
HOUSE BILL 2175

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1 AN ACT Relating to volunteer firefighter special license plates;
2 amending RCW 46.16.725, 46.16.601, 46.16.745, and 46.16.316; reenacting
3 and amending RCW 46.16.313; and adding new sections to chapter 46.16
4 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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

8 (1) In cooperation with the department, the Washington state
9 firefighter's association shall create and design, and the department
10 shall issue, a special license plate displaying the volunteer
11 firefighter emblem that may be used in lieu of regular or personalized
12 license plates for vehicles required to display one or two vehicle
13 license plates, excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW,
14 upon terms and conditions established by the department.

15 (2) The special license plate created under this section is exempt
16 from review by the special license plate review board and RCW 46.16.725
17 and 46.16.745, except as provided in this section.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.313 and 2005 c 426 s 3, 2005 c 225 s 3, 2005 c
2 224 s 3, 2005 c 220 s 3, 2005 c 216 s 3, 2005 c 177 s 3, 2005 c 85 s 3,
3 2005 c 71 s 3, 2005 c 53 s 3, 2005 c 48 s 3, 2005 c 44 s 3, and 2005 c
4 42 s 3 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

5 (1) The department may establish a fee of no more than forty
6 dollars for each type of special license plates issued under RCW
7 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as existing before amendment by section
8 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in an amount calculated to offset the
9 cost of production of the special license plates and the administration
10 of this program. This fee is in addition to all other fees required to
11 register and license the vehicle for which the plates have been
12 requested. All such additional special license plate fees collected by
13 the department shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to
14 the motor vehicle fund.

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

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

34 (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
35 application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
36 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of
37 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
38 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for

1 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
2 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to
3 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments
4 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as
5 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
6 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
7 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
8 to the state general fund.

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

21 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
22 January 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
23 upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder of a
24 professional firefighters and paramedics license plate shall pay an
25 initial fee of forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount
26 not to exceed twelve dollars of each fee collected under this
27 subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.
28 The remaining proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state
29 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. Under RCW
30 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
31 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has been
32 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the professional firefighters
33 and paramedics license plates. Upon the determination by the
34 department that the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall
35 credit the proceeds to the Washington State Council of Firefighters
36 benevolent fund established under RCW 46.16.30902.

37 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
38 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon

1 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a professional
2 firefighters and paramedics license plate shall, upon application, pay
3 a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to
4 exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
5 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
6 proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a
7 proper identifying detailed report. Under RCW 46.16.755, the state
8 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
9 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
10 cost of implementing the professional firefighters and paramedics
11 special license plate. Upon the determination by the department that
12 the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds
13 to the Washington State Council of Firefighters benevolent fund
14 established under RCW 46.16.30902.

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

30 (9) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on November
31 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
32 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "Helping Kids Speak"
33 license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty dollars.
34 The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each
35 fee collected under this subsection for administration and collection
36 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be remitted to
37 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed
38 report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit

1 the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until the department
2 determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost of
3 implementing the "Helping Kids Speak" special license plate. Upon the
4 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
5 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the "Helping Kids Speak" account
6 established under RCW 46.16.30904.

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

22 (11) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
23 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
24 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "law enforcement
25 memorial" license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty
26 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
27 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
28 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
29 be 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 law enforcement memorial special license
34 plate. Upon the determination by the department that the state has
35 been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the law
36 enforcement memorial account established under RCW 46.16.30906.

37 (12)(a) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due
38 on or after January 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required

1 to be paid upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder
2 of a Washington's Wildlife collection license plate shall pay an
3 initial fee of forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount
4 not to exceed twelve dollars of each fee collected under this
5 subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.
6 The remaining proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state
7 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. Under RCW
8 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
9 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has been
10 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the Washington's Wildlife
11 license plate collection. Upon determination by the department that
12 the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds
13 to the state wildlife account. Proceeds credited to the state wildlife
14 account from the sale of the Washington's Wildlife license plate
15 collection may be used only for the department of fish and wildlife's
16 game species management activities.

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

35 (13)(a) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due
36 on or after January 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required
37 to be paid upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder
38 of a Washington state parks and recreation commission special license

1 plate shall pay an initial fee of forty dollars. The department shall
2 deduct an amount not to exceed twelve dollars of each fee collected
3 under this subsection for administration and collection expenses
4 incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be remitted to the custody
5 of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report.
6 Under RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to
7 the motor vehicle account until the department determines that the
8 state has been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the Washington
9 state parks and recreation commission special license plate. Upon
10 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
11 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the state parks education and
12 enhancement account established in RCW 79A.05.059.

