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By Senators Fraser and Kohl

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1 AN ACT Relating to public school license plates; amending RCW
2 46.16.301 and 46.16.313; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW;
3 adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW; and adding a new section to
4 chapter 28A.150 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 46.04 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 "Public school license plates" mean license plates that display a
9 symbol of public schools in the state.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.301 and 1995 3rd sp.s. c 1 s 102 are each
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (1) The department may create, design, and issue special license
13 plates that may be used in lieu of regular or personalized license
14 plates for motor vehicles required to display two motor vehicle license
15 plates, excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon
16 terms and conditions established by the department. The special plates
17 may:

18 (a) Denote the age or type of vehicle; or

1 (b) Denote special activities or interests; or
2 (c) Denote the status, or contribution or sacrifice for the United
3 States, the state of Washington, or the citizens of the state of
4 Washington, of a registered owner of that vehicle; ((or))

5 (d) Display a depiction of the name and mascot or symbol of a state
6 university, regional university, or state college as defined in RCW
7 28B.10.016; or

8 (e) Display a symbol of the public schools in the state.

9 (2) The department shall create, design, and issue a special
10 baseball stadium license plate that may be used in lieu of regular or
11 personalized license plates for motor vehicles required to display two
12 motor vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under
13 chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions established by the
14 department. The special plates shall commemorate the construction of
15 a baseball stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485. The department shall
16 also issue to each recipient of a special baseball stadium license
17 plate a certificate of participation in the construction of the
18 baseball stadium.

19 (3) The department has the sole discretion to determine whether or
20 not to create, design, or issue any series of special license plates,
21 other than the special baseball stadium license plate under subsection
22 (2) of this section, and whether any interest or status merits the
23 issuance of a series of special license plates. In making this
24 determination, the department shall consider whether or not an interest
25 or status contributes or has contributed significantly to the public
26 health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of the United States or of
27 this state or to their significant benefit, or whether the interest or
28 status is recognized by the United States, this state, or other states,
29 in other settings or contexts. The department may also consider the
30 potential number of persons who may be eligible for the plates and the
31 cost and efficiency of producing limited numbers of the plates. The
32 design of a special license plate shall conform to all requirements for
33 plates for the type of vehicle for which it is issued, as provided
34 elsewhere in this chapter.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
36 to read as follows:

1 (1) The department, in consultation with the state arts commission,
2 shall design a public schools license plate based on submissions from
3 students in public schools.

4 (2) Beginning January 1, 1998, the department shall issue license
5 plates depicting a symbol of public schools.

6 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1996 c 165 s 506 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) The department may establish a fee for each type of special
9 license plates issued under RCW 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c) in an
10 amount calculated to offset the cost of production of the special
11 license plates and the administration of this program. The fee shall
12 not exceed thirty-five dollars and is in addition to all other fees
13 required to register and license the vehicle for which the plates have
14 been requested. All such additional special license plate fees
15 collected by the department shall be deposited in the state treasury
16 and credited to the motor vehicle fund.

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

27 (3) Except as set forth under subsection (4) of this section, in
28 addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon application,
29 registration, and renewal registration of a motor vehicle, the holder
30 of a special baseball stadium license plate shall 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, minus
34 the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to a county for the
35 purpose of paying the principal and interest payments on bonds issued
36 by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as defined in RCW
37 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary preconstruction costs, while

1 the taxes are being collected under RCW 82.14.360. After this date,
2 the state treasurer shall credit the funds to the state general fund.

3 (4) Until June 30, 1997, in addition to all fees and taxes required
4 to be paid upon application, registration, and renewal registration of
5 a motor vehicle, the holder of a special baseball stadium license plate
6 shall pay a fee of forty dollars. The department shall deduct an
7 amount not to exceed twelve dollars of each fee collected under this
8 subsection for license plate administration and collection expenses
9 incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be distributed to a
10 county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments on
11 bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as defined
12 in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary preconstruction
13 costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW 82.14.360. After
14 this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds to the state
15 general fund.

16 (5) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
17 application, registration, and renewal registration of a motor vehicle,
18 the holder of a public schools license plate shall pay a fee of thirty
19 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
20 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
21 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds, minus
22 the cost of plate production, shall be remitted to the custody of the
23 state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The state
24 treasurer shall remit the proceeds to the appropriate public school
25 district, as designated by the public school license plate applicant.

26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 A public school license plate fund is established in the custody of
29 the state treasurer for all receipts from public school license plates.
30 The state treasurer shall remit the proceeds on a quarterly basis to
31 the appropriate public school district, as designated by the public
32 school license plate applicant. If the applicant fails to designate a
33 public school district, the state treasurer shall distribute the funds
34 among the school districts of the state. Expenditures of funds made to
35 public school districts must be approved by the superintendent of the

1 local school district in consultation with the relevant parent
2 organizations.

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