
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5700

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By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Owen, Prince, Heavey, Wood, Kohl and Deccio)

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1 AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle license plates; amending RCW
2 46.16.270; and adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
7 January 1, 2000, all vehicle license plates must have a common
8 background except commercial vehicles as defined in RCW 46.32.005,
9 vehicles originally licensed before January 1, 1987, that are currently
10 owned by the original licensee, and vehicles with special plates
11 designated in RCW 46.16.305 (1) and (3).

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.270 and 1990 c 250 s 32 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 Replacement plates issued after January 1, (~~(1987, will be~~
15 ~~centennial plates as described in RCW 46.16.650)) 2000, must have a
16 common background. The (~~total~~) replacement plate fee including the
17 one dollar per plate centennial plate fee shall be deposited in the
18 motor vehicle fund.~~

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

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