13 (b) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on or after
14 January 1, 2007, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
15 upon renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a Washington
16 state parks and recreation commission special license plate shall, upon
17 application, pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct
18 an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this
19 subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.
20 The remaining proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state
21 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. Under RCW
22 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
23 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has been
24 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the Washington state parks and
25 recreation commission special license plate. Upon determination by the
26 department that the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall
27 credit the proceeds to the state parks education and enhancement
28 account established in RCW 79A.05.059.

29 (14)(a) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due
30 on or after January 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required
31 to be paid upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder
32 of a "Washington Lighthouses" license plate shall pay an initial fee of
33 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
34 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
35 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
36 proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a
37 proper identifying detailed report. Under 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 "Washington Lighthouses" license plate. Upon
3 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
4 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the lighthouse environmental
5 programs account established under RCW 46.16.30912.

6 (b) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on or after
7 January 1, 2007, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
8 upon renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "Washington
9 Lighthouses" license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty
10 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
11 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
12 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be
13 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
14 identifying detailed report. Under RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer
15 shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until the
16 department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost
17 of implementing the "Washington Lighthouses" license plate. Upon
18 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
19 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the lighthouse environmental
20 programs account established under RCW 46.16.30912.

21 (15)(a) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due
22 on or after January 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required
23 to be paid upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder
24 of a "Keep Kids Safe" license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty-
25 five dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
26 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
27 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
28 proceeds shall be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with
29 a proper identifying 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 "Keep Kids Safe" license plate. Upon
33 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
34 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the children's trust fund
35 established under RCW 43.121.100.

36 (b) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on or after
37 January 1, 2007, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
38 upon renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "Keep Kids

1 Safe" license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty
2 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
3 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
4 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
5 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
6 identifying report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer
7 shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until the
8 department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost
9 of implementing the "Keep Kids Safe" license plate. Upon determination
10 by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer
11 shall credit the proceeds to the children's trust fund established
12 under RCW 43.121.100.

13 (16)(a) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due
14 on or after January 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required
15 to be paid upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder
16 of a "we love our pets" license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty
17 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve
18 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administrative
19 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
20 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
21 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state
22 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
23 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
24 cost of implementing the "we love our pets" license plate. Upon
25 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
26 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the we love our pets account
27 established under RCW 46.16.30915.

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

1 cost of implementing the "we love our pets" license plate. Upon
2 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
3 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the we love our pets account
4 established under RCW 46.16.30915.

5 (17)(a) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due
6 on or after January 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required
7 to be paid upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder
8 of a "Gonzaga University alumni association" license plate shall pay an
9 initial fee of forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount
10 not to exceed twelve dollars of each fee collected under this
11 subsection for administrative and collection expenses incurred by it.
12 The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to the custody of the state
13 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW
14 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
15 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has been
16 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the "Gonzaga University alumni
17 association" license plate. Upon determination by the department that
18 the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds
19 to the Gonzaga University alumni association account established under
20 RCW 46.16.30917.

21 (b) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on or after
22 January 1, 2007, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
23 upon renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "Gonzaga
24 University alumni association" license plate shall, upon application,
25 pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not
26 to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
27 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
28 proceeds shall be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with
29 a proper identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the
30 state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account
31 until the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for
32 the cost of implementing the "Gonzaga University alumni association"
33 license plate. Upon determination by the department that the state has
34 been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the Gonzaga
35 University alumni association account established under RCW
36 46.16.30917.

37 (18) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
38 or after January 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to

1 be paid upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder of
2 a "Washington's National Park Fund" license plate shall pay an initial
3 fee of forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to
4 exceed twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
5 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
6 proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a
7 proper identifying detailed report. Under RCW 46.16.755, the state
8 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
9 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
10 cost of implementing the "Washington's National Park Fund" license
11 plate. Upon determination by the department that the state has been
12 reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the
13 "Washington's National Park Fund" account established under RCW
14 46.16.30919.

