
SENATE BILL 5424

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1 AN ACT Relating to the "Washington Lighthouses" special license
2 plate; reenacting and amending RCW 46.16.313; adding new sections to
3 chapter 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 that the "Washington Lighthouses"
8 license plate has been reviewed by the special license plate review
9 board under RCW 46.16.725, and found to fully comply with RCW 46.16.715
10 through 46.16.775.

11 (2) The department shall issue a special license plate displaying
12 a symbol or artwork, approved by the special license plate review board
13 and the legislature, recognizing an organization that supports selected
14 Washington state lighthouses and provides environmental education
15 programs. The special license plate may be used in lieu of regular or
16 personalized license plates for vehicles required to display one or two
17 vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under chapter
18 46.87 RCW, upon terms and 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 Lighthouses license plates" means license plates issued
4 under section 1 of this act that display a symbol or artwork
5 recognizing the efforts of lighthouse environmental programs in
6 Washington state.

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

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

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

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

1 (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
2 application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
3 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of
4 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
5 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
6 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
7 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to
8 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments
9 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as
10 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
11 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
12 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
13 to the state general fund.

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

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

1 department that the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall
2 credit the proceeds to the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters
3 benevolent fund established under RCW 46.16.30902.

4 (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
5 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
6 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a professional fire
7 fighters and paramedics license plate shall, upon application, pay a
8 fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to
9 exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
10 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
11 proceeds must be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a
12 proper identifying detailed report. Under RCW 46.16.755, the state
13 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
14 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
15 cost of implementing the professional fire fighters and paramedics
16 special license plate. Upon the determination by the department that
17 the state has been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds
18 to the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters benevolent fund
19 established under RCW 46.16.30902.

20 (8) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
21 November 1, 2004, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
22 upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder of a
23 "Helping Kids Speak" 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 must be
27 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
28 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state
29 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
30 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
31 cost of implementing the "Helping Kids Speak" special license plate.
32 Upon the determination by the department that the state has been
33 reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the "Helping
34 Kids Speak" account established under RCW 46.16.30904.

35 (9) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on November
36 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
37 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "Helping Kids Speak"
38 license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty dollars.

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

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

27 (11) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
28 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
29 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a "law enforcement
30 memorial" license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty
31 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two
32 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration
33 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall
34 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
35 identifying detailed report. Pursuant to RCW 46.16.755, the state
36 treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle account until
37 the department determines that the state has been reimbursed for the
38 cost of implementing the law enforcement memorial special license

1 plate. Upon the determination by the department that the state has
2 been reimbursed, the treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the law
3 enforcement memorial account established under RCW 46.16.30906.

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

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

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

36 (1) The lighthouse environmental programs account is created in the
37 custody of the state treasurer. Upon the department's determination

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

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

11 (a) Under the requirements set out in RCW 46.16.765, the department
12 must contract with a qualified nonprofit organization to support
13 selected Washington state lighthouses that are accessible to the public
14 and staffed by volunteers; to provide environmental education programs;
15 and to provide grants for other Washington lighthouses to assist in
16 funding infrastructure preservation and restoration and to encourage
17 and support interpretive programs by lighthouse docents.

18 (b) For the purpose of this section, a "qualified nonprofit
19 organization" means a not-for-profit corporation incorporated and of
20 tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal
21 revenue code. The organization must have been established for the
22 express purposes of supporting selected Washington state lighthouses
23 that are open to the public and staffed by volunteers; providing
24 environmental education programs; and encouraging and supporting
25 interpretive programs by lighthouse docents.

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

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