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1 AN ACT Relating to endangered wildlife license plates; amending RCW
2 77.12.170; reenacting and amending RCW 46.16.313; and adding new
3 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 (1) The legislature recognizes that the Endangered Wildlife license
8 plate has been reviewed by the special license plate review board as
9 specified in chapter 196, Laws of 2003 and was found to fully comply
10 with all provisions of chapter 196, Laws of 2003.

11 (2) The department shall issue a special license plate displaying
12 a symbol or artwork, approved by the special license plate review board
13 and the legislature, referred to as "Endangered Wildlife license
14 plates," that may be used in lieu of regular or personalized license
15 plates for motor vehicles required to display one or two motor vehicle
16 license plates, excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW,
17 upon terms and conditions established by the department.

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

3 For the purposes of RCW 46.16.313 and section 1 of this act, the
4 term "Endangered Wildlife license plates" means license plates issued
5 under section 1 of this act that display a symbol or artwork
6 symbolizing endangered wildlife in Washington state.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 department that the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall
2 credit the proceeds to the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters
3 benevolent fund established under RCW 46.16.30902.

4 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
5 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
6 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a professional fire
7 fighters and paramedics license plate shall, upon application, pay a
8 fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to
9 exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
10 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
11 proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a
12 proper identifying detailed report. Under RCW 46.16.755, the state
13 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
14 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
15 cost of implementing the professional fire fighters and paramedics
16 special license plate. Upon the determination by the department that
17 the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds
18 to the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters benevolent fund
19 established under RCW 46.16.30902.

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

35 (9) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on November
36 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
37 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "Helping Kids Speak"
38 license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty dollars.

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

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

27 (11) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
28 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
29 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "law enforcement
30 memorial" license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty
31 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
32 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
33 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
34 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
35 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state
36 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
37 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
38 cost of implementing the law enforcement memorial special license

1 plate. Upon the determination by the department that the state has
2 been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the law
3 enforcement memorial account established under RCW 46.16.30906.

4 (12) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
5 January 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
6 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of an
7 Endangered Wildlife license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty
8 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve
9 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
10 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
11 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
12 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state
13 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
14 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
15 cost of implementing the Endangered Wildlife license plate. Upon
16 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
17 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the state wildlife fund.
18 Proceeds credited to the state wildlife fund from the sale of the
19 Endangered Wildlife license plates must be used only for the department
20 of fish and wildlife's endangered wildlife program activities.

21 (13) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
22 1, 2007, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
23 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of an Endangered
24 Wildlife license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty
25 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
26 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
27 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
28 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
29 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state
30 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
31 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
32 cost of implementing the Endangered Wildlife license plate. Upon
33 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
34 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the state wildlife fund.
35 Proceeds credited to the state wildlife fund from the sale of the
36 Endangered Wildlife license plates must be used only for the department
37 of fish and wildlife's endangered wildlife program activities.

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 77.12.170 and 2004 c 248 s 4 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) There is established in the state treasury the state wildlife
4 fund which consists of moneys received from:

5 (a) Rentals or concessions of the department;

6 (b) The sale of real or personal property held for department
7 purposes;

8 (c) The sale of licenses, permits, tags, and stamps required by
9 chapter 77.32 RCW and RCW 77.65.490, except annual resident adult
10 saltwater and all annual razor clam and shellfish licenses, which shall
11 be deposited into the state general fund;

12 (d) Fees for informational materials published by the department;

13 (e) Fees for personalized vehicle and Endangered Wildlife license
14 plates as provided in chapter 46.16 RCW;

15 (f) Articles or wildlife sold by the director under this title;

16 (g) Compensation for damage to department property or wildlife
17 losses or contributions, gifts, or grants received under RCW 77.12.320;

18 (h) Excise tax on anadromous game fish collected under chapter
19 82.27 RCW;

20 (i) The sale of personal property seized by the department for
21 fish, shellfish, or wildlife violations;

22 (j) The department's share of revenues from auctions and raffles
23 authorized by the commission; and

24 (k) The sale of watchable wildlife decals under RCW 77.32.560.

25 (2) State and county officers receiving any moneys listed in
26 subsection (1) of this section shall deposit them in the state treasury
27 to be credited to the state wildlife fund.

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