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1 AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle license plates; and amending RCW
2 46.16.230.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.230 and 1975 c 25 s 19 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The director shall furnish to all persons making satisfactory
7 application for vehicle license as provided by law, two identical
8 vehicle license number plates each containing the vehicle license
9 number to be displayed on such vehicle as by law required: PROVIDED,
10 That if the vehicle to be licensed is a trailer, semitrailer ~~((or))~~,
11 motorcycle, horseless carriage, or collectors' vehicle as referred to
12 under RCW 46.16.305, only one vehicle license number plate shall be
13 issued for each thereof. The number and plate shall be of such size
14 and color and shall contain such symbols indicative of the registration

1 period for which the same is issued and of the state of Washington, as
2 shall be determined and prescribed by the director. Any vehicle
3 license number plate or plates issued to a dealer shall contain thereon
4 a sufficient and satisfactory indication that such plates have been
5 issued to a dealer in vehicles. All vehicle license number plates may
6 be obtained by the director from the metal working plant of the state
7 penitentiary at Walla Walla or from any source in accordance with
8 existing state of Washington purchasing procedures.

9 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the
10 director may, in his discretion and under such rules and regulations as
11 he may prescribe, adopt a type of vehicle license number plates whereby
12 the same shall be used as long as legible on the vehicle for which
13 issued, with provision for tabs or emblems to be attached thereto or
14 elsewhere on the vehicle to signify renewals, in which event the term
15 "vehicle license number plate" as used in any enactment shall be deemed
16 to include in addition to such plate the tab or emblem signifying
17 renewal except when such plate contains the designation of the current
18 year without reference to any tab or emblem. Renewals shall be
19 effected by the issuance and display of such tab or emblem.