15 (19) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on or
16 after January 1, 2007, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be
17 paid upon renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a
18 "Washington's National Park Fund" license plate shall, upon
19 application, pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct
20 an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this
21 subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.
22 The remaining proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state
23 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. Under RCW
24 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
25 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has been
26 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the "Washington's National Park
27 Fund" license plate. Upon determination by the department that the
28 state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to
29 the "Washington's National Park Fund" account established under RCW
30 46.16.30919.

31 (20)(a) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due
32 on or after January 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required
33 to be paid upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder
34 of an armed forces license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty
35 dollars. The department shall retain an amount not to exceed twelve
36 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
37 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be
38 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper

1 identifying report. Under RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall
2 credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until the department
3 determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost of
4 implementing the armed forces special license plate collection. Upon
5 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
6 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the veterans stewardship account
7 established under RCW 43.60A.140.

8 (b) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on or after
9 January 1, 2007, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
10 upon renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of an armed forces
11 license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty dollars.
12 The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each
13 fee collected under this subsection for administration and collection
14 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be remitted to
15 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying report.
16 Under RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to
17 the motor vehicle account until the department determines that the
18 state has been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the armed forces
19 special license plate collection. Upon the determination by the
20 department that the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall
21 credit the proceeds to the veterans stewardship account established in
22 RCW 43.60A.140.

23 (21)(a) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due
24 on or after January 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required
25 to be paid upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder
26 of a "Ski & Ride Washington" license plate shall pay an initial fee of
27 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
28 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
29 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
30 proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a
31 proper identifying detailed report. Under 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 "Ski & Ride Washington" license plate. Upon
35 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
36 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the "Ski & Ride Washington"
37 account established under RCW 46.16.30923.

1 (b) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on or after
2 January 1, 2007, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
3 upon renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "Ski & Ride
4 Washington" license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty
5 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
6 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
7 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be
8 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
9 identifying detailed report. Under RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer
10 shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until the
11 department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost
12 of implementing the "Ski & Ride Washington" license plate. Upon
13 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
14 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the "Ski & Ride Washington"
15 account established under RCW 46.16.30923.

16 (22)(a) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due
17 on or after January 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required
18 to be paid upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder
19 of a Wild On Washington 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 must be
23 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
24 identifying detailed report. Under RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer
25 shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until the
26 department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost
27 of implementing the Wild On Washington license plate. Upon
28 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
29 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the state wildlife account.
30 Proceeds credited to the state wildlife account from the sale of the
31 Wild On Washington license plates must be dedicated to the department
32 of fish and wildlife's watchable wildlife activities defined in RCW
33 77.32.560(2).

34 (b) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on or after
35 January 1, 2007, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
36 upon renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a Wild On
37 Washington license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty
38 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two

1 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
2 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be
3 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
4 identifying detailed report. Under RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer
5 shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until the
6 department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost
7 of implementing the Wild On Washington license plate. Upon
8 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
9 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the state wildlife account.
10 Proceeds credited to the state wildlife account from the sale of the
11 Wild On Washington license plates must be dedicated to the department
12 of fish and wildlife's watchable wildlife activities defined in RCW
13 77.32.560(2).

14 (23)(a) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due
15 on or after January 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required
16 to be paid upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder
17 of an Endangered Wildlife license plate shall pay an initial fee of
18 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
19 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
20 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
21 proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a
22 proper identifying detailed report. Under 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 Endangered Wildlife license plate. Upon
26 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
27 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the state wildlife account.
28 Proceeds credited to the state wildlife account from the sale of the
29 Endangered Wildlife license plates must be used only for the department
30 of fish and wildlife's endangered wildlife program activities.

31 (b) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on or after
32 January 1, 2007, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
33 upon renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of an Endangered
34 Wildlife 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 must be
38 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper

1 identifying detailed report. Under RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer
2 shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until the
3 department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost
4 of implementing the Endangered Wildlife license plate. Upon
5 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
6 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the state wildlife account.
7 Proceeds credited to the state wildlife account from the sale of the
8 Endangered Wildlife license plates must be used only for the department
9 of fish and wildlife's endangered wildlife program activities.

10 (24)(a) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due
11 on or after January 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required
12 to be paid upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder
13 of a "Share the Road" license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty
14 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve
15 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
16 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be
17 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
18 identifying detailed report. Under RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer
19 shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until the
20 department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost
21 of implementing the "Share the Road" license plate. Upon determination
22 by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer
23 shall credit the proceeds to the "Share the Road" account established
24 under RCW 46.16.30929.

