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1 AN ACT Relating to a special Washington state heritage license
2 plate series; amending RCW 46.16.313 and 46.16.316; adding a new
3 section to chapter 46.04 RCW; and adding new sections to chapter 46.16
4 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 "Washington state heritage license plate series" means a series of
9 eight license plate designs displaying colorful pictorial images that
10 are depictive of the state of Washington. The eight plates must have
11 the following basic design themes: Orca, Steelhead trout, Lewis and
12 Clark, Chief Seattle and the story pole, Willow Goldfinch, Western
13 Hemlock, Washington state ferry, and Space Needle.

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

16 The department shall convene a task force comprised of four
17 legislative members, one from each caucus of the house of
18 representatives and of the senate, a representative from the Washington

1 state patrol, and a representative from the department. This task
2 force shall work together to create and design the special Washington
3 state heritage license plate series incorporating the basic themes
4 listed in section 1 of this act. The task force may solicit
5 suggestions from the general public for the designs of the plates,
6 involving school children, amateur and professional artists, and
7 others. This solicitation may take the form of a competition with
8 appropriate recognition for the chosen designs. The task force shall
9 ensure that all necessary rights are secured to display the images on
10 the license plates. It is the intent of the legislature that the
11 Washington state heritage license plate series will be a source of
12 pride for all residents of Washington state, from the east, west,
13 north, and south. The license plate designs must be selected
14 considering the marketability of the plates so as to ensure that the
15 plate designs will appeal to as much of the state's population as
16 possible. License plates in the series may contain a slogan to
17 describe the content or idea of each individual plate design.

18 The department shall cooperate with advocacy groups, nonprofit
19 agencies, and others interested in the identified themes to promote the
20 sale of the Washington state heritage license plate series to their
21 members and others interested in displaying the plates and supporting
22 the associated accounts and trust funds.

23 The department shall issue the Washington state heritage license
24 plates. The heritage plates may be used in lieu of regular or
25 personalized license plates for vehicles required to display one or two
26 vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under chapter
27 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions established by the department.

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

30 (1) The department may establish a fee of no more than forty
31 dollars for each type of special license plates issued under RCW
32 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as existing before amendment by section
33 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in an amount calculated to offset the
34 cost of production of the special license plates and the administration
35 of this program. ~~((Until December 31, 1997, the fee shall not exceed~~
36 ~~thirty five dollars, but effective with vehicle registrations due or to~~
37 ~~become due on January 1, 1998, the department may adjust the fee to no~~

1 ~~more than forty dollars.))~~ This fee is in addition to all other fees
2 required to register and license the vehicle for which the plates have
3 been requested. All such additional special license plate fees
4 collected by the department shall be deposited in the state treasury
5 and credited to the motor vehicle fund.

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

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

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

1 ~~((5))~~ (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
2 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
3 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of
4 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
5 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
6 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
7 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to
8 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments
9 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as
10 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 annual renewals due or to become due on
15 January 1, 1999,))~~ (5) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be
16 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a
17 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of thirty
18 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
19 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
20 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
21 be distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and
22 interest payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball
23 stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
24 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
25 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
26 to the state general fund.

27 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
28 January 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
29 upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder of a
30 Washington state heritage license plate shall pay an initial fee of
31 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
32 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
33 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The department
34 shall remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the state
35 treasurer, who shall credit the remaining funds in accordance with
36 section 5 of this act.

37 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
38 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon

1 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a Washington state
2 heritage license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty
3 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
4 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
5 and collection expenses incurred by it. The department shall remit the
6 remaining proceeds to the custody of the state treasurer, who shall
7 credit the remaining funds in accordance with section 5 of this act.

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

10 Except as provided in RCW 46.16.305:

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

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

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

31 The proceeds generated from the sale of the Washington state
32 heritage license plate series are intended to benefit various state
33 activities and interests. The proceeds from the sale of each license
34 plate theme within the series must be distributed in the following
35 manner:

- 1 (1) Orca theme heritage license plate sale proceeds must be
2 credited to the vessel response account under RCW 90.56.335;
- 3 (2) Steelhead trout theme heritage license plate sale proceeds must
4 be credited to the natural science, wildlife, and environmental
5 education partnership account under RCW 28A.300.445;
- 6 (3) Lewis and Clark theme heritage license plate sale proceeds must
7 be credited to the oral history, state library, and archives account
8 under RCW 43.07.380;
- 9 (4) Chief Seattle and story pole theme heritage license plate sale
10 proceeds must be credited to the American Indian endowed scholarship
11 trust fund under RCW 28B.108.050;
- 12 (5) Willow Goldfinch theme heritage license plate sale proceeds
13 must be credited to the habitat conservation account under RCW
14 79A.15.020;
- 15 (6) Western Hemlock theme heritage license plate sale proceeds must
16 be credited to the state parks renewal and stewardship account in RCW
17 79A.05.215;
- 18 (7) Washington state ferry theme heritage license plate sale
19 proceeds must be credited to the multimodal transportation account
20 under RCW 47.66.070; and
- 21 (8) Space Needle theme heritage license plate sale proceeds must be
22 credited to the tourism development and promotion account in RCW
23 43.330.094.

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