
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6248

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By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles and Kline)

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1 AN ACT Relating to funding bicycle and pedestrian safety; amending
2 RCW 46.16.313 and 46.16.290; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW;
3 adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that bicycling and
6 walking are becoming increasingly popular in Washington as clean and
7 efficient modes of transportation, as recreational activities, and as
8 organized sports. Future plans for the state's transportation system
9 will require increased access and safety for bicycles and pedestrians
10 on our common roadways, and federal transportation legislation and
11 funding programs have created strong incentives to implement these
12 changes quickly. As a result, many more people are likely to take up
13 bicycling in Washington both as a leisure activity and as a convenient,
14 inexpensive form of transportation. Bicyclists are more vulnerable to
15 injury and accident than motorists, and both should be knowledgeable
16 about traffic laws. Bicyclists should be highly visible and
17 predictable when riding in traffic, and be encouraged to wear bicycle
18 safety helmets. Hundreds of bicyclists and pedestrians are seriously
19 injured every year in accidents, and millions of dollars are spent on

1 health care costs associated with these accidents. There is clear
2 evidence that organized training in the rules and techniques of safe
3 and effective cycling can significantly reduce the incidence of serious
4 injury and accidents, increase cooperation among road users, and
5 significantly increase the incidence of bicycle helmet use,
6 particularly among minors. A reduction in accidents benefits the
7 entire community. Therefore, it is appropriate for businesses and
8 community organizations to provide donations to bicycle and pedestrian
9 safety training programs.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 "Cooper Jones Act license plates" means license plates that display
13 the symbol of bicycle safety created in section 3 of this act.

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

16 In cooperation with the Washington state patrol and the department
17 of licensing, the traffic safety commission shall create and design,
18 and the department shall issue, a special license plate displaying a
19 symbol of bicycle safety that may be used in lieu of regular or
20 personalized license plates for motor vehicles required to display two
21 motor vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under
22 chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions established by the
23 department. These special plates will fund the Cooper Jones act and
24 provide funding for bicyclist and pedestrian safety education,
25 enforcement, and encouragement.

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

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

1 register and license the vehicle for which the plates have been
2 requested. All such additional special license plate fees collected by
3 the department shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to
4 the motor vehicle fund.

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

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

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

37 ~~((+5)) (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid~~
38 ~~upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a~~
39 ~~special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of~~

1 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
2 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
3 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
4 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to
5 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments
6 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as
7 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
8 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
9 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
10 to the state general fund.

11 ~~((+6))~~ (5) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on
12 January 1, 1999, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
13 upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a special
14 baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The
15 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee
16 collected under this subsection for administration and collection
17 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be distributed
18 to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest
19 payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium,
20 as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
21 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
22 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
23 to the state general fund.

24 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
25 January 1, 2003, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
26 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
27 Cooper Jones license plate shall pay an initial fee of twenty-five
28 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve
29 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
30 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
31 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
32 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the
33 proceeds to the bicycle and pedestrian safety account as established in
34 RCW 43.59.150.

35 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
36 1, 2004, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
37 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a Cooper Jones
38 license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of twenty dollars.
39 The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each

1 fee collected under this subsection for administration and collection
2 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to
3 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed
4 report. The state treasurer shall credit the funds to the bicycle and
5 pedestrian safety account as established in RCW 43.59.150.

6 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.16.290 and 1997 c 291 s 4 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 In any case of a valid sale or transfer of the ownership of any
9 vehicle, the right to the certificates properly transferable therewith,
10 except as provided in RCW 46.16.280, and to the vehicle license plates
11 passes to the purchaser or transferee. It is unlawful for the holder
12 of such certificates, except as provided in RCW 46.16.280, or vehicle
13 license plates to fail, neglect, or refuse to endorse the certificates
14 and deliver the vehicle license plates to the purchaser or transferee.
15 If the sale or transfer is of a vehicle licensed by the state or any
16 county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision
17 entitled to exemption as provided by law, or, if the vehicle is
18 licensed with personalized plates, amateur radio operator plates, medal
19 of honor plates, disabled person plates, disabled veteran plates,
20 prisoner of war plates, Cooper Jones license plates, or other special
21 license plates issued under RCW 46.16.301 as it existed before
22 amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, the vehicle license
23 plates therefor shall be retained and may be displayed upon a vehicle
24 obtained in replacement of the vehicle so sold or transferred.

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