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1 AN ACT Relating to collegiate license plates; amending RCW
2 46.04.127, 46.16.301, 46.16.324, and 28B.10.890; and providing an
3 effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.04.127 and 1994 c 194 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 "Collegiate license plates" means license plates that display a
8 depiction of the name and mascot or symbol of (~~a state university,~~
9 ~~regional university, or state college~~) an institution of higher
10 education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.301 and 1995 3rd sp.s. c 1 s 102 are each
12 amended to read as follows:

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

- 1 (a) Denote the age or type of vehicle; or
2 (b) Denote special activities or interests; or
3 (c) Denote the status, or contribution or sacrifice for the United
4 States, the state of Washington, or the citizens of the state of
5 Washington, of a registered owner of that vehicle; or
6 (d) Display a depiction of the name and mascot or symbol of a state
7 (~~(university, regional university, or state college)~~) institution of
8 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016.

9 (2) The department shall create, design, and issue a special
10 baseball stadium license plate that may be used in lieu of regular or
11 personalized license plates for motor vehicles required to display two
12 motor vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under
13 chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions established by the
14 department. The special plates shall commemorate the construction of
15 a baseball stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485. The department shall
16 also issue to each recipient of a special baseball stadium license
17 plate a certificate of participation in the construction of the
18 baseball stadium.

19 (3) The department has the sole discretion to determine whether or
20 not to create, design, or issue any series of special license plates,
21 other than the special baseball stadium license plate under subsection
22 (2) of this section, and whether any interest or status merits the
23 issuance of a series of special license plates. In making this
24 determination, the department shall consider whether or not an interest
25 or status contributes or has contributed significantly to the public
26 health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of the United States or of
27 this state or to their significant benefit, or whether the interest or
28 status is recognized by the United States, this state, or other states,
29 in other settings or contexts. The department may also consider the
30 potential number of persons who may be eligible for the plates and the
31 cost and efficiency of producing limited numbers of the plates. The
32 design of a special license plate shall conform to all requirements for
33 plates for the type of vehicle for which it is issued, as provided
34 elsewhere in this chapter.

35 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.16.324 and 1994 c 194 s 3 are each amended to read
36 as follows:

37 (~~(Effective January 1, 1995, a state university, regional~~
38 ~~university, or)) A state ((college)) institution of higher education as~~

1 defined in RCW 28B.10.016 may apply to the department, in a form
2 prescribed by the department, and request the department to issue a
3 series of collegiate license plates depicting the name and mascot or
4 symbol of the ((college or university)) institution, as submitted and
5 approved for use by the requesting institution.

6 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.10.890 and 1994 c 194 s 7 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 A collegiate license plate fund is established in the custody of
9 the state treasurer for each ((college or university)) institution of
10 higher education with a collegiate license plate program approved by
11 the department ((of licensing)) of licensing under RCW 46.16.324.
12 All receipts from collegiate license plates authorized under RCW
13 46.16.301 shall be deposited in the appropriate local ((college or
14 university)) institution nonappropriated, nonallotted fund.
15 Expenditures from the funds may be used only for student scholarships.
16 Only the president of the ((college or university)) institution of
17 higher education or the president's designee may authorize expenditures
18 from the fund.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act takes effect January 1, 1997, but
20 the department of licensing and the appropriate authorities of the
21 various institutions of higher education may take such action before
22 that date to allow for its full implementation upon that date.

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