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1 AN ACT Relating to institutions of higher education collegiate
2 license plates; amending RCW 46.16.332; adding new sections to chapter
3 46.16 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW; and repealing RCW
4 46.16.323.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.332 and 1990 c 250 s 9 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) The director may adopt fees to be charged by the department for
9 emblems issued by the department under RCW 46.16.319 ((and 46.16.323)).

10 (2) The fee for each remembrance emblem issued under RCW 46.16.319
11 shall be in an amount sufficient to offset the costs of production of
12 remembrance emblems and the administration of that program by the
13 department plus an amount for use by the department of veterans
14 affairs, not to exceed a total fee of twenty-five dollars per emblem.
15 ((The fee for each special vehicle license plate emblem issued under
16 RCW 46.16.323 shall be an amount sufficient to offset the cost of
17 production of the emblems and of administering the special vehicle
18 license plate emblem program.))

1 (3) The veterans' emblem account is created in the custody of the
2 state treasurer. All receipts by the department from the issuance of
3 remembrance emblems under RCW 46.16.319 shall be deposited into this
4 fund. Expenditures from the fund may be used only for the costs of
5 production of remembrance emblems and administration of the program by
6 the department of licensing, with the balance used only by the
7 department of veterans affairs for projects that pay tribute to those
8 living veterans and to those who have died defending freedom in our
9 nation's wars and conflicts and for the upkeep and operations of
10 existing memorials, as well as for planning, acquiring land for, and
11 constructing future memorials. Only the director of licensing, the
12 director of veterans affairs, or their designees may authorize
13 expenditures from the fund. The fund is subject to allotment
14 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required
15 for expenditures.

16 ~~((4) The special vehicle license plate emblem account is
17 established in the state treasury. Fees collected by the department
18 for emblems issued under RCW 46.16.323 shall be deposited into the
19 special vehicle license plate emblem account to be used only to offset
20 the costs of administering the special vehicle license plate emblem
21 program.))~~

22 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
23 to read as follows:

24 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, as used in sections
25 3 through 5 of this act collegiate license plates means license plates
26 that display a depiction of the name and mascot or symbol of a state
27 university, regional university, or state college as defined in RCW
28 28B.10.016. Collegiate license plates shall consist of numbers and
29 letters not exceeding seven positions as assigned by the department.

30 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
31 to read as follows:

32 Effective January 1, 1995, a state university, regional university,
33 or state college as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 may make application to
34 the department, in a form prescribed by the department, and request the
35 department to issue a series of collegiate license plates depicting the
36 name and mascot or symbol of the college or university.

1 The department and the president of the affected institution of
2 higher education have the responsibility to determine the design and
3 whether to create or issue a requested series of collegiate license
4 plates. A proposed design of the name and mascot or symbol to be used
5 on the collegiate license plate shall be provided by the president of
6 the requesting college or university or the president's designee and
7 shall conform to all requirements of the department for the type of
8 vehicle license plates to be issued. Collegiate license plates issued
9 under this chapter shall be displayed on the department's officially
10 designated mountain background design.

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

13 (1) Any person who is a registered owner of a motor vehicle that is
14 required to display two motor vehicle license plates and is registered
15 with the department, excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87
16 RCW may, upon payment of a fee prescribed in section 5 of this act,
17 apply to the department for collegiate license plates for the vehicle.
18 Application shall be on a form furnished by the department and in the
19 manner prescribed by rule of the director. Such license plates shall
20 be affixed to the motor vehicle in lieu of the regular license plates.

21 (2) Collegiate license plates may only be issued to the registered
22 owner of the motor vehicle on which the license plates will be
23 displayed.

24 (3) An applicant for an initial or renewal collegiate license plate
25 shall file an application on a form and in such manner as the
26 department may prescribe.

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

29 (1) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
30 registration and renewal registration of a motor vehicle issued a
31 collegiate license plate, the owner of the motor vehicle shall pay a
32 fee of thirty dollars for the privilege of owning the collegiate
33 license plate.

34 (2) Collegiate license plates that are not renewed shall be removed
35 from the vehicle and new license plates, applicable to the vehicle,
36 shall be purchased as provided for in this chapter.

1 (3) If a person who has been issued collegiate license plates
2 applies to the department for transfer of such plates to a subsequently
3 acquired eligible motor vehicle a transfer fee of five dollars shall be
4 charged in addition to all other appropriate fees.

5 (4) If a collegiate license plate has been lost, destroyed, stolen,
6 or damaged to the extent it is no longer legible, the applicant shall
7 make application to the department for replacement plates or new
8 license plates applicable for the vehicle and pay a replacement plate
9 fee as provided for in this chapter.

10 (5) The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars
11 of each fee collected in subsection (1) of this section for
12 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
13 proceeds minus the cost of plate production shall be remitted to the
14 custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed
15 report. The state treasurer shall credit the funds to the collegiate
16 license plate accounts as provided for in section 10 of this act.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The collegiate license plate fund program is
18 created.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The purpose of the program created in
20 section 6 of this act is to provide a means for alumni and friends of
21 state colleges and universities to support their respective
22 institutions of higher education both financially and by displaying a
23 collegiate name and mascot or symbol on the license plate of their
24 vehicles.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Unless the context clearly requires
26 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
27 chapter.

28 (1) "College or university" means a state university, regional
29 university, or state college as defined in RCW 28B.10.016.

30 (2) "Collegiate license plate" means a vehicle license plate issued
31 pursuant to sections 2 through 5 of this act.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Each college or university may make
33 application to the department of licensing and request the department
34 to issue a series of collegiate license plates as provided in sections
35 3 through 5 of this act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** (1) A collegiate license plate account is
2 established in the state treasury for each college or university that
3 develops and administers a collegiate license plate program. All
4 receipts from collegiate license plates authorized under sections 2
5 through 5 of this act shall be deposited in the appropriate college or
6 university account and made available to the appropriate college or
7 university.

8 (2) The money credited to each college and university in accordance
9 with subsection (1) of this section each fiscal year shall be used for
10 student scholarships.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** RCW 46.16.323 and 1990 c 250 s 7 are each
12 repealed.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** Sections 6 through 10 of this act shall
14 constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

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