
HOUSE BILL 1485

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Transportation.

1 AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle license plates; and amending RCW
2 46.16.270.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.270 and 1990 c 250 s 32 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Replacement plates issued after January 1, 1987, will be centennial
7 plates as described in RCW 46.16.650. The total replacement plate fee
8 including the one dollar per plate centennial plate fee shall be
9 deposited in the motor vehicle fund. A person applying for a renewal
10 vehicle license after January 1, 1993, must purchase replacement
11 vehicle license number plates if the vehicle license number plates were
12 issued before January 2, 1987.

13 Upon the loss, defacement, or destruction of one or both of the
14 vehicle license number plates issued for any vehicle where more than

1 one plate was originally issued or where one or both have become so
2 illegible or in such a condition as to be difficult to distinguish, or
3 upon the owner's option, the owner of the vehicle shall make
4 application for new vehicle license number plates upon a form furnished
5 by the director. The application shall be filed with the director or
6 the director's authorized agent, accompanied by the certificate of
7 license registration of the vehicle and a fee in the amount of three
8 dollars per plate, whereupon the director, or the director's authorized
9 agent, shall issue new vehicle license number plates to the applicant.
10 It shall be accompanied by a fee of two dollars for a new motorcycle
11 license number plate. In the event the director has issued license
12 period tabs or a windshield emblem instead of vehicle license number
13 plates, and upon the loss, defacement, or destruction of the tabs or
14 windshield emblem, application shall be made on a form provided by the
15 director and in the same manner as above described, and shall be
16 accompanied by a fee of one dollar for each pair of tabs or for each
17 windshield emblem, whereupon the director shall issue to the applicant
18 a duplicate pair of tabs, year tabs, and when necessary month tabs or
19 a windshield emblem to replace those lost, defaced, or destroyed. For
20 vehicles owned, rented, or leased by the state of Washington or by any
21 county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision of
22 the state of Washington or United States government, or owned or leased
23 by the governing body of an Indian tribe as defined in RCW 46.16.020,
24 a fee shall be charged for replacement of a vehicle license number
25 plate only to the extent required by the provisions of RCW 46.16.020,
26 46.16.061, 46.16.237, and 46.01.140. For vehicles owned, rented, or
27 leased by foreign countries or international bodies to which the United
28 States government is a signatory by treaty, the payment of any fee for
29 the replacement of a vehicle license number plate shall not be
30 required.