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

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

9 "Collegiate license plates" means license plates that display a
10 depiction of the name and mascot or symbol of a state university,
11 regional university, or state college as defined in RCW 28B.10.016.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.301 and 1990 c 250 s 1 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

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

21 (a) Denote the age or type of vehicle; or ~~((may))~~

22 (b) Denote special activities or interests~~((,))~~; or

23 (c) Denote the status, or contribution or sacrifice for the United
24 States, the state of Washington, or the citizens of the state of
25 Washington, of a registered owner of that vehicle; or

26 (d) Display a depiction of the name and mascot or symbol of a state
27 university, regional university, or state college as defined in RCW
28 28B.10.016.

29 (2) The department has the sole discretion to determine whether or
30 not to create, design, or issue any series of special license plates
31 and whether any ~~((activity,~~) interest or status~~((, contribution, or~~
32 ~~sacrifice))~~ merits the issuance of a series of special license plates.
33 In making this determination, the department shall consider whether or
34 not an ~~((activity or))~~ interest ~~((proposed))~~ or status contributes or
35 has contributed significantly to the public health, safety, or welfare

1 of the citizens of the United States or of this state or to their
2 significant benefit, or whether the ((activity,)) interest((,
3 contribution, or sacrifice)) or status is recognized by the United
4 States, this state, or other states, in other settings or contexts.
5 The department may also consider the potential number of persons who
6 may be eligible for the plates and the cost and efficiency of producing
7 limited numbers of the plates. The design of a special license plate
8 shall conform to all requirements for plates for the type of vehicle
9 for which it is issued, as provided elsewhere in this chapter.

10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 Effective January 1, 1995, a state university, regional university,
13 or state college as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 may apply to the
14 department, in a form prescribed by the department, and request the
15 department to issue a series of collegiate license plates depicting the
16 name and mascot or symbol of the college or university, as submitted
17 and approved for use by the requesting institution.

18 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1990 c 250 s 4 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 (1) The department may establish a fee for ((the issuance of)) each
21 type of special license ((plate or)) plates issued under RCW
22 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c) in an amount calculated to offset the
23 cost of production of the special license ((plate or)) plates and the
24 administration of this program. The fee shall not exceed thirty-five
25 dollars and is in addition to all other fees required to register and
26 license the vehicle for which the plates have been requested. All such
27 additional special license plate fees collected by the department shall
28 be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the motor vehicle
29 fund.

30 (2) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
31 application, registration, and renewal registration of a motor vehicle,
32 the holder of a collegiate license plate shall pay a fee of thirty
33 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
34 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
35 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds, minus
36 the cost of plate production, shall be remitted to the custody of the
37 state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The state

1 treasurer shall credit the funds to the appropriate collegiate license
2 plate fund as provided in section 7 of this act.

3 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.16.332 and 1990 c 250 s 9 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) The director may adopt fees to be charged by the department for
6 emblems issued by the department under RCW 46.16.319 ((and 46.16.323)).

7 (2) The fee for each remembrance emblem issued under RCW 46.16.319
8 shall be in an amount sufficient to offset the costs of production of
9 remembrance emblems and the administration of that program by the
10 department plus an amount for use by the department of veterans
11 affairs, not to exceed a total fee of twenty-five dollars per emblem.
12 ((The fee for each special vehicle license plate emblem issued under
13 RCW 46.16.323 shall be an amount sufficient to offset the cost of
14 production of the emblems and of administering the special vehicle
15 license plate emblem program.))

16 (3) The veterans' emblem account is created in the custody of the
17 state treasurer. All receipts by the department from the issuance of
18 remembrance emblems under RCW 46.16.319 shall be deposited into this
19 fund. Expenditures from the fund may be used only for the costs of
20 production of remembrance emblems and administration of the program by
21 the department of licensing, with the balance used only by the
22 department of veterans affairs for projects that pay tribute to those
23 living veterans and to those who have died defending freedom in our
24 nation's wars and conflicts and for the upkeep and operations of
25 existing memorials, as well as for planning, acquiring land for, and
26 constructing future memorials. Only the director of licensing, the
27 director of veterans affairs, or their designees may authorize
28 expenditures from the fund. The fund is subject to allotment
29 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required
30 for expenditures.

31 ((4) The special vehicle license plate emblem account is
32 established in the state treasury. Fees collected by the department
33 for emblems issued under RCW 46.16.323 shall be deposited into the
34 special vehicle license plate emblem account to be used only to offset
35 the costs of administering the special vehicle license plate emblem
36 program.))

1 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.16.381 and 1993 c 106 s 1 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) The director shall grant special parking privileges to any
4 person who has a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk
5 and meets one of the following criteria, as determined by a licensed
6 physician:

7 (a) Cannot walk two hundred feet without stopping to rest;

8 (b) Is severely limited in ability to walk due to arthritic,
9 neurological, or orthopedic condition;

10 (c) Is so severely disabled, that the person cannot walk without
11 the use of or assistance from a brace, cane, another person, prosthetic
12 device, wheelchair, or other assistive device;

13 (d) Uses portable oxygen;

14 (e) Is restricted by lung disease to such an extent that forced
15 expiratory respiratory volume, when measured by spirometry is less than
16 one liter per second or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty
17 mm/hg on room air at rest;

18 (f) Impairment by cardiovascular disease or cardiac condition to
19 the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified as
20 class III or IV under standards accepted by the American Heart
21 Association; or

22 (g) Has a disability resulting from an acute sensitivity to
23 automobile emissions which limits or impairs the ability to walk. The
24 personal physician of the applicant shall document that the disability
25 is comparable in severity to the others listed in this subsection.

