

6148-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Highways & Transportation  
(originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Horn, Brandland, Esser,  
Oke, Eide, Winsley and Hewitt)

Brief Description: Authorizing special license plates to honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

**SB 6148-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Directs the department to issue a special license plate displaying a symbol, approved by the special license plate review board, honoring law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line of duty. The special license plate may be used in lieu of regular or personalized license plates for motor vehicles required to display two motor vehicle license plates or for motorcycles, excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon the terms and conditions established by the department.

Creates the law enforcement memorial account in the custody of the state treasurer. Upon the department's determination that the state has been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the law enforcement memorial special license plate, all receipts, except as provided in RCW 46.16.313 (7) and (8), from law enforcement memorial license plates must be deposited into the account.

Provides that funds in the account must be disbursed subject to the following conditions and limitations: (1) Pursuant to the requirements set out in RCW 46.16.765 the department must contract with a qualified nonprofit organization to provide support and assistance to survivors and families of law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line of duty and to organize, finance, fund, construct, utilize, and maintain a memorial on the state capitol grounds to honor those fallen officers.

(2) For the purposes of this act, a "qualified nonprofit organization" means a not-for-profit corporation incorporated and operating exclusively in Washington that has received a determination of tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code. The organization must have been established for the express purposes of providing support and assistance to the survivors and families of law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line of duty and to organize, finance, fund, construct, utilize, and maintain a memorial on the state capitol grounds to honor those fallen officers.

(3) The qualified nonprofit must meet all requirements set out in RCW 46.16.765.