
SENATE BILL 6688

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1 AN ACT Relating to a special "Helping 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.** (1) The legislature recognizes the Scottish
7 Rite Childhood Language Disorders Program's legislative request for a
8 "Helping Kids Speak" license plate has been reviewed by the special
9 license plate review board as specified in chapter 196, Laws of 2003,
10 and found to fully comply with all provisions of chapter 196, Laws of
11 2003.

12 (2) The legislature further recognizes the Scottish Rite Childhood
13 Language Disorders Program serves a public purpose by augmenting the
14 state of Washington public school system speech pathology education.

15 (3) The legislature further recognizes that good language skills
16 are essential for productive adults and that public schools in the
17 state of Washington provide trained speech pathologists to assist
18 children who lack adequate verbal communication skills to compete
19 successfully in the challenges of securing an education. It recognizes

1 that the task of teaching students to speak well is a formidable one
2 and sees shrinking public funding as an obstacle in providing
3 sufficient professional staff to realize that goal. It further
4 recognizes that professionally trained and nationally certified speech
5 pathologists are provided at no cost by the Scottish Rite Childhood
6 Language Disorders Program, a qualified nonprofit charitable
7 organization, to preschool and school-age children. To aid the public
8 schools in teaching essential speech skills, a "Helping Kids Speak"
9 license plate is established.

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

12 "Helping Kids Speak license plates" means license plates that
13 display a symbol of an organization that supports a program that
14 provides no-fee nationally certified speech pathologists to teach
15 children to speak.

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

18 In cooperation with the Washington state patrol and the department
19 of licensing, the sponsors of the "Helping Kids Speak" program shall
20 create and design, and the department shall issue, a special license
21 plate displaying a symbol of an organization that supports a nonprofit,
22 no-cost speech pathology program for children, and with the words
23 "Freemason" that may be used in lieu of regular or personalized license
24 plates for motor vehicles required to display two motor vehicle license
25 plates, excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon
26 terms and conditions established by the department. The special plates
27 will commemorate the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders
28 Program.

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

31 (1) The department may establish a fee of no more than forty
32 dollars for each type of special license plates issued under RCW
33 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as existing before amendment by section
34 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in an amount calculated to offset the
35 cost of production of the special license plates and the administration

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

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) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on~~
18 ~~January 1, 1999,))~~ (5) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be
19 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a
20 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of thirty
21 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
22 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
23 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
24 be distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and
25 interest payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball
26 stadium, 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 November 1, 2004, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
32 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
33 "Helping Kids Speak" license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty
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 remaining proceeds must be
37 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
38 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state

1 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
2 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
3 cost of implementing the "Helping Kids Speak" special license plate.
4 Upon the determination by the department that the state has been
5 reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the "Helping
6 Kids Speak" account established under section 5 of this act.

7 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
8 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
9 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a "Helping Kids
10 Speak" license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty
11 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
12 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
13 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be
14 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
15 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state
16 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
17 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
18 cost of implementing the "Helping Kids Speak" special license plate.
19 Upon the determination by the department that the state has been
20 reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the "Helping
21 Kids Speak" account established under section 5 of this act.

22 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 (1) The "Helping Kids Speak" account is created in the custody of
25 the state treasurer. Upon the department of licensing's determination
26 that the state has been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the
27 "Helping Kids Speak" license plate, all receipts, except as provided in
28 RCW 46.16.313 (6) and (7), from the "Helping Kids Speak" license plate
29 must be deposited into the account. Only the director of the
30 department of licensing or the director's designee may authorize
31 expenditures from this account. An appropriation is not required for
32 expenditures.

33 (2) Funds in the account must be disbursed subject to the following
34 conditions and limitations:

35 (a) The director of the department of licensing or the director's
36 designee must disburse the funds to the Scottish Rite Childhood
37 Language Disorders Program.

1 (b) Disbursement of these funds from the account to the Scottish
2 Rite Childhood Language Disorders Program is contingent upon the
3 organization meeting all reporting and review requirements as specified
4 in chapter 196, Laws of 2003.

5 (c) No portion of these funds from the account to the nonprofit
6 organization may be used, directly or indirectly, for any of the
7 following:

8 (i) Attempting to influence: (A) The passage or defeat of any
9 legislation by the legislature of the state of Washington, by a county,
10 city, town, or other political subdivision of the state of Washington,
11 or by congress; or (B) the adoption or rejection of any rule, standard,
12 rate, or other legislative enactment of any state agency;

13 (ii) Making contributions reportable under chapter 42.17 RCW; or

14 (iii) Providing any: (A) Gift; (B) honoraria; or (C) travel,
15 lodging, meals, or entertainment to a public officer or employee.

16 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.16.316 and 1997 c 291 s 10 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 Except as provided in RCW 46.16.305:

19 (1) When a person who has been issued a special license plate or
20 plates under section 3 of this act or RCW 46.16.301 as it existed
21 before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, sells,
22 trades, or otherwise transfers or releases ownership of the vehicle
23 upon which the special license plate or plates have been displayed, he
24 or she shall immediately report the transfer of such plate or plates to
25 an acquired vehicle or vehicle eligible for such plates pursuant to
26 departmental rule, or he or she shall surrender such plates to the
27 department immediately if such surrender is required by departmental
28 rule. If a person applies for a transfer of the plate or plates to
29 another eligible vehicle, a transfer fee of five dollars shall be
30 charged in addition to all other applicable fees. Such transfer fees
31 shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund. Failure to surrender the
32 plates when required is a traffic infraction.

33 (2) If the special license plate or plates issued by the department
34 become lost, defaced, damaged, or destroyed, application for a
35 replacement special license plate or plates shall be made and fees paid

1 as provided by law for the replacement of regular license plates.

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