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By Senate Committee on Highways & Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Benton, B. Sheldon, T. Sheldon, Rasmussen and Shin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to a special "Helping Kids Speak" license plate;
2 amending RCW 46.16.313 and 46.16.316; adding new sections to chapter
3 46.16 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 46.04 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 46.16 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The legislature recognizes the Helping Kids Speak license plate
8 has been reviewed by the special license plate review board under RCW
9 46.16.725, and found to fully comply with all provisions of RCW
10 46.16.715 through 46.16.775.

11 (2) The department shall issue a special license plate displaying
12 a symbol, approved by the special license plate review board,
13 recognizing an organization that supports programs that provide no-cost
14 speech pathology programs to children. The special license plate may
15 be used in lieu of regular or personalized license plates for vehicles
16 required to display one or two vehicle license plates, excluding
17 vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions
18 established by the department. The special plates will commemorate an

1 organization that supports programs that provide free diagnostic and
2 therapeutic services to children who have a severe delay in language or
3 speech development.

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

6 "Helping Kids Speak license plates" means license plates that
7 display a symbol of an organization that supports programs that provide
8 free diagnostic and therapeutic services to children who have a severe
9 delay in language or speech development.

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

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

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

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

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

22 ~~((5))~~ (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
23 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
24 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of
25 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
26 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
27 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
28 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to
29 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments
30 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as
31 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
32 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
33 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
34 to the state general fund.

35 ~~((6) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on~~
36 ~~January 1, 1999,~~) (5) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be
37 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a
38 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of thirty

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

10 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
11 November 1, 2004, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
12 upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder of a
13 "Helping Kids Speak" license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty
14 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve
15 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
16 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be
17 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
18 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state
19 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
20 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
21 cost of implementing the "Helping Kids Speak" special license plate.
22 Upon the determination by the department that the state has been
23 reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the "Helping
24 Kids Speak" account established under section 4 of this act.

25 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on November
26 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
27 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "Helping Kids Speak"
28 license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty dollars.
29 The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each
30 fee collected under this subsection for administration and collection
31 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be remitted to
32 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed
33 report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit
34 the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until the department
35 determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost of
36 implementing the "Helping Kids Speak" special license plate. Upon the
37 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the

1 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the "Helping Kids Speak" account
2 established under section 4 of this act.

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

5 (1) The "Helping Kids Speak" account is created in the custody of
6 the state treasurer. Upon the department's determination that the
7 state has been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the "Helping
8 Kids Speak" license plate, all receipts, except as provided in RCW
9 46.16.313 (6) and (7), from the "Helping Kids Speak" license plate must
10 be deposited into the account. Only the director or the director's
11 designee may authorize expenditures from this account. The account is
12 subject to the allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an
13 appropriation is not required for expenditures.

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

16 (a) Under the requirements of RCW 46.16.765 the department must
17 contract with a qualified nonprofit organization for the purpose of the
18 organization providing free diagnostic and therapeutic services to
19 families of children who suffer from a delay in language or speech
20 development.

21 (b) For the purposes of this section, a "qualified nonprofit
22 organization" means a not-for-profit corporation operating in
23 Washington that has received a determination of tax exempt status under
24 section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code. The
25 organization must offer free language disorder diagnostic and
26 therapeutic services to families of children who suffer from a delay in
27 language or speech development.

28 (c) The qualified nonprofit organization must meet all requirements
29 of RCW 46.16.765.

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

32 Except as provided in RCW 46.16.305:

33 (1) When a person who has been issued a special license plate or
34 plates under section 1 of this act or RCW 46.16.301 as it existed
35 before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, sells,
36 trades, or otherwise transfers or releases ownership of the vehicle

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

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

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