

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2910**

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2910** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Simpson, G., Cooper, Woods, Hinkle and Conway)

READ FIRST TIME 02/06/04.

1            AN ACT Relating to special license plates for professional fire  
2 fighters and paramedics; amending RCW 46.16.313 and 46.16.316; adding  
3 new sections to chapter 46.16 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter  
4 46.04 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 46.16 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8            The department shall issue a special license plate displaying a  
9 symbol, approved by the special license plate review board, for  
10 professional fire fighters and paramedics who are members of the  
11 Washington State Council of Fire Fighters. Upon initial application  
12 and subsequent renewals, applicants must show proof of eligibility by  
13 providing a certificate of current membership from the Washington State  
14 Council of Fire Fighters. The special license plate may be used in  
15 lieu of regular or personalized license plates for vehicles required to  
16 display one or two vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles  
17 registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon the terms and conditions  
18 established by the department.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        "Professional fire fighters and paramedics license plates" means  
4 license plates issued under section 1 of this act that display a symbol  
5 denoting professional fire fighters and paramedics.

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

8        (1) The department may establish a fee for each type of special  
9 license plates issued under RCW 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as  
10 existing before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in  
11 an amount calculated to offset the cost of production of the special  
12 license plates and the administration of this program.    (~~Until~~  
13 ~~December 31, 1997, the fee shall not exceed thirty five dollars, but~~  
14 ~~effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on January 1,~~  
15 ~~1998,)) The department may adjust the fee to no more than forty  
16 dollars.    This fee is in addition to all other fees required to  
17 register and license the vehicle for which the plates have been  
18 requested.    All such additional special license plate fees collected by  
19 the department shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to  
20 the motor vehicle fund.~~

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

32        (~~3) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on~~  
33 ~~January 1, 1998,)) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be  
34 paid upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder  
35 of a collegiate license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty  
36 dollars.    The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve  
37 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration~~

1 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall  
2 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper  
3 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the  
4 funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in  
5 RCW 28B.10.890.

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

16 ~~((5))~~ (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
17 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a  
18 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of  
19 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed  
20 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for  
21 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining  
22 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to  
23 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments  
24 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as  
25 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary  
26 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW  
27 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds  
28 to the state general fund.

29 ~~((6) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on~~  
30 ~~January 1, 1999,)) (5)~~ In addition to all fees and taxes required to be  
31 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a  
32 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of thirty  
33 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two  
34 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
35 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall  
36 be distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and  
37 interest payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball  
38 stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary

1 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW  
2 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds  
3 to the state general fund.

4 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on  
5 January 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
6 upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder of a  
7 professional fire fighters and paramedics license plate shall pay an  
8 initial fee of forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount  
9 not to exceed twelve dollars of each fee collected under this  
10 subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.  
11 The remaining proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state  
12 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. Under RCW  
13 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor  
14 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has been  
15 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the professional fire fighters  
16 and paramedics license plates. Upon the determination by the  
17 department that the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall  
18 credit the proceeds to the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters  
19 benevolent fund established under section 4 of this act.

20 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January  
21 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
22 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a professional fire  
23 fighters and paramedics license plate shall, upon application, pay a  
24 fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to  
25 exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for  
26 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining  
27 proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a  
28 proper identifying detailed report. Under RCW 46.16.755, the state  
29 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until  
30 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the  
31 cost of implementing the professional fire fighters and paramedics  
32 special license plate. Upon the determination by the department that  
33 the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds  
34 to the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters benevolent fund  
35 established under section 4 of this act.

36 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW  
37 to read as follows:

1 (1) The Washington State Council of Fire Fighters benevolent fund  
2 is created in the custody of the state treasurer. Upon the  
3 department's determination the state has been reimbursed for the cost  
4 of implementing the professional fire fighters and paramedics special  
5 license plate, all receipts, except as provided in RCW 46.16.313 (6)  
6 and (7), from professional fire fighters and paramedics license plates  
7 must be deposited into the account. Only the director of the  
8 department of licensing or the director's designee may authorize  
9 expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment  
10 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not  
11 required for expenditures.

12 (2) Funds in the account must be disbursed subject to the following  
13 conditions and limitations:

14 (a) Under the requirements of RCW 46.16.765, the department must  
15 contract with a qualified nonprofit organization to receive and  
16 disseminate funds for charitable purposes on behalf of members of the  
17 Washington State Council of Fire Fighters, their families, and others  
18 deemed in need.

19 (b) For the purposes of this section, a "qualified nonprofit  
20 organization" means a not-for-profit corporation incorporated and  
21 operating exclusively in Washington that has received a determination  
22 of tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal  
23 revenue code. The organization must have been established for the  
24 express purposes of receiving and disseminating funds for charitable  
25 purposes on behalf of members of the Washington State Council of Fire  
26 Fighters, their families, and others deemed in need.

27 (c) The qualified nonprofit organization must meet all requirements  
28 set out in RCW 46.16.765.

29 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.16.316 and 1997 c 291 s 10 are each amended to read  
30 as follows:

31 Except as provided in RCW 46.16.305:

32 (1) When a person who has been issued a special license plate or  
33 plates under section 1 of this act or RCW 46.16.301 as it existed  
34 before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, sells,  
35 trades, or otherwise transfers or releases ownership of the vehicle  
36 upon which the special license plate or plates have been displayed, he  
37 or she shall immediately report the transfer of such plate or plates to

1 an acquired vehicle or vehicle eligible for such plates pursuant to  
2 departmental rule, or he or she shall surrender such plates to the  
3 department immediately if such surrender is required by departmental  
4 rule. If a person applies for a transfer of the plate or plates to  
5 another eligible vehicle, a transfer fee of five dollars shall be  
6 charged in addition to all other applicable fees. Such transfer fees  
7 shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund. Failure to surrender the  
8 plates when required is a traffic infraction.

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

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