

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6248

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President of the Senate

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**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6248** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

Approved

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Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles and Kline)

READ FIRST TIME 02/04/2002.

1 AN ACT Relating to funding bicycle and pedestrian safety; adding a
2 new section to chapter 46.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.16
3 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that bicycling and
6 walking are becoming increasingly popular in Washington as clean and
7 efficient modes of transportation, as recreational activities, and as
8 organized sports. Future plans for the state's transportation system
9 will require increased access and safety for bicycles and pedestrians
10 on our common roadways, and federal transportation legislation and
11 funding programs have created strong incentives to implement these
12 changes quickly. As a result, many more people are likely to take up
13 bicycling in Washington both as a leisure activity and as a convenient,
14 inexpensive form of transportation. Bicyclists are more vulnerable to
15 injury and accident than motorists, and both should be knowledgeable
16 about traffic laws. Bicyclists should be highly visible and
17 predictable when riding in traffic, and be encouraged to wear bicycle
18 safety helmets. Hundreds of bicyclists and pedestrians are seriously
19 injured every year in accidents, and millions of dollars are spent on

1 health care costs associated with these accidents. There is clear
2 evidence that organized training in the rules and techniques of safe
3 and effective cycling can significantly reduce the incidence of serious
4 injury and accidents, increase cooperation among road users, and
5 significantly increase the incidence of bicycle helmet use,
6 particularly among minors. A reduction in accidents benefits the
7 entire community. Therefore, it is appropriate for businesses and
8 community organizations to provide donations to bicycle and pedestrian
9 safety training programs.

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

12 "Cooper Jones Act license plate emblems" means emblems on valid
13 Washington license plates that display the symbol of bicycle safety
14 created in section 3 of this act.

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

17 In cooperation with the Washington state patrol and the department
18 of licensing, the traffic safety commission shall create and design,
19 and the department shall issue, Cooper Jones license plate emblems
20 displaying a symbol of bicycle safety that may be used on motor
21 vehicles required to display two motor vehicle license plates,
22 excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and
23 conditions established by the department. These license plate emblems
24 will fund the Cooper Jones act and provide funding for bicyclist and
25 pedestrian safety education, enforcement, and encouragement.

26 Any person may purchase Cooper Jones license plate emblems. The
27 emblems are to be displayed on the vehicle license plates in the manner
28 described by the department, existing vehicular licensing procedures,
29 and current laws. The fee for Cooper Jones emblems shall be twenty-
30 five dollars. All moneys collected shall first go to the department to
31 be deposited into the motor vehicle fund until all expenses of
32 designing and producing the emblems are recovered. Thereafter, the
33 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed five dollars of each
34 fee collected for Cooper Jones emblems for administration and
35 collection expenses. The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to the
36 custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed

1 report. The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the bicycle
2 and pedestrian safety account as established in RCW 43.59.150.

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