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

1 shall credit the proceeds to the "Share the Road" account established
2 under RCW 46.16.30929.

3 (25)(a) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due
4 on or after January 1, 2010, in addition to all fees and taxes required
5 to be paid upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder
6 of a volunteer firefighter 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 must be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a
11 proper identifying detailed report. Under RCW 46.16.775, the state
12 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
13 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
14 cost of implementing the volunteer firefighter license plate. Upon
15 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
16 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the volunteer firefighter
17 license plate account established under section 3 of this act. To be
18 eligible to purchase volunteer firefighter license plates, a person
19 must be a volunteer firefighter for two or more years. When applying
20 to the department for the plates, the person must have documentation of
21 service from the district of the appropriate fire service. If the
22 volunteer firefighter leaves firefighting service between two and ten
23 years after the license plates are issued, the volunteer firefighter
24 shall surrender the license plates to the department on the
25 registration renewal date. If the volunteer firefighter stays in
26 service for at least ten years and then leaves, the license plate will
27 be retained by the former volunteer firefighter and the person will
28 continue to pay the future renewal registrations. A qualifying
29 volunteer firefighter may have no more than two sets of plates per
30 vehicle for their personal vehicles. If the volunteer firefighter is
31 convicted of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or a felony, the license
32 plates must be surrendered upon conviction.

33 (b) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on or after
34 January 1, 2010, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
35 upon renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a volunteer
36 firefighter license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty
37 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
38 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration

1 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be
2 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
3 identifying detailed report. Under RCW 46.16.775, the state treasurer
4 shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until the
5 department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost
6 of implementing the volunteer firefighter license plate. Upon
7 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the
8 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the volunteer firefighter
9 license plate account established under section 3 of this act.

10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) The volunteer firefighter license plate account is created in
13 the custody of the state treasurer. Upon the department's
14 determination that the state had been reimbursed for the cost of
15 implementing the volunteer firefighter special license plate, all
16 receipts, except as provided in RCW 46.16.313(25) (a) and (b), from
17 volunteer firefighter license plates must be deposited into the
18 account. Only the director or the director's designee may authorize
19 expenditures from the account. The account is subject to the allotment
20 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not
21 required for expenditures.

22 (2) The director or the director's designee must disburse the funds
23 in the account for volunteer firefighter training programs.

24 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16.725 and 2008 c 72 s 2 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (1) The creation of the board does not in any way preclude the
27 authority of the legislature to independently propose and enact special
28 license plate legislation.

29 (2) The board must review and either approve or reject special
30 license plate applications submitted by sponsoring organizations.

31 (3) Duties of the board include but are not limited to the
32 following:

33 (a) Review and approve the annual financial reports submitted by
34 sponsoring organizations with active special license plate series and
35 present those annual financial reports to the senate and house
36 transportation committees;

1 (b) Report annually to the senate and house transportation
2 committees on the special license plate applications that were
3 considered by the board;

4 (c) Issue approval and rejection notification letters to sponsoring
5 organizations, the department, the chairs of the senate and house of
6 representatives transportation committees, and the legislative sponsors
7 identified in each application. The letters must be issued within
8 seven days of making a determination on the status of an application;

9 (d) Review annually the number of plates sold for each special
10 license plate series created after January 1, 2003. The board may
11 submit a recommendation to discontinue a special plate series to the
12 chairs of the senate and house of representatives transportation
13 committees;

14 (e) Provide policy guidance and directions to the department
15 concerning the adoption of rules necessary to limit the number of
16 special license plates that an organization or a governmental entity
17 may apply for.

18 (4) Except as provided in chapter 72, Laws of 2008, in order to
19 assess the effects and impact of the proliferation of special license
20 plates, the legislature declares a temporary moratorium on the issuance
21 of any additional plates until July 1, 2009. During this period of
22 time, the special license plate review board created in RCW 46.16.705
23 and the department of licensing are prohibited from accepting,
24 reviewing, processing, or approving any applications. Additionally, no
25 special license plate may be enacted by the legislature during the
26 moratorium, unless the proposed license plate has been approved by the
27 board before February 15, 2005.

28 (5) The special license plates created under section 1 of this act
29 are exempt from the requirements of this section.

