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1            AN ACT Relating to the "Washington's National Park Fund" special  
2 license plate; reenacting and amending RCW 46.16.313; adding new  
3 sections to chapter 46.16 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter  
4 46.04 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8            (1) The legislature recognizes that the "Washington's National Park  
9 Fund" license plate has been reviewed by the special license plate  
10 review board under RCW 46.16.725, and found to fully comply with RCW  
11 46.16.715 through 46.16.775.

12            (2) The department shall issue a special license plate displaying  
13 a symbol or artwork, approved by the special license plate review board  
14 and the legislature, recognizing Washington's National Park Fund, that  
15 may be used in lieu of regular or personalized license plates for motor  
16 vehicles required to display one or two vehicle license plates,  
17 excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and  
18 conditions established by the department.

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

3        "Washington's National Park Fund license plates" means license  
4 plates issued under section 1 of this act that display a symbol or  
5 artwork recognizing the efforts of Washington's National Park Fund in  
6 preserving Washington's national parks for future generations in  
7 Washington state.

8        **Sec. 3.**    RCW 46.16.313 and 2004 c 221 s 3, 2004 c 48 s 3, and 2004  
9 c 35 s 3 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

10        (1) The department may establish a fee of no more than forty  
11 dollars for each type of special license plates issued under RCW  
12 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as existing before amendment by section  
13 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in an amount calculated to offset the  
14 cost of production of the special license plates and the administration  
15 of this program. This fee is in addition to all other fees required to  
16 register and license the vehicle for which the plates have been  
17 requested. All such additional special license plate fees collected by  
18 the department shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to  
19 the motor vehicle fund.

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

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

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

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

28 (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on  
29 January 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
30 upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder of a  
31 professional fire fighters and paramedics license plate shall pay an  
32 initial fee of forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount  
33 not to exceed twelve dollars of each fee collected under this  
34 subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.  
35 The remaining proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state  
36 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. Under RCW  
37 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor  
38 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has been

1 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the professional fire fighters  
2 and paramedics license plates. Upon the determination by the  
3 department that the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall  
4 credit the proceeds to the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters  
5 benevolent fund established under RCW 46.16.30902.

6 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January  
7 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
8 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a professional fire  
9 fighters and paramedics license plate shall, upon application, pay a  
10 fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to  
11 exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for  
12 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining  
13 proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a  
14 proper identifying detailed report. Under RCW 46.16.755, the state  
15 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until  
16 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the  
17 cost of implementing the professional fire fighters and paramedics  
18 special license plate. Upon the determination by the department that  
19 the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds  
20 to the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters benevolent fund  
21 established under RCW 46.16.30902.

22 (8) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on  
23 November 1, 2004, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
24 upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder of a  
25 "Helping Kids Speak" license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty  
26 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve  
27 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
28 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be  
29 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper  
30 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state  
31 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until  
32 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the  
33 cost of implementing the "Helping Kids Speak" special license plate.  
34 Upon the determination by the department that the state has been  
35 reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the "Helping  
36 Kids Speak" account established under RCW 46.16.30904.

37 (9) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on November  
38 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon

1 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "Helping Kids Speak"  
2 license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty dollars.  
3 The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each  
4 fee collected under this subsection for administration and collection  
5 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds must be remitted to  
6 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed  
7 report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit  
8 the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until the department  
9 determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost of  
10 implementing the "Helping Kids Speak" special license plate. Upon the  
11 determination by the department that the state has been reimbursed, the  
12 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the "Helping Kids Speak" account  
13 established under RCW 46.16.30904.

14 (10) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on  
15 January 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
16 upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder of a "law  
17 enforcement memorial" license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty  
18 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve  
19 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
20 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall  
21 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper  
22 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state  
23 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until  
24 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the  
25 cost of implementing the law enforcement memorial special license  
26 plate. Upon the determination by the department that the state has  
27 been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the law  
28 enforcement memorial account established under RCW 46.16.30906.

29 (11) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January  
30 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
31 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "law enforcement  
32 memorial" license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty  
33 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two  
34 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
35 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall  
36 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper  
37 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state  
38 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until

1 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the  
2 cost of implementing the law enforcement memorial special license  
3 plate. Upon the determination by the department that the state has  
4 been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the law  
5 enforcement memorial account established under RCW 46.16.30906.

6 (12) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on  
7 or after January 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to  
8 be paid upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the  
9 holder of a "Washington's National Park Fund" license plate shall pay  
10 an initial fee of forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount  
11 not to exceed twelve dollars of each fee collected under this  
12 subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.  
13 The remaining proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state  
14 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. Under RCW  
15 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor  
16 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has been  
17 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the "Washington's National Park  
18 Fund" license plate. Upon determination by the department that the  
19 state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to  
20 the "Washington's National Park Fund" account established under section  
21 4 of this act.

22 (13) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on or  
23 after January 1, 2007, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be  
24 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a  
25 "Washington's National Park Fund" license plate shall, upon  
26 application, pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct  
27 an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this  
28 subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.  
29 The remaining proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state  
30 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. Under RCW  
31 46.16.755, the state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor  
32 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has been  
33 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the "Washington's National Park  
34 Fund" license plate. Upon determination by the department that the  
35 state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to  
36 the "Washington's National Park Fund" account established under section  
37 4 of this act.

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

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

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

15        (a) Under the requirements set out in RCW 46.16.765, the department  
16 must contract with a qualified nonprofit organization to build  
17 awareness of Washington's national parks and to support priority park  
18 programs and projects in Washington's national parks.

19        (b) For the purpose of this section, a "qualified nonprofit  
20 organization" means a not-for-profit corporation incorporated and of  
21 tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal  
22 revenue code.    The organization must have been established for the  
23 express purposes of educational and charitable activities as set forth  
24 in 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3).

25        (c) The qualified nonprofit organization must meet all requirements  
26 set out in RCW 46.16.765.

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