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1 AN ACT Relating to a special "United We Stand" license plate;  
2 amending RCW 46.16.313 and 46.16.316; adding a new section to chapter  
3 46.04 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 "United We Stand license plates" means license plates created by  
8 the department and the Washington state patrol that display a symbol  
9 that includes the United States flag and the slogan "United We Stand."

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW  
11 to read as follows:

12 The department and the Washington state patrol shall jointly create  
13 and design, and the department shall issue, a special United We Stand  
14 license plate that may be used in lieu of regular or personalized  
15 license plates for motor vehicles required to display two motor vehicle  
16 license plates, excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW,  
17 upon terms and conditions established by the department. The special  
18 plates will celebrate our nation and its flag. The design ultimately

1 selected must include the flag of the United States, using a red,  
2 white, and blue color scheme for the design. The slogan "United We  
3 Stand" must be included in the design.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1997 c 291 s 8 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department may establish a fee of no more than forty  
7 dollars for each type of special license plates issued under RCW  
8 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as existing before amendment by section  
9 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in an amount calculated to offset the  
10 cost of production of the special license plates and the administration  
11 of this program. (~~Until December 31, 1997, the fee shall not exceed~~  
12 ~~thirty five dollars, but effective with vehicle registrations due or to~~  
13 ~~become due on January 1, 1998, the department may adjust the fee to no~~  
14 ~~more than forty dollars.)) This fee is in addition to all other fees  
15 required to register and license the vehicle for which the plates have  
16 been requested. All such additional special license plate fees  
17 collected by the department shall be deposited in the state treasury  
18 and credited to the motor vehicle fund.~~

19 (2) (~~Until December 31, 1997, in addition to all fees and taxes~~  
20 ~~required to be paid upon application, registration, and renewal~~  
21 ~~registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a collegiate license~~  
22 ~~plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct~~  
23 ~~an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this~~  
24 ~~subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.~~  
25 ~~The remaining proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be~~  
26 ~~remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper~~  
27 ~~identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the~~  
28 ~~funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in~~  
29 ~~RCW 28B.10.890.~~

30 (3) ~~Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on~~  
31 ~~January 1, 1998,))~~ In addition to all fees and taxes required to be  
32 paid upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder  
33 of a collegiate license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty  
34 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve  
35 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
36 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall  
37 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper

1 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the  
2 funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in  
3 RCW 28B.10.890.

4 ~~((4) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on~~  
5 ~~January 1, 1999,))~~ (3) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be  
6 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a  
7 collegiate license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The  
8 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee  
9 collected under this subsection for administration and collection  
10 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to  
11 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed  
12 report. The state treasurer shall credit the funds to the appropriate  
13 collegiate license plate fund as provided in RCW 28B.10.890.

14 ~~((5))~~ (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
15 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a  
16 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of  
17 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed  
18 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for  
19 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining  
20 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to  
21 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments  
22 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as  
23 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary  
24 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW  
25 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds  
26 to the state general fund.

27 ~~((6) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on~~  
28 ~~January 1, 1999,))~~ (5) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be  
29 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a  
30 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 shall  
34 be distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and  
35 interest payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball  
36 stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary  
37 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW

1 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds  
2 to the state general fund.

3 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on  
4 January 1, 2004, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
5 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a  
6 "United We Stand" license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty  
7 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve  
8 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
9 and collection expenses incurred by it. The department shall remit the  
10 remaining proceeds to the custody of the state treasurer, who shall  
11 credit the remaining funds to the motor vehicle fund.

12 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January  
13 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
14 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a "United We  
15 Stand" license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty  
16 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two  
17 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
18 and collection expenses incurred by it. The department shall remit the  
19 remaining proceeds to the custody of the state treasurer, who shall  
20 credit the remaining funds to the motor vehicle fund.

21 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16.316 and 1997 c 291 s 10 are each amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 Except as provided in RCW 46.16.305:

24 (1) When a person who has been issued a special license plate or  
25 plates under section 2 of this act or RCW 46.16.301 as it existed  
26 before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, sells,  
27 trades, or otherwise transfers or releases ownership of the vehicle  
28 upon which the special license plate or plates have been displayed, he  
29 or she shall immediately report the transfer of such plate or plates to  
30 an acquired vehicle or vehicle eligible for such plates pursuant to  
31 departmental rule, or he or she shall surrender such plates to the  
32 department immediately if such surrender is required by departmental  
33 rule. If a person applies for a transfer of the plate or plates to  
34 another eligible vehicle, a transfer fee of five dollars shall be  
35 charged in addition to all other applicable fees. Such transfer fees  
36 shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund. Failure to surrender the  
37 plates when required is a traffic infraction.

1           (2) If the special license plate or plates issued by the department  
2 become lost, defaced, damaged, or destroyed, application for a  
3 replacement special license plate or plates shall be made and fees paid  
4 as provided by law for the replacement of regular license plates.

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