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1            AN ACT Relating to special license plates for funding a baseball  
2 stadium; amending RCW 46.16.301 and 46.16.313; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

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

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

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

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

14            (b) Denote special activities or interests; or

15            (c) Denote the status, or contribution or sacrifice for the United  
16 States, the state of Washington, or the citizens of the state of  
17 Washington, of a registered owner of that vehicle; or

1 (d) Display a depiction of the name and mascot or symbol of a state  
2 university, regional university, or state college as defined in RCW  
3 28B.10.016.

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

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

30 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1995 3rd sp.s. c 1 s 103 are each  
31 amended to read as follows:

32 (1) The department may establish a fee for each type of special  
33 license plates issued under RCW 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c) in an  
34 amount calculated to offset the cost of production of the special  
35 license plates and the administration of this program. The fee shall  
36 not exceed thirty-five dollars and is in addition to all other fees  
37 required to register and license the vehicle for which the plates have  
38 been requested. All such additional special license plate fees

1 collected by the department shall be deposited in the state treasury  
2 and credited to the motor vehicle fund.

3 (2) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
4 application, registration, and renewal registration of a motor vehicle,  
5 the holder of a collegiate license plate shall pay a fee of thirty  
6 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two  
7 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
8 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds, minus  
9 the cost of plate production, shall be remitted to the custody of the  
10 state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The state  
11 treasurer shall credit the funds to the appropriate collegiate license  
12 plate fund as provided in RCW 28B.10.890.

13 ~~((3) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
14 application, registration, and renewal registration of a motor vehicle,  
15 the holder of a special baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee  
16 of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed  
17 two dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for  
18 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining  
19 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to  
20 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments  
21 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as  
22 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary  
23 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW  
24 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds  
25 to the state general fund.))~~

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
28 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
29 immediately.

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