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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6688** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MILTON H. DOUMIT JR.

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**Secretary**

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**By** Senate Committee on Highways & Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Benton, B. Sheldon, T. Sheldon, Rasmussen and Shin)

READ FIRST TIME 02/06/04.

1            AN ACT Relating to a special "Helping Kids Speak" license plate;  
2 amending RCW 46.16.313 and 46.16.316; adding new sections to chapter  
3 46.16 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 46.04 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            (1) The legislature recognizes the Helping Kids Speak license plate  
8 has been reviewed by the special license plate review board under RCW  
9 46.16.725, and found to fully comply with all provisions of RCW  
10 46.16.715 through 46.16.775.

11            (2) The department shall issue a special license plate displaying  
12 a symbol, approved by the special license plate review board,  
13 recognizing an organization that supports programs that provide no-cost  
14 speech pathology programs to children. The special license plate may  
15 be used in lieu of regular or personalized license plates for vehicles  
16 required to display one or two vehicle license plates, excluding  
17 vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions  
18 established by the department. The special plates will commemorate an

1 organization that supports programs that provide free diagnostic and  
2 therapeutic services to children who have a severe delay in language or  
3 speech development.

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

6 "Helping Kids Speak license plates" means license plates that  
7 display a symbol of an organization that supports programs that provide  
8 free diagnostic and therapeutic services to children who have a severe  
9 delay in language or speech development.

10 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1997 c 291 s 8 are each amended to read  
11 as follows:

12 (1) The department may establish a fee of no more than forty  
13 dollars for each type of special license plates issued under RCW  
14 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as existing before amendment by section  
15 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in an amount calculated to offset the  
16 cost of production of the special license plates and the administration  
17 of this program. (~~Until December 31, 1997, the fee shall not exceed~~  
18 ~~thirty five dollars, but effective with vehicle registrations due or to~~  
19 ~~become due on January 1, 1998, the department may adjust the fee to no~~  
20 ~~more than forty dollars.)) This fee is in addition to all other fees  
21 required to register and license the vehicle for which the plates have  
22 been requested. All such additional special license plate fees  
23 collected by the department shall be deposited in the state treasury  
24 and credited to the motor vehicle fund.~~

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

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

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

22       ~~((5))~~ (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
23 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a  
24 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of  
25 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed  
26 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for  
27 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining  
28 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to  
29 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments  
30 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as  
31 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary  
32 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW  
33 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds  
34 to the state general fund.

35       ~~((6) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on~~  
36 ~~January 1, 1999,~~) (5) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be  
37 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a  
38 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of thirty

1 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two  
2 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
3 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall  
4 be distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and  
5 interest payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball  
6 stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary  
7 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW  
8 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds  
9 to the state general fund.

10 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on  
11 November 1, 2004, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
12 upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder of a  
13 "Helping Kids Speak" license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty  
14 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve  
15 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
16 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be  
17 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper  
18 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state  
19 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until  
20 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the  
21 cost of implementing the "Helping Kids Speak" special license plate.  
22 Upon the determination by the department that the state has been  
23 reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the "Helping  
24 Kids Speak" account established under section 4 of this act.

25 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on November  
26 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
27 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "Helping Kids Speak"  
28 license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty dollars.  
29 The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each  
30 fee collected under this subsection for administration and collection  
31 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be remitted to  
32 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed  
33 report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit  
34 the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until the department  
35 determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost of  
36 implementing the "Helping Kids Speak" special license plate. Upon the  
37 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the

1 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the "Helping Kids Speak" account  
2 established under section 4 of this act.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The "Helping Kids Speak" account is created in the custody of  
6 the state treasurer. Upon the department's determination that the  
7 state has been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the "Helping  
8 Kids Speak" license plate, all receipts, except as provided in RCW  
9 46.16.313 (6) and (7), from the "Helping Kids Speak" license plate must  
10 be deposited into the account. Only the director or the director's  
11 designee may authorize expenditures from this account. The account is  
12 subject to the allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an  
13 appropriation is not required for expenditures.

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

16 (a) Under the requirements of RCW 46.16.765 the department must  
17 contract with a qualified nonprofit organization for the purpose of the  
18 organization providing free diagnostic and therapeutic services to  
19 families of children who suffer from a delay in language or speech  
20 development.

21 (b) For the purposes of this section, a "qualified nonprofit  
22 organization" means a not-for-profit corporation operating in  
23 Washington that has received a determination of tax exempt status under  
24 section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code. The  
25 organization must offer free language disorder diagnostic and  
26 therapeutic services to families of children who suffer from a delay in  
27 language or speech development.

28 (c) The qualified nonprofit organization must meet all requirements  
29 of RCW 46.16.765.

30 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.16.316 and 1997 c 291 s 10 are each amended to read  
31 as follows:

32 Except as provided in RCW 46.16.305:

33 (1) When a person who has been issued a special license plate or  
34 plates under section 1 of this act or RCW 46.16.301 as it existed  
35 before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, sells,  
36 trades, or otherwise transfers or releases ownership of the vehicle

1 upon which the special license plate or plates have been displayed, he  
2 or she shall immediately report the transfer of such plate or plates to  
3 an acquired vehicle or vehicle eligible for such plates pursuant to  
4 departmental rule, or he or she shall surrender such plates to the  
5 department immediately if such surrender is required by departmental  
6 rule. If a person applies for a transfer of the plate or plates to  
7 another eligible vehicle, a transfer fee of five dollars shall be  
8 charged in addition to all other applicable fees. Such transfer fees  
9 shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund. Failure to surrender the  
10 plates when required is a traffic infraction.

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

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