

CHAPTER 145.

[S. B. 150.]

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES FOR AMATEUR
RADIO OPERATORS.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for special automobile license plates for amateur radio operators; providing penalties; and making an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Every person having a valid official amateur radio operator's license issued for a term of five years by the federal communications commission, is entitled to apply to the state director of licenses for, and upon satisfactory showing, to receive, in lieu of the regular motor vehicle license plates similar plates bearing the official amateur radio call letters of the applicant assigned by the federal communications commission instead of numbers. In addition to the annual license fee collected under chapter 46.16 RCW and chapter 82.44 RCW, there shall be collected from each applicant for such special license plates an additional license fee of five dollars upon the issue of a state plate but shall not apply on those years that a yearly tab is issued. Application for renewal of the amateur radio operator's call license plate must be made by January 10th of each renewal year and all such applications shall be accompanied by a notarized statement of facts included on the amateur's valid FCC license.

License plates
for amateur
radio operators
—Fees—
Renewal.

SEC. 2. Whenever the owner of a registered vehicle transfers or assigns his title or interest thereto, the license plates issued under this act shall be removed from the motor vehicle and, if another vehicle is acquired, attached thereto and the director of licenses shall be immediately notified of such transfer of plates; otherwise the removed plates shall be immediately forwarded to the director of

Disposition of
plates upon
transfer of
interest in
vehicle.

licenses to be reissued later upon payment of the regular license fee.

Director of licenses to furnish information to state agencies.

SEC. 3. The director of licenses, from time to time, shall furnish the state department of civil defense, the Washington state patrol and all county sheriffs a list of the names, addresses and license plate or radio station call letters of each person possessing the special amateur radio station license plates so that the facilities of such radio stations may be utilized to the fullest extent in the work of these governmental agencies.

Duty of holder when federal license expires or revoked—Penalty.

SEC. 4. Any radio amateur operator who holds a special call letter license plate as issued under the provisions of this act, and who has allowed his federal communications commission license to expire, or has had it revoked, must notify the director of licenses in writing within thirty days and surrender his call letter license plate. Failure to do so will constitute a gross misdemeanor.

Appropriation.

SEC. 5. There is hereby appropriated to the department of licenses from the motor vehicle fund the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

Rules and regulations.

SEC. 6. The director of licenses may make such rules and regulations as are necessary to enforce this chapter.

Passed the Senate February 21, 1957.

Passed the House March 10, 1957.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1957.