

SHB 2167 - H AMD 882

By Representative Nixon

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 "Washington state heritage license plate series" means a series of
6 eight license plate designs displaying colorful pictorial images that
7 are depictive of the state of Washington. The eight plates must have
8 the following basic design themes: Orca, Steelhead trout, Lewis and
9 Clark, Chief Seattle and the story pole, Willow Goldfinch, Western
10 Hemlock, Washington state ferry, and Space Needle.

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

13 The department shall convene a task force comprised of four
14 legislative members, one from each caucus of the house of
15 representatives and of the senate, a representative from the Washington
16 state patrol, and a representative from the department. This task
17 force shall work together to create and design the special Washington
18 state heritage license plate series incorporating the basic themes
19 listed in section 1 of this act. The task force may solicit
20 suggestions from the general public for the designs of the plates,
21 involving school children, amateur and professional artists, and
22 others. This solicitation may take the form of a competition with
23 appropriate recognition for the chosen designs. The task force shall
24 ensure that all necessary rights are secured to display the images on
25 the license plates. It is the intent of the legislature that the
26 Washington state heritage license plate series will be a source of
27 pride for all residents of Washington state, from the east, west,
28 north, and south. The license plate designs must be selected
29 considering the marketability of the plates so as to ensure that the

1 plate designs will appeal to as much of the state's population as
2 possible. License plates in the series may contain a slogan to
3 describe the content or idea of each individual plate design.

4 The department shall cooperate with advocacy groups, nonprofit
5 agencies, and others interested in the identified themes to promote the
6 sale of the Washington state heritage license plate series to their
7 members and others interested in displaying the plates and supporting
8 the associated accounts and trust funds.

9 The department shall issue the Washington state heritage license
10 plates. The heritage plates may be used in lieu of regular or
11 personalized license plates for vehicles required to display one or two
12 vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under chapter
13 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions established by the department.

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

16 (1) The department may establish a fee of no more than forty
17 dollars for each type of special license plates issued under RCW
18 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as existing before amendment by section
19 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in an amount calculated to offset the
20 cost of production of the special license plates and the administration
21 of this program. (~~Until December 31, 1997, the fee shall not exceed~~
22 ~~thirty five dollars, but effective with vehicle registrations due or to~~
23 ~~become due on January 1, 1998, the department may adjust the fee to no~~
24 ~~more than forty dollars.)) This fee is in addition to all other fees
25 required to register and license the vehicle for which the plates have
26 been requested. All such additional special license plate fees
27 collected by the department shall be deposited in the state treasury
28 and credited to the motor vehicle fund.~~

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

1 ~~identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the~~
2 ~~funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in~~
3 ~~RCW 28B.10.890.~~

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

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

25 ~~((5))~~ (4) 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 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of
28 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
29 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
30 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
31 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to
32 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments
33 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as
34 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
35 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
36 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
37 to the state general fund.

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

14 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
15 January 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
16 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
17 Washington state heritage license plate shall pay an initial fee of
18 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
19 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
20 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The department
21 shall remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the state
22 treasurer, who shall credit the remaining funds in accordance with
23 section 5 of this act.

24 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
25 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
26 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a Washington
27 state heritage license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of
28 thirty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
29 two dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
30 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The department
31 shall remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the state
32 treasurer, who shall credit the remaining funds in accordance with
33 section 5 of this act.

34 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16.316 and 1997 c 291 s 10 are each amended to read
35 as follows:

36 Except as provided in RCW 46.16.305:

1 (1) When a person who has been issued a special license plate or
2 plates under section 2 of this act or RCW 46.16.301 as it existed
3 before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, sells,
4 trades, or otherwise transfers or releases ownership of the vehicle
5 upon which the special license plate or plates have been displayed, he
6 or she shall immediately report the transfer of such plate or plates to
7 an acquired vehicle or vehicle eligible for such plates pursuant to
8 departmental rule, or he or she shall surrender such plates to the
9 department immediately if such surrender is required by departmental
10 rule. If a person applies for a transfer of the plate or plates to
11 another eligible vehicle, a transfer fee of five dollars shall be
12 charged in addition to all other applicable fees. Such transfer fees
13 shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund. Failure to surrender the
14 plates when required is a traffic infraction.

15 (2) If the special license plate or plates issued by the department
16 become lost, defaced, damaged, or destroyed, application for a
17 replacement special license plate or plates shall be made and fees paid
18 as provided by law for the replacement of regular license plates.

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

21 The proceeds generated from the sale of the Washington state
22 heritage license plate series are intended to benefit various state
23 activities and interests. The proceeds from the sale of each license
24 plate theme within the series must be distributed in the following
25 manner:

26 (1) Orca theme heritage license plate sale proceeds must be
27 credited to the vessel response account under RCW 90.56.335;

28 (2) Steelhead trout theme heritage license plate sale proceeds must
29 be credited to the natural science, wildlife, and environmental
30 education partnership account under RCW 28A.300.445;

31 (3) Lewis and Clark theme heritage license plate sale proceeds must
32 be credited to the oral history, state library, and archives account
33 under RCW 43.07.380;

34 (4) Chief Seattle and story pole theme heritage license plate sale
35 proceeds must be credited to the American Indian endowed scholarship
36 trust fund under RCW 28B.108.050;

1 (5) Willow Goldfinch theme heritage license plate sale proceeds
2 must be credited to the habitat conservation account under RCW
3 79A.15.020;

4 (6) Western Hemlock theme heritage license plate sale proceeds must
5 be credited to the state parks renewal and stewardship account in RCW
6 79A.05.215;

7 (7) Washington state ferry theme heritage license plate sale
8 proceeds must be credited to the multimodal transportation account
9 under RCW 47.66.070; and

10 (8) Space Needle theme heritage license plate sale proceeds must be
11 credited to the tourism development and promotion account in RCW
12 43.330.094."

13 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Increases the number of Heritage license plates from five to eight, specifies the eight different themes, and the accounts to be credited from the proceeds.

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