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1 AN ACT Relating to special military veteran license plates;
2 amending RCW 46.16.290 and 46.16.313; and adding a new section to
3 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 In cooperation with the Washington state patrol and the department
8 of licensing, the department of veterans affairs shall create and
9 design, and the department of licensing shall issue, a special military
10 veteran license plate displaying a symbol representing military
11 veterans. The special military veteran license plate may be used in
12 lieu of regular or personalized license plates for motor vehicles
13 required to display two motor vehicle license plates, excluding
14 vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions
15 established by the department of licensing.

16 The special military veteran license plate may be purchased only by
17 veterans discharged under honorable conditions and individuals serving
18 on active duty who served during periods of war or armed conflict.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.290 and 1997 c 291 s 4 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

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

20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1997 c 291 s 8 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

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

35 (2) (~~Until December 31, 1997, in addition to all fees and taxes~~
36 ~~required to be paid upon application, registration, and renewal~~
37 ~~registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a collegiate license~~
38 ~~plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct~~

1 an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this
2 subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.
3 The remaining proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be
4 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
5 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the
6 funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in
7 RCW 28B.10.890.

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

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

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

1 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
2 to the state general fund.

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

16 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
17 January 1, 2003, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
18 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
19 special military veteran license plate shall pay an initial fee of
20 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
21 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
22 administration and collection expenses. The remaining proceeds will be
23 deposited in the state treasury and credited to the motor vehicle
24 account.

25 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
26 1, 2004, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
27 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a special
28 military veteran license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of
29 thirty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
30 two dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
31 administration and collection expenses. The remaining proceeds will be
32 deposited in the state treasury and credited to the motor vehicle
33 account.

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