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**SENATE BILL 5967**

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**By Senators McAuliffe, Johnson, Fraser, Rasmussen and Kohl**

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1            AN ACT Relating to public school license plates; amending RCW  
2 46.16.301 and 46.16.313; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW; and  
3 adding a new section to chapter 46.61 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            "Public school license plates" means license plates that display a  
8 depiction of a symbol of public schools in the state.

9            **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.301 and 1994 c 194 s 2 are each amended to read  
10 as follows:

11            (1) The department may create, design, and issue special license  
12 plates that may be used in lieu of regular or personalized license  
13 plates for motor vehicles required to display two motor vehicle license  
14 plates, excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon  
15 terms and conditions established by the department. The special plates  
16 may:

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

18            (b) Denote special activities or interests; or

1 (c) Denote the status, or contribution or sacrifice for the United  
2 States, the state of Washington, or the citizens of the state of  
3 Washington, of a registered owner of that vehicle; ((~~or~~))

4 (d) Display a depiction of the name and mascot or symbol of a state  
5 university, regional university, or state college as defined in RCW  
6 28B.10.016; or

7 (e) Display a depiction of a symbol of public schools in the state.

8 (2) The department has the sole discretion to determine whether or  
9 not to create, design, or issue any series of special license plates  
10 and whether any interest or status merits the issuance of a series of  
11 special license plates. In making this determination, the department  
12 shall consider whether or not an interest or status contributes or has  
13 contributed significantly to the public health, safety, or welfare of  
14 the citizens of the United States or of this state or to their  
15 significant benefit, or whether the interest or status is recognized by  
16 the United States, this state, or other states, in other settings or  
17 contexts. The department may also consider the potential number of  
18 persons who may be eligible for the plates and the cost and efficiency  
19 of producing limited numbers of the plates. The design of a special  
20 license plate shall conform to all requirements for plates for the type  
21 of vehicle for which it is issued, as provided elsewhere in this  
22 chapter.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.61 RCW  
24 to read as follows:

25 (1) The department, in consultation with the state arts commission,  
26 shall design a public schools license plate based on submissions of  
27 students in public schools.

28 (2) Beginning January 1, 1996, the department shall issue license  
29 plates depicting a symbol of public schools.

30 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1994 c 194 s 4 are each amended to read  
31 as follows:

32 (1) The department may establish a fee for each type of special  
33 license plates issued under RCW 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), ((~~or~~)) (c), or  
34 (d) in an amount calculated to offset the cost of production of the  
35 special license plates and the administration of this program. The fee  
36 shall not exceed thirty-five dollars and is in addition to all other  
37 fees required to register and license the vehicle for which the plates

1 have been requested. All such additional special license plate fees  
2 collected by the department shall be deposited in the state treasury  
3 and credited to the motor vehicle fund.

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

14 (3) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
15 application, registration, and renewal registration of a motor vehicle,  
16 the holder of a public schools license plate shall pay a fee of thirty  
17 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two  
18 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
19 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds, minus  
20 the cost of plate production, shall be remitted to the custody of the  
21 state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. At the time  
22 of application under this subsection, the department shall request the  
23 applicant designate a public school district to be the recipient of  
24 funds from receipts under this subsection. If the applicant does not  
25 select a public school district, the state treasurer shall distribute  
26 funds among the school districts of the state. The state treasurer  
27 shall credit the funds to the appropriate public school district as  
28 selected in this subsection.

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