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1 AN ACT Relating to a special "Help Kids Speak" license plate;  
2 amending RCW 46.16.313 and 46.16.316; adding a new section to chapter  
3 46.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW; adding a new  
4 section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

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

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

3        "Help Kids Speak license plates" means license plates that display  
4 a symbol of a nonprofit, charitable organization that provides no-fee  
5 nationally certified speech pathologists to teach children to speak.

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

8        In cooperation with the Washington state patrol and the department  
9 of licensing, the sponsors of the "Help Kids Speak" program shall  
10 create and design, and the department shall issue, a special license  
11 plate displaying a symbol of a nonprofit charitable organization and  
12 the words "Help Kids Speak" that may be used in lieu of regular or  
13 personalized license plates for motor vehicles required to display two  
14 motor vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under  
15 chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions established by the  
16 department. The special plates will commemorate the "Help Kids Speak"  
17 organization.

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

20        (1) The department may establish a fee of no more than forty  
21 dollars for each type of special license plates issued under RCW  
22 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as existing before amendment by section  
23 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in an amount calculated to offset the  
24 cost of production of the special license plates and the administration  
25 of this program. (~~Until December 31, 1997, the fee shall not exceed~~  
26 ~~thirty five dollars, but effective with vehicle registrations due or to~~  
27 ~~become due on January 1, 1998, the department may adjust the fee to no~~  
28 ~~more than forty dollars.)) This fee is in addition to all other fees  
29 required to register and license the vehicle for which the plates have  
30 been requested. All such additional special license plate fees  
31 collected by the department shall be deposited in the state treasury  
32 and credited to the motor vehicle fund.~~

33        (2) (~~Until December 31, 1997, in addition to all fees and taxes~~  
34 ~~required to be paid upon application, registration, and renewal~~  
35 ~~registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a collegiate license~~  
36 ~~plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct~~

1 ~~an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this~~  
2 ~~subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.~~  
3 ~~The remaining proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be~~  
4 ~~remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper~~  
5 ~~identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the~~  
6 ~~funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in~~  
7 ~~RCW 28B.10.890.~~

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

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

29 ~~((5))~~ (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
30 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a  
31 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of  
32 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed  
33 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for  
34 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining  
35 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to  
36 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments  
37 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as  
38 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary

1 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW  
2 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds  
3 to the state general fund.

4 ~~((6) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on~~  
5 ~~January 1, 1999,))~~ (5) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be  
6 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a  
7 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of thirty  
8 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two  
9 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
10 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall  
11 be distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and  
12 interest payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball  
13 stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary  
14 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW  
15 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds  
16 to the state general fund.

17 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on  
18 January 1, 2004, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
19 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a  
20 "Help Kids Speak" license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty  
21 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve  
22 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
23 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be  
24 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper  
25 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the  
26 proceeds to the "Help Kids Speak" license plate account established  
27 under section 5 of this act.

28 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January  
29 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
30 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a "Help Kids  
31 Speak" license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty  
32 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two  
33 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
34 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be  
35 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper  
36 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the  
37 funds to the "Help Kids Speak" license plate account established under  
38 section 5 of this act.



1 charged in addition to all other applicable fees. Such transfer fees  
2 shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund. Failure to surrender the  
3 plates when required is a traffic infraction.

4 (2) If the special license plate or plates issued by the department  
5 become lost, defaced, damaged, or destroyed, application for a  
6 replacement special license plate or plates shall be made and fees paid  
7 as provided by law for the replacement of regular license plates.

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