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1 AN ACT Relating to United We Stand license plates; amending RCW
2 46.16.313, 46.16.233, and 46.16.290; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 46.16 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 46.16 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The department and the Washington state patrol shall jointly create
8 and design, and the department shall issue a special United We Stand
9 license plate that may be used in lieu of regular or personalized
10 license plates for motor vehicles required to display two motor vehicle
11 license plates, excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW,
12 upon terms and conditions established by the department. The special
13 plates will celebrate our nation and its flag. The design ultimately
14 selected shall include the flag of the United States, using a red,
15 white, and blue color scheme for the design. The slogan "United We
16 Stand" must be included within the design.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1997 c 291 s 8 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

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

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

24 ~~(3) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
25 January 1, 1998,))~~ In addition to all fees and taxes required to be
26 paid upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder
27 of a collegiate license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty
28 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve
29 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
30 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
31 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
32 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the
33 funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in
34 RCW 28B.10.890.

35 ~~((4) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on
36 January 1, 1999,))~~ (3) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be
37 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a
38 collegiate license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The
39 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee

1 collected under this subsection for administration and collection
2 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to
3 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed
4 report. The state treasurer shall credit the funds to the appropriate
5 collegiate license plate fund as provided in RCW 28B.10.890.

6 ~~((+5))~~ (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
7 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
8 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of
9 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
10 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
11 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
12 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to
13 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments
14 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as
15 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
16 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
17 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
18 to the state general fund.

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

32 (6) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
33 1, 2003, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
34 application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a United
35 We Stand license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty dollars. The
36 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve dollars of each
37 fee collected under this subsection for administration and collection
38 expenses incurred by it. The department shall remit the remaining

1 proceeds to the custody of the state treasurer, who shall credit the
2 remaining funds to the motor vehicle fund.

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.16.233 and 2000 c 37 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Except for those license plates issued under RCW 46.16.305(1)
6 before January 1, 1987, under RCW 46.16.305(3), under section 1 of this
7 act, and to commercial vehicles with a gross weight in excess of
8 twenty-six thousand pounds, effective with vehicle registrations due or
9 to become due on January 1, 2001, all vehicle license plates must be
10 issued on a standard background, as designated by the department.
11 Additionally, to ensure maximum legibility and reflectivity, the
12 department shall periodically provide for the replacement of license
13 plates, except for commercial vehicles with a gross weight in excess of
14 twenty-six thousand pounds. Frequency of replacement shall be
15 established in accordance with empirical studies documenting the
16 longevity of the reflective materials used to make license plates.

17 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16.290 and 1997 c 291 s 4 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 In any case of a valid sale or transfer of the ownership of any
20 vehicle, the right to the certificates properly transferable therewith,
21 except as provided in RCW 46.16.280, and to the vehicle license plates
22 passes to the purchaser or transferee. It is unlawful for the holder
23 of such certificates, except as provided in RCW 46.16.280, or vehicle
24 license plates to fail, neglect, or refuse to endorse the certificates
25 and deliver the vehicle license plates to the purchaser or transferee.
26 If the sale or transfer is of a vehicle licensed by the state or any
27 county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision
28 entitled to exemption as provided by law, or, if the vehicle is
29 licensed with personalized plates, amateur radio operator plates, medal
30 of honor plates, disabled person plates, disabled veteran plates,
31 prisoner of war plates, United We Stand plates, or other special
32 license plates issued under RCW 46.16.301 as it existed before
33 amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, the vehicle license
34 plates therefor shall be retained and may be displayed upon a vehicle
35 obtained in replacement of the vehicle so sold or transferred.

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