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**HOUSE BILL 16-1295**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A CHICANA/O SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE,  
102 AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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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 Chicano special license plate. A person becomes eligible to use the plate by providing a certificate confirming that the person has made a donation to an organization chosen by the department of revenue based on the organization's provision of services to the Latino community. The organization may implement the bill by making grants to other organizations that also qualify under the standards

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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of the bill.

In addition to the standard 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.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 42-3-250 as  
3 follows:

4 **42-3-250. Special plates - Chicana/o license plate.**

5 (1) BEGINNING THE EARLIER OF JANUARY 1, 2017, OR WHEN THE  
6 DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO ISSUE THE PLATES, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
7 ISSUE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS IN ACCORDANCE  
8 WITH THIS SECTION FOR MOTORCYCLES, PASSENGER CARS, TRUCKS, OR  
9 NONCOMMERCIAL OR RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES THAT DO NOT  
10 EXCEED SIXTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS EMPTY WEIGHT.

11 (2) (a) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED THE CHICANA/O LICENSE  
12 PLATE. THE DEPARTMENT MAY STOP ISSUING THE CHICANA/O LICENSE  
13 PLATE IF THREE THOUSAND LICENSE PLATES ARE NOT ISSUED BY JULY 1,  
14 2021. A PERSON WHO WAS ISSUED A CHICANA/O LICENSE PLATE ON OR  
15 BEFORE JULY 1, 2021, MAY CONTINUE TO USE THE LICENSE PLATE AFTER  
16 JULY 1, 2021, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT STOPS ISSUING  
17 THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.

18 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGN THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE  
19 WITH INPUT FROM INTERESTED PERSONS TO SHOW THAT THE OWNER  
20 SUPPORTS THE LATINO COMMUNITY.

21 (3) (a) AT LEAST ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT  
22 SHALL DESIGNATE ONE OR MORE ORGANIZATIONS TO QUALIFY APPLICANTS  
23 TO BE ISSUED THE CHICANA/O LICENSE PLATE. ANY ORGANIZATION IS

1 ELIGIBLE TO BE SELECTED AND RETAINED IF THE ORGANIZATION HAS  
2 RECEIVED A DETERMINATION LETTER FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE  
3 SERVICE GRANTING THE ORGANIZATION TAX-EXEMPT STATUS UNDER 26  
4 U.S.C. SEC. 501 (c) (3) AND IF THE ORGANIZATION:

- 5 (I) IS BASED IN COLORADO;
- 6 (II) HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS;
- 7 [REDACTED]
- 8 (III) EMPLOYS NO MORE THAN FIFTY PEOPLE;
- 9 (IV) USES AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE  
10 ORGANIZATION'S REVENUES TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE COLORADO  
11 LATINO COMMUNITY; AND
- 12 [REDACTED]
- 13 (V) COMPLIES WITH THIS SECTION.

14 (b) AN ORGANIZATION CHOSEN TO QUALIFY APPLICANTS TO BE  
15 ISSUED A LICENSE PLATE MAY PROVIDE SERVICES DIRECTLY OR BY ACTING  
16 AS A FISCAL AGENT BY IMPLEMENTING A GRANT PROGRAM TO OTHER  
17 ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES. TO QUALIFY FOR A GRANT  
18 USING MONEY RAISED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE ORGANIZATION MUST  
19 MEET THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS  
20 SUBSECTION (3). TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM AS A FISCAL AGENT  
21 MAKING GRANTS, THE FISCAL AGENT SHALL NOT RETAIN OR SPEND MORE  
22 THAN TEN PERCENT OF THE MONEY RAISED UNDER THIS SECTION ON  
23 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

24 (c) A PERSON MAY APPLY FOR A CHICANA/O LICENSE PLATE IF THE  
25 PERSON PAYS THE TAXES AND FEES REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION AND  
26 PROVIDES TO THE DEPARTMENT OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT A CERTIFICATE  
27 ISSUED BY THE ORGANIZATION CHOSEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS

1 SUBSECTION (3) CONFIRMING THAT THE APPLICANT HAS MADE A DONATION  
2 TO THE ORGANIZATION. THE ORGANIZATION MAY ESTABLISH A MINIMUM  
3 DONATION AMOUNT TO QUALIFY FOR THE PLATE. THE ORGANIZATION  
4 SHALL USE THE DONATION TO SUPPORT LATINO COMMUNITIES.

5 (d) THE ORGANIZATION CHOSEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
6 SUBSECTION (3) SHALL FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT AN ANNUAL  
7 STATEMENT VERIFYING THAT IT IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION UNLESS  
8 THE DEPARTMENT STOPS ISSUING THE LICENSE PLATE.

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

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

1 BY SECTION 42-3-211 (6) (b) FOR RENEWAL OF THE PERSONALIZED PLATES.  
2 THE FEES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (5) ARE IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER  
3 APPLICABLE TAXES AND FEES.

4 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2016-17 state fiscal  
5 year, \$4,120 is appropriated to the department of revenue. This  
6 appropriation is from the Colorado state titling and registration account  
7 of the highway users tax fund created in section 42-1-211 (2), C.R.S. To  
8 implement this act, the department may use this appropriation for the  
9 purchase of information technology services.

10 (2) For the 2016-17 state fiscal year, \$1,341 is appropriated to the  
11 department of revenue. This appropriation is from the license plate cash  
12 fund created in section 42-3-301 (1) (b), C.R.S. To implement this act, the  
13 department may use this appropriation for license plate ordering.

14 (3) For the 2016-17 state fiscal year, \$4,120 is appropriated to the  
15 office of the governor for use by the office of information technology.  
16 This appropriation is from reappropriated funds received from the  
17 department of revenue under subsection (1) of this section. To implement  
18 this act, the office may use this appropriation to provide information  
19 technology services for the department of revenue.

20 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
21 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
22 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
23 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a  
24 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
25 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
26 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
27 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

- 1 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.