26 (2) Persons who qualify for special parking privileges are entitled
27 to receive from the department of licensing a removable windshield
28 placard bearing the international symbol of access. The department
29 shall design the placard to be displayed when the vehicle is parked by
30 suspending it from the rearview mirror, or in the absence of a rearview
31 mirror the card may be displayed on the dashboard of any vehicle used
32 to transport the disabled person. Instead of regular motor vehicle
33 license plates, disabled persons are entitled to receive special
34 license plates bearing the international symbol of access for one
35 vehicle registered in the disabled person's name. Disabled persons who
36 are not issued the special license plates are entitled to receive a
37 second special placard. Persons who have been issued the parking
38 privileges and who are using a vehicle or are riding in a vehicle
39 displaying the special license plates or placard may park in places

1 reserved for mobility disabled persons. The director shall adopt rules
2 providing for the issuance of special placards and license plates to
3 public transportation authorities, nursing homes licensed under chapter
4 18.51 RCW, boarding homes licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW, senior
5 citizen centers, ~~((and))~~ private nonprofit agencies as defined in
6 chapter 24.03 RCW, and vehicles registered with the department as
7 cabulances that regularly transport disabled persons who have been
8 determined eligible for special parking privileges provided under this
9 section. The director may issue special license plates for a vehicle
10 registered in the name of the public transportation authority, nursing
11 home, boarding homes, senior citizen center, ~~((or))~~ private nonprofit
12 agency, or cabulance service if the vehicle is primarily used to
13 transport persons with disabilities described in this section. Public
14 transportation authorities, nursing homes, boarding homes, senior
15 citizen centers, ~~((and))~~ private nonprofit agencies, and cabulance
16 services are responsible for insuring that the special placards and
17 license plates are not used improperly and are responsible for all
18 fines and penalties for improper use.

19 (3) Whenever the disabled person transfers or assigns his or her
20 interest in the vehicle, the special license plates shall be removed
21 from the motor vehicle. If another vehicle is acquired by the disabled
22 person and the vehicle owner qualifies for a special plate, the plate
23 shall be attached to the vehicle, and the director shall be immediately
24 notified of the transfer of the plate. If another vehicle is not
25 acquired by the disabled person, the removed plate shall be immediately
26 surrendered to the director.

27 (4) The special license plate shall be renewed in the same manner
28 and at the time required for the renewal of regular motor vehicle
29 license plates under this chapter. No special license plate may be
30 issued to a person who is temporarily disabled. A person who has a
31 condition expected to improve within six months may be issued a
32 temporary placard for a period not to exceed six months. The director
33 may issue a second temporary placard during that period if requested by
34 the person who is temporarily disabled. If the condition exists after
35 six months a new temporary placard shall be issued upon receipt of a
36 new certification from the disabled person's physician. The parking
37 placard of a disabled person shall be renewed, when required by the
38 director, by satisfactory proof of the right to continued use of the
39 privileges.

1 (5) Additional fees shall not be charged for the issuance of the
2 special placards. No additional fee may be charged for the issuance of
3 the special license plates except the regular motor vehicle
4 registration fee and any other fees and taxes required to be paid upon
5 registration of a motor vehicle.

6 (6) Any unauthorized use of the special placard or the special
7 license plate is a misdemeanor.

8 (7) It is a traffic infraction, with a monetary penalty of fifty
9 dollars for any person to park a vehicle in a parking place provided on
10 private property without charge or on public property reserved for
11 physically disabled persons without a special license plate or placard.
12 If a person is charged with a violation, the person shall not be
13 determined to have committed an infraction if the person produces in
14 court or before the court appearance the special license plate or
15 placard required under this section. A local jurisdiction providing
16 on-street parking places reserved for physically disabled persons may
17 impose by ordinance time restrictions on the use of these parking
18 places.

19 (8) The portion of a penalty imposed under subsection (7) of this
20 section that is retained by a local jurisdiction under RCW 3.46.120,
21 3.50.100, 3.62.020, 3.62.040, or 35.20.220 shall be used by that local
22 jurisdiction exclusively for law enforcement. The court may also
23 impose an additional penalty sufficient to reimburse the local
24 jurisdiction for any costs it may have incurred in removal and storage
25 of the improperly parked vehicle.

26 (9) It is a misdemeanor for any person to willfully obtain a
27 special license plate or placard in a manner other than that
28 established under this section.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 A collegiate license plate fund is established in the custody of
32 the state treasurer for each college or university with a collegiate
33 license plate program approved by the department under section 3 of
34 this act. All receipts from collegiate license plates authorized under
35 RCW 46.16.301 shall be deposited in the appropriate local college or
36 university nonappropriated, nonallotted fund. Expenditures from the
37 funds may be used only for student scholarships. Only the president of

1 the college or university or the president's designee may authorize
2 expenditures from the fund.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** By January 1, 1996, the department of
4 licensing shall report to the legislative transportation committee
5 regarding the number of colleges or universities issued a collegiate
6 license plate series, and the total number of collegiate plates issued
7 for each participating college or university.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** RCW 46.16.323 and 1990 c 250 s 7 are each
9 repealed."

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13 In line 2 of the title, after "plates;" strike the remainder of the
14 title and insert "amending RCW 46.16.301, 46.16.313, 46.16.332, and
15 46.16.381; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW; adding a new
16 section to chapter 46.16 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.10
17 RCW; creating a new section; repealing RCW 46.16.323; and prescribing
18 penalties."

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