

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2700

As Passed House:
February 11, 2014

Title: An act relating to breast cancer awareness special license plates.

Brief Description: Creating breast cancer awareness special license plates.

Sponsors: Representatives Stonier, Riccelli, Ryu, Senn, Habib, Fey, Ormsby, Morrell, Gregerson, Tarleton, Pollet and Freeman.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation: 2/3/14, 2/4/14 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/11/14, 98-0.

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creates the breast cancer awareness special license plate.
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 30 members: Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Farrell, Vice Chair; Fey, Vice Chair; Moscoso, Vice Chair; Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Hargrove, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Bergquist, Fitzgibbon, Freeman, Habib, Hawkins, Hayes, Johnson, Klippert, Kochmar, Moeller, Morris, Muri, Ortiz-Self, Pike, Riccelli, Rodne, Ryu, Sells, Shea, Takko, Tarleton, Walkinshaw, Young and Zeiger.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 1 member: Representative Overstreet, Assistant Ranking Minority Member.

Staff: Paul Ingiosi (786-7114).

Background:

The Department of Licensing (DOL) issues special vehicle license plates that may be used in lieu of standard plates. A governmental or nonprofit sponsoring organization seeking to

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sponsor a special plate either submits an application to the DOL or requests legislation to create the special plate. The sponsoring organization seeking to sponsor the special plate is required to reimburse the DOL for the costs of establishing the new special plate. There is a moratorium on the issuance of new special plates by the DOL until July 1, 2015.

For special license plates that are enacted by the Legislature, a sponsoring organization must, within 30 days of enactment, submit prepayment of all start-up costs to the DOL. If the sponsoring organization is not able to meet the prepayment requirement, revenues generated from the sale of the special license plate are first used to pay off any costs associated with establishing the new plate. The sponsoring organization must also provide a proposed license plate design to the DOL. Additionally, the sponsoring organization must submit an annual financial report to the DOL detailing actual revenues generated from the sale of the special license plate. The reports are reviewed, approved, and presented to the Joint Transportation Committee.

The DOL collects special license plate fees and, for administrative expenses, deducts an amount not to exceed \$12 for new plate issuance and \$2 for renewal. After these expenses are paid, the State Treasurer deposits the proceeds into the Motor Vehicle Account until the DOL determines the start-up costs for a special license plate are paid.

Summary of Bill:

The bill creates the breast cancer awareness special license plate which would display a pink ribbon. In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon application for a vehicle registration, a fee of \$40 would be charged for a breast cancer awareness special license plate and a \$30 fee is charged for renewal of the plate.

After the costs associated with establishing the special license plates are recovered, proceeds from the sale of the special license plates will go to the Washington State Department of Health to fund efforts consistent with their breast, cervical, and colon health program.

The bill exempts the breast cancer awareness special license plate from the moratorium on new special license plates.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on January 1, 2015.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) The screenings that will be done with the revenue from the plates are quite broad, including breast, colon, and cervical cancer screenings, so the plate could be considered a cancer awareness plate. The recipients of those screenings are the uninsured, under-insured, disabled, or, for a variety of reasons, not able to access screenings that could potentially save their lives.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Stonier, prime sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.