
SENATE BILL 6249

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By Senator Jacobsen

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1 AN ACT Relating to the distinguished flying cross license plate;
2 amending RCW 46.16.313; reenacting and amending RCW 46.16.305; adding
3 a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW; adding new sections to chapter
4 46.16 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that veterans
7 that have been awarded the distinguished flying cross risked their
8 lives so that we may live free. The legislature wishes to honor these
9 veterans by establishing the distinguished flying cross license plate,
10 with the proceeds being used to fund educational scholarships for at-
11 risk youth.

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

14 "Distinguished flying cross license plates" means license plates
15 that display the symbol of the distinguished flying cross.

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

1 In cooperation with the Washington state patrol and the department
2 of licensing, the northwest chapter of the distinguished flying cross
3 society shall create and design, and the department shall issue, a
4 special license plate displaying a symbol of the distinguished flying
5 cross that may be used in lieu of regular or personalized license
6 plates for motor vehicles required to display two motor vehicle license
7 plates, excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon
8 terms and conditions established by the department. The special plates
9 will commemorate the recipients of the distinguished flying cross and
10 provide for educational scholarships awarded to at-risk youth through
11 the northwest chapter of the distinguished flying cross society and
12 their educational foundation.

13 **Sec. 4.** 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
19 license plates and the administration of this program. ~~((Until~~
20 ~~December 31, 1997,))~~ The fee shall not exceed ~~((thirty five dollars,~~
21 ~~but effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on~~
22 ~~January 1, 1998, the department may adjust the fee to no more than))~~
23 forty dollars. This fee is in addition to all other fees required to
24 register and license the vehicle for which the plates have been
25 requested. All such additional special license plate fees collected by
26 the department shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to
27 the motor vehicle fund.

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

1 ~~(3) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on~~
2 ~~January 1, 1998,~~) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be
3 paid upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder
4 of a collegiate license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty
5 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve
6 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
7 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
8 be 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 ~~((+4))~~ (3) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on
13 January 1, 1999, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
14 upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a
15 collegiate license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The
16 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee
17 collected under this subsection for administration and collection
18 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to
19 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed
20 report. The state treasurer shall credit the funds to the appropriate
21 collegiate license plate fund as provided in RCW 28B.10.890.

22 ~~((+5))~~ (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
23 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
24 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of
25 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
26 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
27 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
28 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to
29 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments
30 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as
31 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
32 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
33 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
34 to the state general fund.

35 ~~((+6))~~ (5) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on
36 January 1, 1999, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
37 upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a special
38 baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The
39 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee

1 collected under this subsection for administration and collection
2 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be distributed
3 to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest
4 payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium,
5 as 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 vehicle registrations due on or after January 1,
10 2002, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
11 application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
12 distinguished flying cross license plate shall pay an initial fee of
13 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
14 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
15 administration and collection expenses. The remaining proceeds shall
16 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
17 identifying report. The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to
18 the distinguished flying cross license plate account established under
19 section 5 of this act.

20 (7) Effective with annual renewals due on or after January 1, 2003,
21 in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon renewal of
22 a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a distinguished flying
23 cross license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty
24 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
25 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
26 and collection expenses. The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to
27 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying report.
28 The state treasurer shall credit the funds to the distinguished flying
29 cross license plate account established under section 5 of this act.

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

32 The distinguished flying cross license plate account is established
33 in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts, except as
34 provided in RCW 46.16.313 (6) and (7), from the distinguished flying
35 cross license plates must be deposited into the account. Expenditures
36 from the account may be used only to fund educational scholarships for
37 at-risk youth through the educational foundation of the northwest
38 chapter of the distinguished flying cross society, as authorized by the

1 superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the
2 northwest chapter of the distinguished flying cross society. The
3 account is not subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW,
4 and no appropriation is required for expenditures.

