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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5000**

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**By** Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Rossi, Hochstatter and Patterson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to salmon species enrichment license plates;  
2 amending RCW 46.16.313, 46.16.233, and 46.16.290; adding a new section  
3 to chapter 46.16 RCW; and adding new sections to chapter 75.46 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, the Washington state patrol, and the department of  
8 fish and wildlife shall jointly create, design, and issue a special  
9 salmon license plate that may be used in lieu of regular or  
10 personalized license plates for motor vehicles required to display two  
11 motor vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under  
12 chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions established by the  
13 department. The special plates will observe the importance of salmonid  
14 to Washington state and help fund the restoration of salmon and  
15 steelhead species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 75.46 RCW  
17 to read as follows:

1 The salmon species enrichment license fees account is created in  
2 the state treasury. All receipts from salmon species enrichment  
3 license fees, less the administration and collection costs incurred by  
4 the department under RCW 46.16.313 (6) and (7) must be deposited into  
5 the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after  
6 appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only for the  
7 preservation, protection, perpetuation, and enhancement of salmon  
8 species.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 75.46 RCW  
10 to read as follows:

11 (1) On an annual basis, the department of fish and wildlife shall  
12 solicit, from the public and private sector, proposed salmon  
13 preservation, protection, perpetuation, and enhancement projects and  
14 prioritize projects it recommends for funding from the salmon species  
15 enrichment license fees account by giving preference to projects that:

- 16 (a) Provide a greater benefit to salmon recovery;  
17 (b) Will be implemented in a more critical area;  
18 (c) Are the most cost-effective;  
19 (d) Have the greatest matched or in-kind funding; and  
20 (e) Will be implemented by a sponsor with a successful record of  
21 implementation.

22 (2) In selecting such projects, the department shall attempt to  
23 assure a geographical balance in assigning priorities to projects.

24 (3) On an annual basis, the department shall report to the  
25 legislature on its selection process and the projects recommended for  
26 funding. The legislature, in its sole discretion, shall select and  
27 make appropriations for salmon preservation, protection, perpetuation,  
28 and enhancement projects from the salmon species enrichment license  
29 fees account.

30 (4) The department may adopt rules necessary to implement this  
31 section.

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

34 (1) The department may establish a fee for each type of special  
35 license plates issued under RCW 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as  
36 existing before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in  
37 an amount calculated to offset the cost of production of the special

1 license plates and the administration of this program. Until December  
2 31, 1997, the fee shall not exceed thirty-five dollars, but effective  
3 with vehicle registrations due or to become due on January 1, 1998, the  
4 department may adjust the fee to no more than forty dollars. This fee  
5 is in addition to all other fees required to register and license the  
6 vehicle for which the plates have been requested. All such additional  
7 special license plate fees collected by the department shall be  
8 deposited in the state treasury and credited to the motor vehicle fund.

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

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

31 ~~((4) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on~~  
32 ~~January 1, 1999,)) (3) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be~~  
33 ~~paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a~~  
34 ~~collegiate license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The~~  
35 ~~department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee~~  
36 ~~collected under this subsection for administration and collection~~  
37 ~~expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to~~  
38 ~~the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed~~

1 report. The state treasurer shall credit the funds to the appropriate  
2 collegiate license plate fund as provided in RCW 28B.10.890.

3 ~~((5))~~ (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
4 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a  
5 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of  
6 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed  
7 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for  
8 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining  
9 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to  
10 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments  
11 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as  
12 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary  
13 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW  
14 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds  
15 to the state general fund.

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

29 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on  
30 January 1, 2000, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
31 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a  
32 salmon license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty dollars. The  
33 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve dollars of each  
34 fee collected under this subsection for administration and collection  
35 expenses incurred by it. The department shall remit the remaining  
36 proceeds to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper  
37 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the  
38 funds to the salmon species enrichment license fees account.

1       (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January  
2 1, 2000, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
3 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a salmon license  
4 plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct  
5 an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this  
6 subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.  
7 The department shall remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the  
8 state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The state  
9 treasurer shall credit the funds to the salmon species enrichment  
10 license fees account.

11       **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.16.233 and 1997 c 291 s 2 are each amended to read  
12 as follows:

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

24       **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.16.290 and 1997 c 291 s 4 are each amended to read  
25 as follows:

26       In any case of a valid sale or transfer of the ownership of any  
27 vehicle, the right to the certificates properly transferable therewith,  
28 except as provided in RCW 46.16.280, and to the vehicle license plates  
29 passes to the purchaser or transferee. It is unlawful for the holder  
30 of such certificates, except as provided in RCW 46.16.280, or vehicle  
31 license plates to fail, neglect, or refuse to endorse the certificates  
32 and deliver the vehicle license plates to the purchaser or transferee.  
33 If the sale or transfer is of a vehicle licensed by the state or any  
34 county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision  
35 entitled to exemption as provided by law, or, if the vehicle is  
36 licensed with personalized plates, amateur radio operator plates, medal  
37 of honor plates, disabled person plates, disabled veteran plates,

1 prisoner of war plates, salmon plates, or other special license plates  
2 issued under RCW 46.16.301 as it existed before amendment by section 5,  
3 chapter 291, Laws of 1997, the vehicle license plates therefor shall be  
4 retained and may be displayed upon a vehicle obtained in replacement of  
5 the vehicle so sold or transferred.

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