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By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Rossi, Hochstatter and Patterson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to salmon species enrichment license plates;
2 amending RCW 46.16.313, 46.16.233, and 46.16.290; adding a new section
3 to chapter 46.16 RCW; and adding new sections to chapter 75.46 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, the Washington state patrol, and the department of
8 fish and wildlife shall jointly create, design, and issue a special
9 salmon license plate that may be used in lieu of regular or
10 personalized license plates for motor vehicles required to display two
11 motor vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under
12 chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions established by the
13 department. The special plates will observe the importance of salmonid
14 to Washington state and help fund the restoration of salmon and
15 steelhead species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 75.46 RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 The salmon species enrichment license fees account is created in
2 the state treasury. All receipts from salmon species enrichment
3 license fees, less the administration and collection costs incurred by
4 the department under RCW 46.16.313 (6) and (7) must be deposited into
5 the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after
6 appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only for the
7 preservation, protection, perpetuation, education, and enhancement of
8 salmon species.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 75.46 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 (1) On an annual basis, the department of fish and wildlife shall
12 solicit, from the public and private sector, proposed salmon
13 preservation, protection, perpetuation, education, and enhancement
14 projects and prioritize projects it recommends for funding from the
15 salmon species enrichment license fees account by giving preference to
16 projects that:

- 17 (a) Provide a greater benefit to salmon recovery;
- 18 (b) Will be implemented in a more critical area;
- 19 (c) Are the most cost-effective;
- 20 (d) Have the greatest matched or in-kind funding; and
- 21 (e) Will be implemented by a sponsor with a successful record of
22 implementation.

23 (2) In selecting such projects, the department shall attempt to
24 assure a geographical balance in assigning priorities to projects.

25 (3) On an annual basis, the department shall report to the
26 legislature on its selection process and the projects recommended for
27 funding. The legislature, in its sole discretion, shall select and
28 make appropriations for salmon preservation, protection, perpetuation,
29 education, and enhancement projects from the salmon species enrichment
30 license fees account.

31 (4) The department may adopt rules necessary to implement this
32 section.

33 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1997 c 291 s 8 are each amended to read
34 as follows:

35 (1) The department may establish a fee for each type of special
36 license plates issued under RCW 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as
37 existing before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in

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

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

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

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

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 salmon species enrichment
10 license fees account.

11 **Sec. 5.** 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), under section 1 of this
15 act, and to commercial vehicles with a gross weight in excess of
16 twenty-six thousand pounds, effective with vehicle registrations due or
17 to become due on January 1, 2001, all vehicle license plates must be
18 issued on a standard background, as designated by the department.
19 Additionally, to ensure maximum legibility and reflectivity, the
20 department shall periodically provide for the replacement of license
21 plates. Frequency of replacement shall be established in accordance
22 with empirical studies documenting the longevity of the reflective
23 materials used to make license plates.

24 **Sec. 6.** 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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