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1 AN ACT Relating to a special snowmobile license plate; amending RCW
2 46.10.075, 46.16.313, 46.16.233, and 46.16.316; adding a new section to
3 chapter 46.04 RCW; and adding a new section to 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 46.04 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 "Snowmobile license plate series" means a license plate design
8 displaying a colorful image across the entire background of the license
9 plate, capturing the essence of snowmobiling in Washington state.

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

12 The department shall work with the Washington state snowmobile
13 association, the Washington state patrol, and the Washington state
14 parks and recreation commission to create and design a special
15 snowmobile license plate that may be used in lieu of regular or
16 personalized license plates for motor vehicles required to display two
17 motor vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under

1 chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions established by the
2 department. The special plates will capture the essence of
3 snowmobiling in Washington state.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.10.075 and 1991 sp.s. c 13 s 9 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) There is created a snowmobile account within the state
7 treasury. Snowmobile registration fees, monetary civil penalties from
8 snowmobile dealers, revenue generated from the sale of the special
9 snowmobile license plates under RCW 46.16.313 (6) and (7), and
10 snowmobile fuel tax moneys collected under this chapter and in excess
11 of the amounts fixed for the administration of the registration and
12 fuel tax provisions of this chapter shall be deposited in the
13 snowmobile account and shall be appropriated only to the state parks
14 and recreation commission for the administration and coordination of
15 this chapter.

16 (2) Revenue generated from the sale of the special snowmobile
17 license plates under RCW 46.16.313 (6) and (7) must be used to support
18 the acquisition of snowmobile snoparks, either through purchase or
19 long-term lease agreements. If there are no expenditures of this
20 revenue over a five-year period, the revenue may be expended for a
21 different component of the snowmobile program, including but not
22 limited to capital equipment and safety programs, as determined and
23 recommended by the snowmobile advisory committee.

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

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

1 been requested. All such additional special license plate fees
2 collected by the department shall be deposited in the state treasury
3 and credited to the motor vehicle fund.

4 ~~(2) ((Until December 31, 1997, in addition to all fees and taxes~~
5 ~~required to be paid upon application, registration, and renewal~~
6 ~~registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a collegiate license~~
7 ~~plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct~~
8 ~~an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this~~
9 ~~subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.~~
10 ~~The remaining proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be~~
11 ~~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 ~~(3) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on~~
16 ~~January 1, 1998,))~~ In addition to all fees and taxes required to be
17 paid upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder
18 of a collegiate license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty
19 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve
20 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
21 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
22 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
23 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the
24 funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in
25 RCW 28B.10.890.

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

36 ~~((5))~~ (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
37 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
38 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of

1 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
2 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
3 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
4 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to
5 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments
6 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as
7 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
8 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
9 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
10 to the state general fund.

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

24 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
25 January 1, 2004, 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 snowmobile license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty dollars.
28 The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve dollars of
29 each fee collected under this subsection for administration and
30 collection expenses incurred by it. The department shall remit the
31 remaining proceeds to the custody of the state treasurer, who shall
32 credit the remaining funds to the snowmobile account created in RCW
33 46.10.075.

34 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
35 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
36 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a snowmobile
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

1 fee collected under this subsection for administration and collection
2 expenses incurred by it. The department shall remit the remaining
3 proceeds to the custody of the state treasurer, who shall credit the
4 remaining funds to the snowmobile account.

5 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.16.233 and 2000 c 37 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Except for those license plates issued under RCW 46.16.305(1)
8 before January 1, 1987, under RCW 46.16.305(3), and to commercial
9 vehicles with a gross weight in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds,
10 effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on January 1,
11 2001, the appearance of the background of all vehicle license plates
12 may vary in color and design but must be ((issued on a standard
13 background)) legible and clearly identifiable as a snowmobile plate, as
14 designated by the department.

15 (2) Additionally, to ensure maximum legibility and reflectivity,
16 the department shall periodically provide for the replacement of
17 license plates, except for commercial vehicles with a gross weight in
18 excess of twenty-six thousand pounds. Frequency of replacement shall
19 be established in accordance with empirical studies documenting the
20 longevity of the reflective materials used to make license plates.

21 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.16.316 and 1997 c 291 s 10 are each amended to read
22 as follows:

23 Except as provided in RCW 46.16.305:

24 (1) When a person who has been issued a special license plate or
25 plates under section 2 of this act or RCW 46.16.301 as it existed
26 before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, sells,
27 trades, or otherwise transfers or releases ownership of the vehicle
28 upon which the special license plate or plates have been displayed, he
29 or she shall immediately report the transfer of such plate or plates to
30 an acquired vehicle or vehicle eligible for such plates pursuant to
31 departmental rule, or he or she shall surrender such plates to the
32 department immediately if such surrender is required by departmental
33 rule. If a person applies for a transfer of the plate or plates to
34 another eligible vehicle, a transfer fee of five dollars shall be
35 charged in addition to all other applicable fees. Such transfer fees

1 shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund. Failure to surrender the
2 plates when required is a traffic infraction.

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

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