

CHAPTER 206
[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 35]
MOTOR VEHICLES--SPECIAL LICENSE
PLATES FOR AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicles; and amending section 46.16.320, chapter 12, Laws of 1961, as last amended by section 80, chapter 145, Laws of 1967 ex. sess., and RCW 46.16.320.

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

Section 1. Section 46.16.320, chapter 12, Laws of 1961, as last amended by section 80, chapter 145, Laws of 1967 ex. sess., and RCW 46.16.320 are each amended to read as follows:

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 director 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. ~~((and every person who desires a license plate containing his initials or any other combination of letters or numbers, that is consistent with the existing format of three letters and three numbers as prescribed by the director of motor vehicles may apply to the director for such license plates, and if the director is satisfied that such license plates as requested would be reasonable and proper and would not be a duplication of any other valid license plates, may receive in lieu of regular motor vehicle license plates similar plates bearing the letters or numbers, or combination thereof requested. No combination shall be issued with fewer than six letters and numbers. All sequences of letters and numbers must be approved by a committee of five members appointed to serve at the pleasure of the director to be known as the license plate advisory committee.~~

~~Original applicants shall be issued temporary license plates which will serve until such a time as the "personalized plates" can be manufactured by the Washington state prison industries, and pro-~~

~~cessed by the department of motor vehicles;--The temporary license plates shall be surrendered to the department at the time the "personalized plates" are issued;--Any previously issued license plates assigned to the vehicle involved must be surrendered to the department at the time of issuance of the "personalized plates";~~

~~Each time that "personalized plates" are transferred from one vehicle to another, by the owner, a special transfer fee of five dollars shall be collected by the department from that owner;--Such special fee shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund;))~~

In addition to the annual license fee collected under chapter 46.16 and chapter 82.44, there shall be collected from each applicant for such special license plates an additional license fee of ~~((thirty))~~ five dollars upon the issue of a state plate but shall not apply on those years that a yearly tab is issued. Such special fee shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund. 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.

~~((Twenty-five dollars from each original application fee for "personalized plates" shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the mass transit trust account which is hereby created in the general fund, for appropriation by the legislature to political subdivisions for the study or construction of rapid transit facilities in accordance with comprehensive rapid transit plans approved by the highway commission, to be applied directly to such purpose or to be pledged to pay or secure the payment of principal of and interest on such bonds or other obligations as may be issued in furtherance of such purpose;))~~

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