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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 December
31 31, 1997, the fee shall not exceed thirty-five dollars, but effective
32 with vehicle registrations due or to become due on January 1, 1998, the
33 department may adjust the fee to no more than forty dollars. This fee
34 is in addition to all other fees required to register and license the
35 vehicle for which the plates have been requested. All such additional
36 special license plate fees collected by the department shall be
37 deposited in the state treasury and credited to the motor vehicle fund.

1 (2) (~~Until December 31, 1997, in addition to all fees and taxes~~
2 ~~required to be paid upon application, registration, and renewal~~
3 ~~registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a collegiate 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 remaining proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be~~
8 ~~remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper~~
9 ~~identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the~~
10 ~~funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in~~
11 ~~RCW 28B.10.890.~~

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

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

33 ~~((5))~~ (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
34 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
35 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of
36 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
37 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
38 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
39 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to

1 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments
2 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as
3 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
4 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
5 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
6 to the state general fund.

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

20 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
21 January 1, 2002, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
22 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
23 Washington state association of Future Farmers of America license plate
24 shall pay an initial fee of forty dollars. The department shall deduct
25 an amount not to exceed twelve dollars of each fee collected under this
26 subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.
27 The department shall remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the
28 state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The state
29 treasurer shall credit the funds to the Washington state association of
30 Future Farmers of America license plate fees account under section 2 of
31 this act.

32 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
33 1, 2003, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
34 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a Washington
35 state association of Future Farmers of America license plate shall pay
36 a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to
37 exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
38 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The department
39 shall remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the state

1 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The state
2 treasurer shall credit the funds to the Washington state association of
3 Future Farmers of America license plate fees account.

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

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

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

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