEARING A DISABILITY IDENTIFIER SYMBOL  
27 ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (6).

1 (b) THE DISABILITY IDENTIFIER SYMBOL PLACED ON AN  
2 IDENTIFICATION CARD UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (6) MUST:

3 (I) BE DISCREET; AND

4 (II) REPRESENT ALL TYPES OF DISABILITIES, INCLUDING COGNITIVE,  
5 NEUROLOGICAL, OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES.

6 (c) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT CHARGE A FEE FOR PLACING  
7 THE SYMBOL ON AN IDENTIFICATION CARD.

8 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE A FORM FOR MEDICAL  
9 PROFESSIONALS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (6)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION TO  
10 VERIFY THAT THE APPLICANT HAS A DISABILITY.

11 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
12 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
13 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
14 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a  
15 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
16 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
17 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
18 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
19 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
20 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.