

## Driver's Privacy Protection Act (DPPA)

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### Federal Law: 18 U.S.C. Section 2721:

*"(a) In General -- Except as provided in subsection (b), a State department of motor vehicles, and any officer, employee, or contractor, thereof, shall not knowingly disclose otherwise make available to any person or entity personal information about any individual obtained by the department in connection with a motor vehicle record."*

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### Colorado Law: C.R.S. 42-1-206

*"(1)(b) (I) For purposes of subsections (1) to (3) and (5) of this section, "law" shall mean the federal "Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994", 18 U.S.C. sec. 2721 et seq., the federal "Fair Credit Reporting Act", 15 U.S.C. sec. 1681 et seq., part 2 of article 72 of title 24, C.R.S., and this section. The department shall prepare a requestor release form and make such form available to the department's authorized agents. The form shall include the following:*

*(A) A statement indicating whether the requestor will use the motor vehicle or driver records or transfer or resell such records to another person for any purpose prohibited by law;*

*(B) A warning that any person using motor vehicle or driver records, or obtaining, reselling, or transferring the same, for purposes prohibited by law may be subject to civil penalties under federal and state law; and*

*(C) An affidavit of intended use that states that such requestor shall not obtain, use, resell, or transfer the information for any purpose prohibited by law."*

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### Things you need to know:

- 1) The State of Colorado is the only holder (custodian) of official Colorado motor vehicle records. Therefore, searches and requests for histories must be completed at the State level.
- 2) Personal identification information in motor vehicle records is private and protected. However, the information can be released in certain situations. Colorado law establishes a strict procedure to use when obtaining this information:
  - Staff: Title and Registration Manual "Vehicle Title Search and Vehicle History Information"
  - Public: [www.colorado.gov/revenue](http://www.colorado.gov/revenue) select "Vehicle Record Searches"

NOTE: These requests for information are retained for 5 years per statute.

- 3) "Personal identification information" that is protected (blocked) includes the following:
  - Driver's license number
  - Non-driver's license and ID card numbers – including passport etc.
  - Social security number
  - Secure and Verifiable Identification information (SVID) including: Name, date of birth, personal descriptors such as eye color and weight, address information, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses.
  - Taxes paid
  - Persons with Disabilities information including:
    - Persons with Disabilities placards
    - Persons with Disabilities license plates
    - Disabled Veteran Persons with Disabilities license plates
- 4) By violating these federal and state laws, YOU could be held personally liable – both civilly and criminally.