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1 AN ACT Relating to the Distinguished Flying Cross license plate;
2 amending RCW 46.16.290 and 46.16.313; adding a new section to chapter
3 46.04 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 46.16 RCW; and creating a new
4 section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that veterans
7 that have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross risked their
8 lives so that we may live free. The legislature wishes to honor these
9 veterans by establishing the Distinguished Flying Cross license plate,
10 with the proceeds being used to fund educational scholarships for at-
11 risk youth.

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

14 "Distinguished Flying Cross license plates" means license plates
15 that display the symbol of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 In cooperation with the Washington state patrol and the department
2 of licensing, the Northwest Chapter of the Distinguished Flying Cross
3 Society shall create and design, and the department shall issue, a
4 special license plate displaying a symbol of the Distinguished Flying
5 Cross that may be used in lieu of regular or personalized license
6 plates for motor vehicles required to display two motor vehicle license
7 plates, excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon
8 terms and conditions established by the department. The special plates
9 will commemorate the recipients of the Distinguished Flying Cross and
10 provide for educational scholarships awarded to at-risk youth through
11 the Northwest Chapter of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society and
12 their educational foundation.

13 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16.290 and 1997 c 291 s 4 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 In any case of a valid sale or transfer of the ownership of any
16 vehicle, the right to the certificates properly transferable therewith,
17 except as provided in RCW 46.16.280, and to the vehicle license plates
18 passes to the purchaser or transferee. It is unlawful for the holder
19 of such certificates, except as provided in RCW 46.16.280, or vehicle
20 license plates to fail, neglect, or refuse to endorse the certificates
21 and deliver the vehicle license plates to the purchaser or transferee.
22 If the sale or transfer is of a vehicle licensed by the state or any
23 county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision
24 entitled to exemption as provided by law, or, if the vehicle is
25 licensed with personalized plates, amateur radio operator plates,
26 Congressional Medal of Honor plates, Distinguished Flying Cross plates,
27 disabled person plates, disabled veteran plates, prisoner of war
28 plates, or other special license plates issued under RCW 46.16.301 as
29 it existed before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997,
30 the vehicle license plates therefor shall be retained and may be
31 displayed upon a vehicle obtained in replacement of the vehicle so sold
32 or transferred.

33 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1997 c 291 s 8 are each amended to read
34 as follows:

35 (1) The department may establish a fee of no more than forty
36 dollars for each type of special license plates issued under RCW

1 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as existing before amendment by section
2 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, (~~in an amount calculated~~) to offset the
3 cost of production of the special license plates and the administration
4 of this program. (~~Until December 31, 1997, the fee shall not exceed~~
5 ~~thirty five dollars, but effective with vehicle registrations due or to~~
6 ~~become due on January 1, 1998, the department may adjust the fee to no~~
7 ~~more than forty dollars.~~) This fee is in addition to all other fees
8 required to register and license the vehicle for which the plates have
9 been requested. All such additional special license plate fees
10 collected by the department shall be deposited in the state treasury
11 and credited to the motor vehicle fund.

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

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

34 ~~((4) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on~~
35 ~~January 1, 1999,))~~ (3) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be
36 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a
37 collegiate license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The
38 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee

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

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

19 ~~((6) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on
20 January 1, 1999,))~~(5) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be
21 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a
22 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of thirty
23 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
24 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
25 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
26 be distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and
27 interest payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball
28 stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
29 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
30 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
31 to the state general fund.

32 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
33 January 1, 2004, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
34 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
35 Distinguished Flying Cross license plate shall pay an initial fee of
36 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
37 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
38 administration and collection expenses. The remaining proceeds will be

1 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
2 identifying report. The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to
3 the Distinguished Flying Cross license plate account established under
4 section 6 of this act.

5 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
6 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
7 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a Distinguished
8 Flying Cross license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty
9 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
10 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
11 and collection expenses. The remaining proceeds will be remitted to
12 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying report.
13 The state treasurer shall credit the funds to the Distinguished Flying
14 Cross license plate account established under section 6 of this act.

15 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 The Distinguished Flying Cross license plate account is established
18 in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts, except as
19 provided in RCW 46.16.313 (6) and (7), from the Distinguished Flying
20 Cross license plates must be deposited into the account. Expenditures
21 from the account may be used only to fund educational scholarships for
22 at-risk youth through the educational foundation of the Northwest
23 Chapter of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society, as authorized by the
24 superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with the
25 Northwest Chapter of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society. The
26 account is not subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW,
27 and no appropriation is required for expenditures.

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