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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that good
8 language skills are essential for productive adults and that public
9 schools in the state of Washington provide trained speech pathologists
10 to assist children who lack adequate verbal communication skills to
11 compete successfully in the challenges of securing an education. It
12 recognizes that the task of teaching students to speak well is a
13 formidable one and sees shrinking public funding as an obstacle in
14 providing sufficient professional staff to realize that goal. It
15 further recognizes that professionally trained and nationally certified
16 speech pathologists are provided at no cost by nonprofit charitable
17 organizations to preschool and school-age children. To aid the public
18 schools in teaching essential speech skills, a "Help Kids Speak"
19 license plate is established.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW
21 to read as follows:

22 "Help Kids Speak license plates" means license plates that display
23 a symbol of a nonprofit, charitable organization that provides no-fee
24 nationally certified speech pathologists to teach youngsters to speak.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
26 to read as follows:

27 In cooperation with the Washington state patrol and the department
28 of licensing, the sponsors of the "Help Kids Speak" program shall
29 create and design, and the department shall issue, a special license
30 plate displaying a symbol of a nonprofit charitable organization and
31 the words "Help Kids Speak" that may be used in lieu of regular or
32 personalized license plates for motor vehicles required to display two
33 motor vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under
34 chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions established by the

1 department. The special plates will commemorate the "Help Kids Speak"
2 organization.

3 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1997 c 291 s 8 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) The department may establish a fee for each type of special
6 license plates issued under RCW 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as
7 existing before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in
8 an amount calculated to offset the cost of production of the special
9 license plates and the administration of this program. ~~((Until~~
10 ~~December 31, 1997,))~~ The fee shall not exceed ~~((thirty five dollars,~~
11 ~~but effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on~~
12 ~~January 1, 1998, the department may adjust the fee to no more than))~~
13 forty dollars. This fee is in addition to all other fees required to
14 register and license the vehicle for which the plates have been
15 requested. All such additional special license plate fees collected by
16 the department shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to
17 the motor vehicle fund.

18 (2) ~~((Until December 31, 1997, in addition to all fees and taxes~~
19 ~~required to be paid upon application, registration, and renewal~~
20 ~~registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a collegiate license~~
21 ~~plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct~~
22 ~~an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this~~
23 ~~subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.~~
24 ~~The remaining proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be~~
25 ~~remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper~~
26 ~~identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the~~
27 ~~funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in~~
28 ~~RCW 28B.10.890.~~

29 (3) ~~Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on~~
30 ~~January 1, 1998,))~~ In addition to all fees and taxes required to be
31 paid upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder
32 of a collegiate license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty
33 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve
34 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
35 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
36 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
37 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the

1 funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in
2 RCW 28B.10.890.

3 ~~((4))~~ (3) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on
4 January 1, 1999, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
5 upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a
6 collegiate license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The
7 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee
8 collected under this subsection for administration and collection
9 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to
10 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed
11 report. The state treasurer shall credit the funds to the appropriate
12 collegiate license plate fund as provided in RCW 28B.10.890.

13 ~~((5))~~ (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
14 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
15 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of
16 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
17 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
18 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
19 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to
20 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments
21 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as
22 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
23 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
24 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
25 to the state general fund.

26 ~~((6))~~ (5) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on
27 January 1, 1999, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
28 upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a special
29 baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The
30 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee
31 collected under this subsection for administration and collection
32 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be distributed
33 to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest
34 payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium,
35 as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
36 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
37 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
38 to the state general fund.

1 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
2 January 1, 2003, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
3 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
4 "Help Kids Speak" license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty
5 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve
6 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
7 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
8 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
9 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the
10 proceeds to the "Help Kids Speak" license plate account established
11 under section 5 of this act.

12 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
13 1, 2004, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
14 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a "Help Kids
15 Speak" license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty
16 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
17 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
18 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
19 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
20 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the
21 funds to the "Help Kids Speak" license plate account established under
22 section 5 of this act.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 (1) The "Help Kids Speak" program is created. The purpose of the
26 program is to provide grants to nonprofit, charitable organizations,
27 incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington that do not
28 discriminate in any way, and that provide nationally certified speech
29 pathologists on a no-fee basis to youngsters, regardless of their
30 economic status, whether enrolled in a public, private, or home school,
31 of preschool or school age, and who have displayed a lack of verbal
32 communication skills; including in the grant application a finding that
33 there is, on staff of the nonprofit, charitable organization,
34 nationally certified speech pathologists trained in the techniques of
35 teaching youngsters essential communication skills. The superintendent
36 of public instruction shall administer the grant program.

