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By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators McAuliffe, Winsley, Fairley, Benton, Haugen, Finkbeiner, Eide, Rasmussen, Kastama, Franklin, Prentice, Johnson, T. Sheldon, Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles and Keiser)

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1 AN ACT Relating to public school license plates; amending RCW
2 46.16.290 and 46.16.313; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW;
3 adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW; and adding a new section to
4 chapter 46.68 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 "Public school license plates" mean license plates that display a
9 red apple symbol and an education-related motto.

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

12 (1) The department, in consultation with the superintendent of
13 public instruction, shall design a statewide public school license
14 plate with a red apple symbol and an education-related motto. Public
15 school license plates issued under this chapter must be displayed on
16 the department's officially designated mountain background design.

17 (2) The department shall provide to the superintendent of public
18 instruction, either the public school or Washington apple education

1 foundation designation information supplied by the public school
2 license plate applicant.

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.16.290 and 1997 c 291 s 4 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

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

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

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

1 ~~((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, 2003, 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 public school license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty dollars.
24 The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve dollars of
25 each fee collected under this subsection for administration and
26 collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be
27 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
28 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the
29 proceeds to the public school license plate account established under
30 section 5 of this act. The superintendent of public instruction shall
31 remit the proceeds, less its administrative expenses, to the
32 appropriate public school district or the Washington apple education
33 foundation, as designated by the public school license plate applicant.

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 public school
37 license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty dollars.
38 The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each
39 fee collected under this subsection for administration and collection

1 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be remitted to
2 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed
3 report. The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the public
4 school license plate account established under section 5 of this act.
5 The superintendent of public instruction shall remit the proceeds, less
6 its administrative expenses, to the appropriate public school district
7 or the Washington apple education foundation, as designated by the
8 public school license plate holder.

9 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 46.68 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 The public school license plate account is established in the
12 custody of the state treasurer. All receipts, except as provided in
13 RCW 46.16.313 (6) and (7), from public school license plates must be
14 deposited into the account. Expenditures from the account may be used
15 only for educational scholarships provided through the Washington apple
16 education foundation, for distribution to Washington state public
17 school districts and to fund public school license plate-related
18 administrative and distribution costs, as authorized by the
19 superintendent of public instruction. The account is not subject to
20 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, and no appropriation is
21 required for expenditures.

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