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1            AN ACT Relating to stolen license plates; and amending RCW  
2 46.16.270.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.270 and 1997 c 291 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            The total replacement plate fee shall be deposited in the motor  
7 vehicle fund.

8            (1) Upon the loss, defacement, or destruction of one or both of the  
9 vehicle license number plates issued for any vehicle where more than  
10 one plate was originally issued or where one or both have become so  
11 illegible or in such a condition as to be difficult to distinguish, or  
12 upon the owner's option, the owner of the vehicle shall make  
13 application for new vehicle license number plates upon a form furnished  
14 by the director. The application shall be filed with the director or  
15 the director's authorized agent, accompanied by the certificate of  
16 license registration of the vehicle and a fee in the amount of three  
17 dollars per plate, whereupon the director, or the director's authorized  
18 agent, shall issue new vehicle license number plates to the applicant.

1 It shall be accompanied by a fee of two dollars for a new motorcycle  
2 license number plate.

3 (2) If an owner of a vehicle must replace the license plates  
4 because the current license plate or plates have been stolen, the  
5 department shall not impose the fees provided for in subsection (1) of  
6 this section if the owner submits a copy of the police report  
7 indicating that the owner reported the theft of the plates. The  
8 department must provide a declaration form or include a declaration  
9 statement on the existing replacement plate application form that  
10 requires the owner to attest to the fact that the license plate or  
11 plates were stolen.

12 (3) In the event the director has issued license period tabs or a  
13 windshield emblem instead of vehicle license number plates, and upon  
14 the loss, defacement, or destruction of the tabs or windshield emblem,  
15 application shall be made on a form provided by the director and in the  
16 same manner as above described, and shall be accompanied by a fee of  
17 one dollar for each pair of tabs or for each windshield emblem,  
18 whereupon the director shall issue to the applicant a duplicate pair of  
19 tabs, year tabs, and when necessary month tabs or a windshield emblem  
20 to replace those lost, defaced, or destroyed.

21 (4) For vehicles owned, rented, or leased by the state of  
22 Washington or by any county, city, town, school district, or other  
23 political subdivision of the state of Washington or United States  
24 government, or owned or leased by the governing body of an Indian tribe  
25 as defined in RCW 46.16.020, a fee shall be charged for replacement of  
26 a vehicle license number plate only to the extent required by the  
27 provisions of RCW 46.16.020, (~~46.16.061,~~) 46.16.237, and 46.01.140.

28 (5) For vehicles owned, rented, or leased by foreign countries or  
29 international bodies to which the United States government is a  
30 signatory by treaty, the payment of any fee for the replacement of a  
31 vehicle license number plate shall not be required.

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