
HOUSE BILL 2762

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By Representative Simpson

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1 AN ACT Relating to the authorization of special license plates; and
2 amending RCW 46.16.725.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.725 and 2009 c 470 s 710 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

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

9 (2) The board must review and either approve or reject special
10 license plate applications submitted by sponsoring organizations.
11 Legislative approval is required to authorize new special license
12 plates.

13 (3) Duties of the board include but are not limited to the
14 following:

15 (a) Review and approve the annual financial reports submitted by
16 sponsoring organizations with active special license plate series and
17 present those annual financial reports to the senate and house
18 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, 2011. 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.

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