30 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.16.601 and 2005 c 210 s 1 are each amended to read
31 as follows:

32 (1) The following special license plate series created by the
33 legislature may be personalized: (a) RCW 46.16.301 as currently law;
34 (b) RCW 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as it existed before amendment
35 by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997; (c) RCW 46.16.305, except
36 those plates issued under RCW 46.16.305 (1) and (2); (d) section 1 of

1 this act; (e) RCW 46.16.324; (~~(e)~~) (f) RCW 46.16.385; or (~~(f)~~) (g)
2 RCW 46.16.745.

3 (2) Personalized special plates issued under this section may be
4 personalized only by using numbers or letters, or any combination
5 thereof not exceeding seven positions, and not less than one position,
6 to the extent that there are no conflicts with existing license plate
7 series. A personalized special license plate is subject to the same
8 requirements as personalized license plates listed in RCW 46.16.575,
9 46.16.580, 46.16.590, 46.16.595, and 46.16.600.

10 (3) In addition to any other fees and taxes due at the time of
11 registration, applicants for a personalized special license plate must
12 pay both the fees to purchase and renew a special plate as set out in
13 the statute creating the special plate and the personalized plate as
14 required in RCW 46.16.585 and 46.16.606. The special plate fee must be
15 distributed in accordance with the requirements set out in the statute
16 creating the special plate. The personalized plate fee must be
17 distributed under RCW 46.16.605 and 46.16.606. The transfer of
18 personalized special plates is to be administered under RCW 46.16.316.

19 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.16.745 and 2005 c 210 s 8 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 (1) A sponsoring organization meeting the requirements of RCW
22 46.16.735, applying for the creation of a special license plate to the
23 special license plate review board must, on an application supplied by
24 the department, provide the minimum application requirements in
25 subsection (2) of this section.

26 (2) The sponsoring organization shall:

27 (a) Submit prepayment of all start-up costs associated with the
28 creation and implementation of the special license plate in an amount
29 determined by the department. The department shall place this money
30 into the special license plate applicant trust account created under
31 RCW 46.16.755(~~(4)~~) (3);

32 (b) Provide a proposed license plate design;

33 (c) Provide a marketing strategy outlining short and long-term
34 marketing plans for each special license plate and a financial analysis
35 outlining the anticipated revenue and the planned expenditures of the
36 revenues derived from the sale of the special license plate;

1 (d) Provide a signature of a legislative sponsor and proposed
2 legislation creating the special license plate;

3 (e) Provide proof of organizational qualifications as determined by
4 the department as provided for in RCW 46.16.735;

5 (f) Provide signature sheets that include signatures from
6 individuals who intend to purchase the special license plate and the
7 number of plates each individual intends to purchase. The sheets must
8 reflect a minimum of three thousand five hundred intended purchases of
9 the special license plate.

10 (3) After an application is approved by the special license plate
11 review board, the application need not be reviewed again by the board
12 for a period of three years.

13 (4) The special license plates created under section 1 of this act
14 are exempt from the requirements of this section.

15 **Sec. 7.** RCW 46.16.316 and 2005 c 210 s 2 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 Except as provided in RCW 46.16.305:

18 (1) When a person who has been issued a special license plate or
19 plates: (a) Under RCW 46.16.30901, 46.16.30903, 46.16.30905, section
20 1 of this act, or 46.16.301 as it existed before amendment by section
21 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, or under RCW 46.16.305(2) or 46.16.324;
22 (b) approved by the special license plate review board under RCW
23 46.16.715 through 46.16.775; or (c) under RCW 46.16.601 sells, trades,
24 or otherwise transfers or releases ownership of the vehicle upon which
25 the special license plate or plates have been displayed, he or she
26 shall immediately report the transfer of such plate or plates to an
27 acquired vehicle or vehicle eligible for such plates pursuant to
28 departmental rule, or he or she shall surrender such plates to the
29 department immediately if such surrender is required by departmental
30 rule. If a person applies for a transfer of the plate or plates to
31 another eligible vehicle, a transfer fee of ten dollars shall be
32 charged in addition to all other applicable fees. Such transfer fees
33 shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund. Failure to surrender the
34 plates when required is a traffic infraction.

35 (2) If the special license plate or plates issued by the department
36 become lost, defaced, damaged, or destroyed, application for a

1 replacement special license plate or plates shall be made and fees paid
2 as provided by law for the replacement of regular license plates.

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