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1 AN ACT Relating to Clark College license plates; amending RCW
2 46.16.290; reenacting and amending RCW 46.16.313 and 46.16.316; and
3 adding new sections 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 46.16 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The department, the Washington state patrol, and Clark College
8 shall work cooperatively to create and design a special Clark College
9 license plate. The special Clark College license plate may be used in
10 lieu of regular or personalized license plates for motor vehicles
11 required to display two motor vehicle license plates, excluding
12 vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions
13 established by the department.

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

16 The Clark College license plate account is created in the state
17 treasury. All receipts from the Clark College license plate fees, less
18 the administration and collection costs incurred by the department as

1 provided for under RCW 46.16.313 (12) and (13), must be deposited into
2 the account. Expenditures from the account should be used primarily
3 for student scholarships but may also be used for advertising and
4 promotional activities designed to increase the sale of the Clark
5 College license plate. All expenditures from this account must be
6 approved by the Clark College foundation scholarship committee. Moneys
7 in the account may only be spent after appropriation.

8 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.16.313 and 2004 c 221 s 3, 2004 c 48 s 3, and 2004
9 c 35 s 3 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

10 (1) The department may establish a fee of no more than forty
11 dollars for each type of special license plates issued under RCW
12 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as existing before amendment by section
13 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in an amount calculated to offset the
14 cost of production of the special license plates and the administration
15 of this program. This fee is in addition to all other fees required to
16 register and license the vehicle for which the plates have been
17 requested. All such additional special license plate fees collected by
18 the department shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to
19 the motor vehicle fund.

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

30 (3) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
31 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a collegiate
32 license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall
33 deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under
34 this subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by
35 it. The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to the custody of the
36 state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The state

1 treasurer shall credit the funds to the appropriate collegiate license
2 plate fund as provided in RCW 28B.10.890.

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

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

28 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
29 January 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
30 upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder of a
31 professional fire fighters and paramedics license plate shall pay an
32 initial fee of forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount
33 not to exceed twelve dollars of each fee collected under this
34 subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.
35 The remaining proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state
36 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. Under RCW
37 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
38 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has been

1 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the professional fire fighters
2 and paramedics license plates. Upon the determination by the
3 department that the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall
4 credit the proceeds to the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters
5 benevolent fund established under RCW 46.16.30902.

6 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
7 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
8 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a professional fire
9 fighters and paramedics license plate shall, upon application, pay a
10 fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to
11 exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
12 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
13 proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a
14 proper identifying detailed report. Under RCW 46.16.755, the state
15 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
16 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
17 cost of implementing the professional fire fighters and paramedics
18 special license plate. Upon the determination by the department that
19 the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds
20 to the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters benevolent fund
21 established under RCW 46.16.30902.

22 (8) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
23 November 1, 2004, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
24 upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder of a
25 "Helping Kids Speak" license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty
26 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve
27 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
28 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be
29 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
30 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state
31 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
32 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
33 cost of implementing the "Helping Kids Speak" special license plate.
34 Upon the determination by the department that the state has been
35 reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the "Helping
36 Kids Speak" account established under RCW 46.16.30904.

37 (9) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on November
38 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon

1 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "Helping Kids Speak"
2 license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty dollars.
3 The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each
4 fee collected under this subsection for administration and collection
5 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be remitted to
6 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed
7 report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit
8 the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until the department
9 determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost of
10 implementing the "Helping Kids Speak" special license plate. Upon the
11 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
12 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the "Helping Kids Speak" account
13 established under RCW 46.16.30904.

14 (10) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
15 January 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
16 upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder of a "law
17 enforcement memorial" license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty
18 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve
19 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
20 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
21 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
22 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state
23 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
24 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
25 cost of implementing the law enforcement memorial special license
26 plate. Upon the determination by the department that the state has
27 been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the law
28 enforcement memorial account established under RCW 46.16.30906.

29 (11) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
30 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
31 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "law enforcement
32 memorial" license plate shall, upon application, 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 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
37 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state
38 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until

1 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
2 cost of implementing the law enforcement memorial special license
3 plate. Upon the determination by the department that the state has
4 been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the law
5 enforcement memorial account established under RCW 46.16.30906.

6 (12) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
7 January 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
8 upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a special
9 Clark College license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty-five
10 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve
11 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
12 and collection expenses incurred by it. The department shall remit the
13 remaining proceeds to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
14 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the
15 funds to the Clark College license plate account under section 2 of
16 this act.

17 (13) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
18 1, 2007, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
19 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a special Clark
20 College license plate shall pay a fee of thirty-five dollars. The
21 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee
22 collected under this subsection for administration and collection
23 expenses incurred by it. The department shall remit the remaining
24 proceeds to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
25 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the
26 funds to the Clark College license plate account under section 2 of
27 this act.

28 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16.290 and 2004 c 223 s 3 are each amended to read
29 as follows:

30 (1) In any case of a valid sale or transfer of the ownership of any
31 vehicle, the right to the certificates (~~(properly transferable~~
32 ~~therewith, except as provided in RCW 46.16.280,)) and to the vehicle~~
33 license plates, except as provided in RCW 46.16.316, passes to the
34 purchaser or transferee. It is unlawful for the holder of such
35 certificates, except as provided in RCW 46.16.280, or vehicle license
36 plates, except as provided in RCW 46.16.316, to fail, neglect, or

1 refuse to endorse the certificates and deliver the vehicle license
2 plates to the purchaser or transferee.

3 (2)(a) If the sale or transfer is of a vehicle licensed with
4 current standard issue license plates, the vehicle license plates may
5 be retained and displayed upon a vehicle obtained in replacement of the
6 vehicle so sold or transferred. If a person applies for a transfer of
7 the plate or plates to another eligible vehicle, the plates must be
8 transferred to a vehicle requiring the same type of plate. A transfer
9 fee of ten dollars must be charged in addition to all other applicable
10 fees. The transfer fees must be deposited in the motor vehicle fund.

11 (b) If the sale or transfer is of a vehicle licensed by the state
12 or any county, city, town, school district, or other political
13 subdivision entitled to exemption as provided by law, or, if the
14 vehicle is licensed with personalized plates, amateur radio operator
15 plates, medal of honor plates, disabled person plates, disabled veteran
16 plates, prisoner of war plates, or other special license plates issued
17 under RCW 46.16.301 or 46.16.313 as now existing or as it existed
18 before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, the vehicle
19 license plates therefor (~~shall~~) may be transferred as provided in RCW
20 46.16.316, in which case they may be retained and (~~may be~~) displayed
21 upon a vehicle obtained in replacement of the vehicle so sold or
22 transferred.

23 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.16.316 and 2004 c 223 s 4, 2004 c 221 s 5, 2004 c
24 48 s 5, and 2004 c 35 s 5 are each reenacted and amended to read as
25 follows:

26 Except as provided in RCW 46.16.305:

27 (1) When a person who has been issued a special license plate or
28 plates: (a) Under RCW 46.16.30901, 46.16.30903, 46.16.30905, (~~or~~)
29 46.16.301, or 46.16.313 as now existing or as it existed before
30 amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, or under RCW
31 46.16.305(2) or 46.16.324; or (b) approved by the special license plate
32 review board under RCW 46.16.715 through 46.16.775 sells, trades, or
33 otherwise transfers or releases ownership of the vehicle upon which the
34 special license plate or plates have been displayed, he or she shall
35 immediately report the transfer of such plate or plates to an acquired
36 vehicle or vehicle eligible for such plates pursuant to departmental
37 rule, or he or she shall surrender such plates to the department

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

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

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