5 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.16.305 and 1997 c 291 s 6 and 1997 c 241 s 10 are
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 The department shall continue to issue the categories of special
8 plates issued by the department under the sections repealed under
9 section 12 (1) through (7), chapter 250, Laws of 1990. Special license
10 plates issued under those repealed sections before January 1, 1991, are
11 valid to the extent and under the conditions provided in those repealed
12 sections. The following conditions, limitations, or requirements apply
13 to certain special license plates issued after January 1, 1991:

14 (1) A horseless carriage plate and a plate or plates issued for
15 collectors' vehicles more than thirty years old, upon payment of the
16 initial fees required by law and the additional special license plate
17 fee established by the department, are valid for the life of the
18 vehicle for which application is approved by the department. When a
19 single plate is issued, it shall be displayed on the rear of the
20 vehicle.

21 (2) The department may issue special license plates denoting
22 amateur radio operator status only to persons having a valid official
23 radio operator license issued by the federal communications commission.

24 (3) The department shall issue one set of special license plates to
25 each resident of this state who has been awarded the Congressional
26 Medal of Honor for use on a passenger vehicle registered to that
27 person. The department shall issue the plate without the payment of
28 licensing fees and motor vehicle excise tax.

29 (4) The department may issue for use on only one motor vehicle
30 owned by the qualified applicant special license plates denoting that
31 the recipient of the plate is a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor
32 on December 7, 1941, to persons meeting all of the following criteria:

33 (a) Is a resident of this state;

34 (b) Was a member of the United States Armed Forces on December 7,
35 1941;

36 (c) Was on station on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55
37 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Hawaii time at Pearl Harbor, the island of Oahu, or
38 offshore at a distance not to exceed three miles;

1 (d) Received an honorable discharge from the United States Armed
2 Forces; and

3 (e) Is certified by a Washington state chapter of the Pearl Harbor
4 survivors association as satisfying the qualifications in (c) of this
5 subsection.

6 The department may issue such plates to the surviving spouse of any
7 deceased Pearl Harbor survivor who met the requirements of this
8 subsection. If the surviving spouse remarries, he or she shall return
9 the special plates to the department within fifteen days and apply for
10 regular plates. The surviving spouse must be a resident of this state.

11 The department shall issue these plates upon payment by the
12 applicant of all other license fees, but the department may not set or
13 charge an additional fee for these special license plates.

14 (5)(a) The department shall issue one set of special license plates
15 to each resident of this state who has been awarded the law enforcement
16 medal of honor under chapter 41.72 RCW for use on a passenger vehicle
17 registered to that person.

18 (b) The department may issue these plates to the surviving spouse
19 of any person awarded the law enforcement medal of honor posthumously.
20 If the surviving spouse remarries, he or she shall return the special
21 plates to the department within fifteen days and apply for regular
22 plates. The surviving spouse must be a resident of this state.

23 (6) The department shall replace, free of charge, special license
24 plates issued under subsections (3) and (4) of this section if they are
25 lost, stolen, damaged, defaced, or destroyed. Such plates shall remain
26 with the persons upon transfer or other disposition of the vehicle for
27 which they were initially issued, and may be used on another vehicle
28 registered to the recipient in accordance with the provisions of RCW
29 46.16.316(1).

30 (7)(a) The department may issue for use on motor vehicles owned by
31 the qualified applicant special license plates denoting that the
32 recipient of the plate was awarded the distinguished flying cross while
33 serving in the armed forces of the United States. The award must be
34 verified by presenting a copy of one of the following: (i) Military
35 orders, (ii) citations to accompany the award, (iii) DD Form 214, or
36 (iv) records of discharge denoting the award of the distinguished
37 flying cross.

38 (b) The department may renew plates to the surviving spouse of any
39 deceased distinguished flying cross recipient as long as the surviving

1 spouse remains a resident of this state. If the spouse remarries, then
2 he or she shall return the special plates to the department within
3 fifteen days and apply for regular plates.

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