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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5424** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**By** Senators Haugen, Swecker, Jacobsen, Hargrove and Doumit

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1            AN ACT Relating to the "Washington Lighthouses" special license  
2 plate; reenacting and amending RCW 46.16.313; adding new sections to  
3 chapter 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 that the "Washington Lighthouses"  
8 license plate has been reviewed by the special license plate review  
9 board under RCW 46.16.725, and found to fully comply with RCW 46.16.715  
10 through 46.16.775.

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, recognizing an organization that supports selected  
14 Washington state lighthouses and provides environmental education  
15 programs. The special license plate may be used in lieu of regular or  
16 personalized license plates for vehicles required to display one or two  
17 vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under chapter  
18 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions established by the department.

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

3           "Washington Lighthouses license plates" means license plates issued  
4 under section 1 of this act that display a symbol or artwork  
5 recognizing the efforts of lighthouse environmental programs in  
6 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)(a) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due  
5 on or after January 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required  
6 to be paid upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder  
7 of a "Washington Lighthouses" license plate shall pay an initial fee of  
8 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed  
9 twelve 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 "Washington Lighthouses" license plate. Upon  
16 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the  
17 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the lighthouse environmental  
18 programs account established under section 4 of this act.

19 (b) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on or after  
20 January 1, 2007, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
21 upon renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "Washington  
22 Lighthouses" license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty  
23 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two  
24 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
25 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be  
26 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper  
27 identifying detailed report. Under RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer  
28 shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until the  
29 department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost  
30 of implementing the "Washington Lighthouses" license plate. Upon  
31 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the  
32 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the lighthouse environmental  
33 programs account established under section 4 of this act.

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

36 (1) The lighthouse environmental programs account is created in the  
37 custody of the state treasurer. Upon the department's determination

1 that the state had been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the  
2 "Washington Lighthouses" special license plate, all receipts, except as  
3 provided in RCW 46.16.313(12) (a) and (b), from "Washington  
4 Lighthouses" license plates must be deposited into the account. Only  
5 the director of the department of licensing or the director's designee  
6 may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to  
7 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is  
8 not required for expenditures.

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

11 (a) Under the requirements set out in RCW 46.16.765, the department  
12 must contract with a qualified nonprofit organization to support  
13 selected Washington state lighthouses that are accessible to the public  
14 and staffed by volunteers; to provide environmental education programs;  
15 and to provide grants for other Washington lighthouses to assist in  
16 funding infrastructure preservation and restoration and to encourage  
17 and support interpretive programs by lighthouse docents.

18 (b) For the purpose of this section, a "qualified nonprofit  
19 organization" means a not-for-profit corporation incorporated and of  
20 tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal  
21 revenue code. The organization must have been established for the  
22 express purposes of supporting selected Washington state lighthouses  
23 that are open to the public and staffed by volunteers; providing  
24 environmental education programs; and encouraging and supporting  
25 interpretive programs by lighthouse docents.

26 (c) The qualified nonprofit organization must meet all requirements  
27 set out in RCW 46.16.765.

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