

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5977

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Authorizing the "we love our pets" license plate.

Sponsors: Senators Oke and Regala.

Senate Committee on Transportation

House Committee on Transportation

Background: The Special License Plate Review Board was created in the 2003 legislative session and charged with reviewing special license plate applications from groups requesting the creation of a special license plate series. Upon approval, the board forwards the application to the Legislature.

On February 15, 2005, the board formally approved the Washington State federation of animal care and control agencies "we love our pets" license plate application.

Summary: The Department of Licensing (DOL) must issue a special license plate for vehicles displaying a symbol or artwork approved by the Special License Plate Review Board and the legislature recognizing the efforts of the Washington State federation of animal care and control agencies in Washington State that assist local member agencies of the federation to promote and perform spay/neuter surgery of Washington State pets, in order to reduce pet overpopulation.

An applicant for a "we love our pets" license plate must pay an initial fee of \$40 and a renewal fee each year thereafter of \$30. The initial revenue generated from the plate sales must be deposited into the motor vehicle account until the state has been reimbursed for the implementation costs. Upon reimbursement, the revenue must be deposited into the we love our pet account established under this bill.

The DOL must enter into a contract with a qualified nonprofit organization requiring that the organization use the revenue generated by the license plate sales to support and enable Washington federation of animal welfare and control agencies to promote and perform spay/neuter surgery of Washington State pets, in order to reduce pet overpopulation.

Votes on Final Passage:

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| Senate | 47 | 0 |
| House | 83 | 11 |

Effective: July 24, 2005