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1 AN ACT Relating to Washington's Wildlife license plate collection;  
2 amending RCW 77.12.170; reenacting and amending RCW 46.16.313; 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 (1) The legislature recognizes that the Washington's Wildlife  
8 license plate collection, to include three distinct designs including  
9 bear, deer, and elk, has been reviewed by the special license plate  
10 review board as specified in chapter 196, Laws of 2003 and was found to  
11 fully comply with all provisions of chapter 196, Laws of 2003.

12 (2) The department shall issue a special license plate collection  
13 displaying a symbol or artwork, approved by the special license plate  
14 review board and the legislature, recognizing Washington's wildlife,  
15 that may be used in lieu of regular or personalized license plates for  
16 motor vehicles required to display one or two motor vehicle license  
17 plates, excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon  
18 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 "Washington's Wildlife license plate collection" means the  
5 collection of three separate license plate designs issued under section  
6 1 of this act. Each license plate design displays a distinct symbol or  
7 artwork recognizing the wildlife of Washington, to include bear, deer,  
8 and elk.

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

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

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

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

1 state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The state  
2 treasurer shall credit the funds to the appropriate collegiate license  
3 plate fund as provided in RCW 28B.10.890.

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

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

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

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

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

23 (8) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on  
24 November 1, 2004, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
25 upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder of a  
26 "Helping Kids Speak" 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 must be  
30 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper  
31 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state  
32 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until  
33 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the  
34 cost of implementing the "Helping Kids Speak" special license plate.  
35 Upon the determination by the department that the state has been  
36 reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the "Helping  
37 Kids Speak" account established under RCW 46.16.30904.

1           (9) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on November  
2 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
3 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "Helping Kids Speak"  
4 license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty dollars.  
5 The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each  
6 fee collected under this subsection for administration and collection  
7 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be remitted to  
8 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed  
9 report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit  
10 the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until the department  
11 determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost of  
12 implementing the "Helping Kids Speak" special license plate. Upon the  
13 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the  
14 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the "Helping Kids Speak" account  
15 established under RCW 46.16.30904.

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

31           (11) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January  
32 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
33 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "law enforcement  
34 memorial" license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty  
35 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two  
36 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
37 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall  
38 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper

1 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state  
2 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until  
3 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the  
4 cost of implementing the law enforcement memorial special license  
5 plate. Upon the determination by the department that the state has  
6 been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the law  
7 enforcement memorial account established under RCW 46.16.30906.

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

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

1 been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the state  
2 wildlife fund. Proceeds credited to the state wildlife fund from the  
3 sale of the Washington's Wildlife license plate collection shall be  
4 used only for the department of fish and wildlife's game species  
5 management activities.

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

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

10 (a) Rentals or concessions of the department;

11 (b) The sale of real or personal property held for department  
12 purposes;

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

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

18 (e) Fees for personalized vehicle license plates and Washington's  
19 Wildlife license plate collection as provided in chapter 46.16 RCW;

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

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

23 (h) Excise tax on anadromous game fish collected under chapter  
24 82.27 RCW;

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

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

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

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

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