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1 AN ACT Relating to Future Farmers of America license plates;
2 amending RCW 46.16.313, 46.16.233, and 46.16.290; and adding new
3 sections to chapter 46.16 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 Washington
8 state association of Future Farmers of America shall jointly create and
9 design, and the department shall issue a special Future Farmers of
10 America license plate that may be used in lieu of regular or
11 personalized license plates for motor vehicles required to display two
12 motor vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under
13 chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions established by the
14 department. The special plates will observe the importance of farming
15 to Washington state and help fund programs and scholarships within the
16 Washington state association of Future Farmers of America and its
17 chapters. The Washington state association of Future Farmers of
18 America may hold a contest among its membership to select the initial
19 design.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The Washington state association of Future Farmers of America
4 license plate fees account is created in the state treasury. All
5 receipts from Washington state association of Future Farmers of America
6 license plate fees, less the administration and collection costs
7 incurred by the department under RCW 46.16.313 (6) and (7), must be
8 deposited into the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only
9 after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only
10 for programs and scholarships within the Washington state association
11 of Future Farmers of America and its chapters.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) On an annual basis, the Washington state association of Future
15 Farmers of America shall select programs and scholarships to be funded
16 from the Washington state association of Future Farmers of America
17 license plate fees account proceeds. In selecting programs and
18 scholarship recipients, the Washington state association of Future
19 Farmers of America shall attempt to assure a geographical balance
20 throughout the state and its chapters.

21 (2) The Washington state association of Future Farmers of America
22 may adopt rules necessary to implement this section. Adoption of rules
23 does not make the organization a state agency under chapter 34.05 RCW.

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

26 (1) The department may establish a fee for each type of special
27 license plates issued under RCW 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as
28 existing before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in
29 an amount calculated to offset the cost of production of the special
30 license plates and the administration of this program. ((Until
31 December 31, 1997, the fee shall not exceed thirty five dollars, but
32 effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on January 1,
33 1998,)) The department may adjust the fee to no more than forty
34 dollars. This fee is in addition to all other fees required to
35 register and license the vehicle for which the plates have been
36 requested. All such additional special license plate fees collected by

1 the department shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to
2 the motor vehicle fund.

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

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

25 ~~((4) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on~~
26 ~~January 1, 1999,))~~ (3) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be
27 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a
28 collegiate license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The
29 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee
30 collected under this subsection for administration and collection
31 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to
32 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed
33 report. The state treasurer shall credit the funds to the appropriate
34 collegiate license plate fund as provided in RCW 28B.10.890.

35 ~~((5))~~ (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
36 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
37 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of
38 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
39 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for

1 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
2 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to
3 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments
4 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as
5 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
6 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
7 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
8 to the state general fund.

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

22 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
23 January 1, 2003, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
24 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
25 Washington state association of Future Farmers of America license plate
26 shall pay an initial fee of forty dollars. The department shall deduct
27 an amount not to exceed twelve dollars of each fee collected under this
28 subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.
29 The department shall remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the
30 state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The state
31 treasurer shall credit the funds to the Washington state association of
32 Future Farmers of America license plate fees account under section 2 of
33 this act.

34 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
35 1, 2004, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
36 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a Washington
37 state association of Future Farmers of America license plate shall pay
38 a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to
39 exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for

1 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The department
2 shall remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the state
3 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The state
4 treasurer shall credit the funds to the Washington state association of
5 Future Farmers of America license plate fees account.

6 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.16.233 and 2000 c 37 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

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

20 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.16.290 and 1997 c 291 s 4 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 In any case of a valid sale or transfer of the ownership of any
23 vehicle, the right to the certificates properly transferable therewith,
24 except as provided in RCW 46.16.280, and to the vehicle license plates
25 passes to the purchaser or transferee. It is unlawful for the holder
26 of such certificates, except as provided in RCW 46.16.280, or vehicle
27 license plates to fail, neglect, or refuse to endorse the certificates
28 and deliver the vehicle license plates to the purchaser or transferee.
29 If the sale or transfer is of a vehicle licensed by the state or any
30 county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision
31 entitled to exemption as provided by law, or, if the vehicle is
32 licensed with personalized plates, amateur radio operator plates, medal
33 of honor plates, disabled person plates, disabled veteran plates,
34 prisoner of war plates, Washington state association of Future Farmers
35 of America plates, or other special license plates issued under RCW
36 46.16.301 as it existed before amendment by section 5, chapter 291,
37 Laws of 1997, the vehicle license plates therefor shall be retained and

- 1 may be displayed upon a vehicle obtained in replacement of the vehicle
- 2 so sold or transferred.

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