
SENATE BILL 6490

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1 AN ACT Relating to college mascot license plates; amending RCW
2 46.16.309, 46.16.313, 46.16.323, and 46.16.335; adding new sections to
3 chapter 46.16 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** College mascot license plates, as used
6 in this chapter, mean license plates that have displayed upon them the
7 mascot or symbol of a state four-year college or university and a
8 combination of letters and numbers assigned by the department.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Any person who is the registered owner
10 of a passenger motor vehicle, a motor truck, a trailer, a camper, a
11 private bus, or a motorcycle registered with the department, excluding
12 proportionally registered vehicles, or who applies for an original
13 registration or renewal registration of such vehicle or camper may,

1 upon payment of the fee under RCW 46.16.313(2), apply to the department
2 for college mascot license plates in the manner under RCW 46.16.309.
3 These plates shall be affixed to the vehicle or camper for which
4 registration is sought in lieu of the regular license plates.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** College mascot license plates shall be
6 of a design similar to regular license plates, and shall consist of a
7 depiction of the mascot or symbol of a state four-year college or
8 university and numbers and letters assigned by the department. Each
9 state four-year college or university shall submit a proposed design
10 for its college mascot license plate to the department within ninety
11 days of the effective date of this section.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The college mascot license plate
13 account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts
14 from RCW 46.16.313(2) shall be deposited into the account.
15 Expenditures from the account may be used only for nonathletic
16 scholarships. Only the president of a participating four-year college
17 or university or the president's designee may authorize expenditures
18 from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under
19 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for expenditures.

20 (2) Expenditures for nonathletic scholarships may not be used to
21 supplant funds existing or appropriated on the effective date of this
22 act.

23 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.16.309 and 1990 c 250 s 3 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 Persons applying to the department for special license plates shall
26 apply on forms obtained from the department and in accordance with RCW
27 46.16.040. The applicant shall provide all information as is required

1 by the department in order to determine the applicant's eligibility for
2 such special license plates and for administration of RCW 46.16.301
3 through 46.16.332 and sections 1 through 4 of this act.

4 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1990 c 250 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Except under subsection (2) of this section, the department may
7 establish a fee for the issuance of each type of special license plate
8 or plates in an amount calculated to offset the cost of production of
9 the special license plate or plates and the administration of this
10 program. The fee shall not exceed thirty-five dollars and is in
11 addition to all other fees required to register and license the vehicle
12 for which the plates have been requested. All such additional special
13 license plate fees collected by the department shall be deposited in
14 the state treasury and credited to the motor vehicle fund.

15 (2) A fee of fifty dollars is established for the issuance of the
16 college mascot license plate authorized under section 2 of this act.
17 The department shall establish the costs of production and
18 administration of this special plate. All moneys in excess of
19 department costs shall be deposited into the college mascot license
20 plate fund, under section 4 of this act, and shall be credited to the
21 name of the participating four-year college or university.

22 **Sec. 7.** RCW 46.16.323 and 1990 c 250 s 7 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 (1) Any institution of higher education as defined in RCW
25 28B.10.016 may petition the department to create, design, and issue to
26 that institution a vehicle license plate emblem series that identifies
27 that institution or one of its purposes, programs, projects, or causes.
28 The vehicle license plate emblem issued by the department may display

1 a mascot, slogan, message, or symbol that can be displayed on a vehicle
2 license plate or plates in the manner prescribed by the department.
3 The department has sole discretion in approving or disapproving
4 institutions for participation in the vehicle license plate emblem
5 program. The department also has the sole discretion to determine the
6 significance of the purpose, program, project, or cause and if it
7 merits recognition by issuance of a vehicle license plate emblem.

8 Application to the department is the exclusive method for an
9 institution to request issuance of a special vehicle license plate
10 emblem series or to obtain such emblems for distribution by approved
11 institutions. All applicants shall apply to the department on a form
12 obtained from the department.

13 Any approved institution may collect additional fees from any
14 person as a condition for receiving an emblem, to be used for the
15 purposes of the approved institution.

16 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, four-year
17 colleges' and universities' college mascot license plate programs shall
18 be implemented and administered under sections 1 through 4 of this act.

19 **Sec. 8.** RCW 46.16.335 and 1990 c 250 s 10 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 The director shall adopt rules to implement RCW 46.16.301 through
22 46.16.332, and sections 1 through 4 of this act, including setting of
23 fees.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The director of licensing shall report
25 to both houses of the legislature by March 1, 1993, on the progress
26 made in implementing and administering the program created under this
27 act and RCW 46.16.323.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act are
2 each added to chapter 46.16 RCW.