37 (2) The "Help Kids Speak" license plate account is established in
38 the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts, except as provided

1 in RCW 46.16.313 (6) and (7), from "Help Kids Speak" license plates
2 must be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the account may
3 be used only to fund the grant program under subsection (1) of this
4 section. Only the superintendent of public instruction or the
5 superintendent's designee may authorize expenditures from the account.
6 The account is not subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88
7 RCW, and no appropriation is required for expenditures.

8 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.16.305 and 1997 c 291 s 6 and 1997 c 241 s 10 are
9 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

10 The department shall continue to issue the categories of special
11 plates issued by the department under the sections repealed under
12 section 12 (1) through (7), chapter 250, Laws of 1990. Special license
13 plates issued under those repealed sections before January 1, 1991, are
14 valid to the extent and under the conditions provided in those repealed
15 sections. The following conditions, limitations, or requirements apply
16 to certain special license plates issued after January 1, 1991:

17 (1) A horseless carriage plate and a plate or plates issued for
18 collectors' vehicles more than thirty years old, upon payment of the
19 initial fees required by law and the additional special license plate
20 fee established by the department, are valid for the life of the
21 vehicle for which application is approved by the department. When a
22 single plate is issued, it shall be displayed on the rear of the
23 vehicle.

24 (2) The department may issue special license plates denoting
25 amateur radio operator status only to persons having a valid official
26 radio operator license issued by the federal communications commission.

27 (3) The department shall issue one set of special license plates to
28 each resident of this state who has been awarded the Congressional
29 Medal of Honor for use on a passenger vehicle registered to that
30 person. The department shall issue the plate without the payment of
31 licensing fees and motor vehicle excise tax.

32 (4) The department may issue for use on only one motor vehicle
33 owned by the qualified applicant special license plates denoting that
34 the recipient of the plate is a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor
35 on December 7, 1941, to persons meeting all of the following criteria:

36 (a) Is a resident of this state;

37 (b) Was a member of the United States Armed Forces on December 7,
38 1941;

1 (c) Was on station on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55
2 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Hawaii time at Pearl Harbor, the island of Oahu, or
3 offshore at a distance not to exceed three miles;

4 (d) Received an honorable discharge from the United States Armed
5 Forces; and

6 (e) Is certified by a Washington state chapter of the Pearl Harbor
7 survivors association as satisfying the qualifications in (c) of this
8 subsection.

9 The department may issue such plates to the surviving spouse of any
10 deceased Pearl Harbor survivor who met the requirements of this
11 subsection. If the surviving spouse remarries, he or she shall return
12 the special plates to the department within fifteen days and apply for
13 regular plates. The surviving spouse must be a resident of this state.

14 The department shall issue these plates upon payment by the
15 applicant of all other license fees, but the department may not set or
16 charge an additional fee for these special license plates.

17 (5)(a) The department shall issue one set of special license plates
18 to each resident of this state who has been awarded the law enforcement
19 medal of honor under chapter 41.72 RCW for use on a passenger vehicle
20 registered to that person.

21 (b) The department may issue these plates to the surviving spouse
22 of any person awarded the law enforcement medal of honor posthumously.
23 If the surviving spouse remarries, he or she shall return the special
24 plates to the department within fifteen days and apply for regular
25 plates. The surviving spouse must be a resident of this state.

26 (6) The department shall replace, free of charge, special license
27 plates issued under subsections (3) and (4) of this section if they are
28 lost, stolen, damaged, defaced, or destroyed. Such plates shall remain
29 with the persons upon transfer or other disposition of the vehicle for
30 which they were initially issued, and may be used on another vehicle
31 registered to the recipient in accordance with the provisions of RCW
32 46.16.316(1)."

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36 In line 1 of the title, after "plates;" strike the remainder of the
37 title and insert "amending RCW 46.16.313; reenacting and amending RCW

1 46.16.305; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW; adding a new
2 section to chapter 46.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300
3 RCW; and creating a new section."

EFFECT: Technical changes made to effective dates due to the
passage in time from the 2001 session.

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