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1 AN ACT Relating to the keep kids safe license plate; amending RCW  
2 46.16.313, 46.16.290, and 46.16.316; 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, the Washington state patrol, and the Washington  
8 state council for the prevention of child abuse and neglect shall work  
9 cooperatively to create and design a special keep kids safe license  
10 plate for motor vehicles required to display two motor vehicle license  
11 plates, excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon  
12 terms and conditions established by the department.

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

15 (1) The department may establish a fee of no more than forty  
16 dollars for each type of special license plates issued under RCW  
17 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as existing before amendment by section  
18 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in an amount calculated to offset the

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

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

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

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

1 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed  
2 report. The state treasurer shall credit the funds to the appropriate  
3 collegiate license plate fund as provided in RCW 28B.10.890.

4 ~~((+5))~~ (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
5 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a  
6 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of  
7 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed  
8 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for  
9 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining  
10 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to  
11 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments  
12 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as  
13 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))~~ (5) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on  
18 January 1, 1999, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
19 upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a special  
20 baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The  
21 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee  
22 collected under this subsection for administration and collection  
23 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be distributed  
24 to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest  
25 payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium,  
26 as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary  
27 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW  
28 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds  
29 to the state general fund.

30 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on  
31 January 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
32 upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a special  
33 keep kids safe license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty-five  
34 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve  
35 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
36 and collection expenses incurred by it. The department shall remit the  
37 remaining proceeds to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper

1 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the  
2 funds to the children's trust fund created under RCW 43.121.100.

3 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January  
4 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
5 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a special keep  
6 kids safe license plate shall pay a fee of thirty-five dollars. The  
7 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee  
8 collected under this subsection for administration and collection  
9 expenses incurred by it. The department shall remit the remaining  
10 proceeds to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper  
11 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the  
12 funds to the children's trust fund created under RCW 43.121.100.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.16.290 and 1997 c 291 s 4 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15 In any case of a valid sale or transfer of the ownership of any  
16 vehicle, the right to the certificates properly transferable therewith,  
17 except as provided in RCW 46.16.280, and to the vehicle license plates,  
18 except as provided in RCW 46.16.316, passes to the purchaser or  
19 transferee. It is unlawful for the holder of such certificates, except  
20 as provided in RCW 46.16.280, or vehicle license plates, except as  
21 provided in RCW 46.16.316, to fail, neglect, or refuse to endorse the  
22 certificates and deliver the vehicle license plates to the purchaser or  
23 transferee. If the sale or transfer is of a vehicle licensed by the  
24 state or any county, city, town, school district, or other political  
25 subdivision entitled to exemption as provided by law, or, if the  
26 vehicle is licensed with personalized plates, amateur radio operator  
27 plates, medal of honor plates, disabled person plates, disabled veteran  
28 plates, prisoner of war plates, or other special license plates issued  
29 under RCW 46.16.301 or 46.16.313 as now existing or as it existed  
30 before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, the vehicle  
31 license plates therefor (~~shall~~) may be transferred as provided in RCW  
32 46.16.316, in which case they may be retained and (~~may be~~) displayed  
33 upon a vehicle obtained in replacement of the vehicle so sold or  
34 transferred.

35 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16.316 and 1997 c 291 s 10 are each amended to read  
36 as follows:

1 Except as provided in RCW 46.16.305:

2 (1) When a person who has been issued a special license plate or  
3 plates under RCW 46.16.301 or 46.16.313 as now existing or as it  
4 existed before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997,  
5 sells, trades, or otherwise transfers or releases ownership of the  
6 vehicle upon which the special license plate or plates have been  
7 displayed, he or she shall immediately report the transfer of such  
8 plate or plates to an acquired vehicle or vehicle eligible for such  
9 plates pursuant to departmental rule, or he or she shall surrender such  
10 plates to the department immediately if such surrender is required by  
11 departmental rule. If a person applies for a transfer of the plate or  
12 plates to another eligible vehicle, a transfer fee of five dollars  
13 shall be charged in addition to all other applicable fees. Such  
14 transfer fees shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund. Failure to  
15 surrender the plates when required is a traffic infraction.

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

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