
SENATE BILL 6003

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1 AN ACT Relating to Seattle Reign 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; adding a new section to
4 chapter 28A.150 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that the
7 opportunities, and hence the participation level, of school-age girls
8 in athletics is less than that of boys. Further, the legislature
9 recognizes that the Seattle Reign, Washington state's first women's
10 professional basketball team, has just completed an inspiring inaugural
11 season. To aid the cause of girls in sports, the Seattle Reign license
12 plate is established.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 "Seattle Reign license plates" means license plates that display a
16 symbol of the Seattle Reign, the state's first professional women's
17 basketball team.

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

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

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

10 (b) Denote special activities or interests; or

11 (c) Denote the status, or contribution or sacrifice for the United
12 States, the state of Washington, or the citizens of the state of
13 Washington, of a registered owner of that vehicle; ((or))

14 (d) Display a depiction of the name and mascot or symbol of a state
15 university, regional university, or state college as defined in RCW
16 28B.10.016; or

17 (e) Display a symbol of the Seattle Reign, the state's first
18 professional women's basketball team.

19 (2) The department shall create, design, and issue a special
20 baseball stadium license plate that may be used in lieu of regular or
21 personalized license plates for motor vehicles required to display two
22 motor vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under
23 chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions established by the
24 department. The special plates shall commemorate the construction of
25 a baseball stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485. The department shall
26 also issue to each recipient of a special baseball stadium license
27 plate a certificate of participation in the construction of the
28 baseball stadium.

29 (3) The department has the sole discretion to determine whether or
30 not to create, design, or issue any series of special license plates,
31 other than the special baseball stadium license plate under subsection
32 (2) of this section, and whether any interest or status merits the
33 issuance of a series of special license plates. In making this
34 determination, the department shall consider whether or not an interest
35 or status contributes or has contributed significantly to the public
36 health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of the United States or of
37 this state or to their significant benefit, or whether the interest or
38 status is recognized by the United States, this state, or other states,
39 in other settings or contexts. The department may also consider the

1 potential number of persons who may be eligible for the plates and the
2 cost and efficiency of producing limited numbers of the plates. The
3 design of a special license plate shall conform to all requirements for
4 plates for the type of vehicle for which it is issued, as provided
5 elsewhere in this chapter.

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

8 Beginning January 1, 1998, the department shall issue license
9 plates depicting a symbol of the Seattle Reign.

10 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1996 c 165 s 506 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

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

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

31 (3) Except as set forth under subsection (4) of this section, in
32 addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon application,
33 registration, and renewal registration of a motor vehicle, the holder
34 of a special baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of thirty
35 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
36 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
37 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds, minus

1 the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to a county for the
2 purpose of paying the principal and interest payments on bonds issued
3 by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as defined in RCW
4 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary preconstruction costs, while
5 the taxes are being collected under RCW 82.14.360. After this date,
6 the state treasurer shall credit the funds to the state general fund.

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

20 (5) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
21 application, registration, and renewal registration of a motor vehicle,
22 the holder of a Seattle Reign license plate shall pay a fee of thirty
23 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
24 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
25 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds, minus
26 the cost of plate production, shall be remitted to the custody of the
27 state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The state
28 treasurer shall remit the proceeds to the superintendent of public
29 instruction for grants to fund girls' participation in school sports.
30 The superintendent shall make the proceeds available to girls in
31 kindergarten through twelfth grade. The superintendent shall develop
32 rules to implement this grant program.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 28A.150
34 RCW to read as follows:

35 A Seattle Reign license plate fund is established in the custody of
36 the state treasurer for all receipts from Seattle Reign license plates.

1 The state treasurer shall remit the proceeds on a quarterly basis to
2 the superintendent of public instruction.

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