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HOUSE BILL 1660

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By Representative Ericksen

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1            AN ACT Relating to salmon license plates; amending RCW 46.16.313,  
2 46.16.233, and 46.16.290; and adding a new section to chapter 46.16  
3 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            The department shall create, design, and issue a special salmon  
8 license plate that may be used in lieu of regular or personalized  
9 license plates for motor vehicles required to display two motor vehicle  
10 license plates, excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW,  
11 upon terms and conditions established by the department. The special  
12 plates will observe the importance of salmonid to Washington state.

13            **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1997 c 291 s 8 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15            (1) The department may establish a fee for each type of special  
16 license plates issued under RCW 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as  
17 existing before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in  
18 an amount calculated to offset the cost of production of the special

1 license plates and the administration of this program. Until December  
2 31, 1997, the fee shall not exceed thirty-five dollars, but effective  
3 with vehicle registrations due or to become due on January 1, 1998, the  
4 department may adjust the fee to no more than forty dollars. This fee  
5 is in addition to all other fees required to register and license the  
6 vehicle for which the plates have been requested. All such additional  
7 special license plate fees collected by the department shall be  
8 deposited in the state treasury and credited to the motor vehicle fund.

9 ~~(2) ((Until December 31, 1997, in addition to all fees and taxes~~  
10 ~~required to be paid upon application, registration, and renewal~~  
11 ~~registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a collegiate license~~  
12 ~~plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct~~  
13 ~~an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this~~  
14 ~~subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.~~  
15 ~~The remaining proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be~~  
16 ~~remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper~~  
17 ~~identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the~~  
18 ~~funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in~~  
19 ~~RCW 28B.10.890.~~

20 ~~(3) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on~~  
21 ~~January 1, 1998,)) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be~~  
22 ~~paid upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder~~  
23 ~~of a collegiate license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty~~  
24 ~~dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve~~  
25 ~~dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration~~  
26 ~~and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall~~  
27 ~~be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper~~  
28 ~~identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the~~  
29 ~~funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in~~  
30 ~~RCW 28B.10.890.~~

31 ~~((4) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on~~  
32 ~~January 1, 1999,)) (3) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be~~  
33 ~~paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a~~  
34 ~~collegiate license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The~~  
35 ~~department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee~~  
36 ~~collected under this subsection for administration and collection~~  
37 ~~expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to~~  
38 ~~the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed~~

1 report. The state treasurer shall credit the funds to the appropriate  
2 collegiate license plate fund as provided in RCW 28B.10.890.

3 ~~((+5))~~ (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
4 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a  
5 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of  
6 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed  
7 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for  
8 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining  
9 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to  
10 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments  
11 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as  
12 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary  
13 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW  
14 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds  
15 to the state general fund.

16 ~~((+6) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on  
17 January 1, 1999,))~~ (5) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be  
18 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a  
19 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of thirty  
20 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two  
21 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
22 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall  
23 be distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and  
24 interest payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball  
25 stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary  
26 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW  
27 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds  
28 to the state general fund.

29 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on  
30 January 1, 2000, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
31 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a  
32 salmon license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty dollars. The  
33 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve dollars of each  
34 fee collected under this subsection for administration and collection  
35 expenses incurred by it. The department shall remit the remaining  
36 proceeds to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper  
37 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the  
38 funds to the recreational fisheries enhancement account created in RCW  
39 75.54.150.

1       (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January  
2 1, 2000, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
3 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a salmon license  
4 plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct  
5 an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this  
6 subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.  
7 The department shall remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the  
8 state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The state  
9 treasurer shall credit the funds to the recreational fisheries  
10 enhancement account created in RCW 75.54.150.

11       **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.16.233 and 1997 c 291 s 2 are each amended to read  
12 as follows:

13       ~~((Except for those license plates issued under RCW 46.16.305(1)~~  
14 ~~before January 1, 1987, under RCW 46.16.305(3), and to commercial~~  
15 ~~vehicles with a gross weight in excess of twenty six thousand pounds,~~  
16 ~~effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on January 1,~~  
17 ~~2001, all vehicle license plates must be issued on a standard~~  
18 ~~background, as designated by the department. Additionally,)) To ensure  
19 maximum legibility and reflectivity, the department shall periodically  
20 provide for the replacement of license plates. Frequency of  
21 replacement shall be established in accordance with empirical studies  
22 documenting the longevity of the reflective materials used to make  
23 license plates.~~

24       **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16.290 and 1997 c 291 s 4 are each amended to read  
25 as follows:

26       In any case of a valid sale or transfer of the ownership of any  
27 vehicle, the right to the certificates properly transferable therewith,  
28 except as provided in RCW 46.16.280, and to the vehicle license plates  
29 passes to the purchaser or transferee. It is unlawful for the holder  
30 of such certificates, except as provided in RCW 46.16.280, or vehicle  
31 license plates to fail, neglect, or refuse to endorse the certificates  
32 and deliver the vehicle license plates to the purchaser or transferee.  
33 If the sale or transfer is of a vehicle licensed by the state or any  
34 county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision  
35 entitled to exemption as provided by law, or, if the vehicle is  
36 licensed with personalized plates, amateur radio operator plates, medal  
37 of honor plates, disabled person plates, disabled veteran plates,

1 prisoner of war plates, salmon plates, or other special license plates  
2 issued under RCW 46.16.301 as it existed before amendment by section 5,  
3 chapter 291, Laws of 1997, the vehicle license plates therefor shall be  
4 retained and may be displayed upon a vehicle obtained in replacement of  
5 the vehicle so sold or transferred.

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