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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  
26 plates that display a depiction of the 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 A state university, regional university, or state college as  
33 defined in RCW 28B.10.016 may make application to the department, in a  
34 form prescribed by the department, and request the department to issue  
35 a series of collegiate license plates depicting the mascot or symbol of  
36 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 mascot or symbol to be used on the  
5 collegiate license plate shall be provided by the president of the  
6 requesting college or university or the president's designee and shall  
7 conform to all requirements of the department for the type of vehicle  
8 license plates to be issued.

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

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

19 (2) Collegiate license plates may only be issued to the registered  
20 owner of the motor vehicle, trailer, or camper on which the license  
21 plates will be displayed.

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

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

27 (1) In addition to the original collegiate license plate  
28 application and annual renewal registration fees and any other fees and  
29 taxes required to be paid upon registration and renewal registration of  
30 a motor vehicle, trailer, or camper issued a collegiate license plate,  
31 the owner of the motor vehicle, trailer, or camper shall pay a fee of  
32 thirty dollars for the privilege of the collegiate license plate. All  
33 collegiate license plates issued to vehicles that are not required to  
34 register or renew registration are required to pay the fee at the time  
35 the owner would ordinarily register or renew the registration if the  
36 motor vehicle, trailer, or camper was not exempt from registration.

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

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

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

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

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The collegiate license plate fund program is  
22 created.

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

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Unless the context clearly requires  
29 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this  
30 chapter.

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

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

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 9.**    Each college or university may make  
2 application to the department of licensing and request the department  
3 to issue a series of collegiate license plates as provided in sections  
4 3 through 5 of this act.

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

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

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

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

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