

House Bill 3684

Sponsored by Representatives WHISNANT, BOONE

SUMMARY

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Directs Department of Transportation to issue Keep Kids Safe registration plates. Directs department to deposit net proceeds collected from surcharge on plates to account designated by Children's Trust Fund of Oregon Foundation.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Keep Kids Safe registration plate; amending ORS 805.205.

3 Whereas the incidence of child abuse and neglect has reached epidemic proportions around the
4 United States and in Oregon; and

5 Whereas prevention efforts represent sound fiscal and social strategies in reaching the goal of
6 ending violence against Oregon's children and families, resulting in short and long term social and
7 fiscal cost savings; and

8 Whereas the Children's Trust Fund of Oregon Foundation seeks to foster healthy child devel-
9 opment and functioning by working with local communities to end the harm of child abuse and
10 neglect to Oregon's children; and

11 Whereas the Children's Trust Fund of Oregon Foundation intends to distribute the funds raised
12 from the issuance of Keep Kids Safe registration plates to each of Oregon's counties to fund strat-
13 egies and approaches that have been shown to prevent or reduce child abuse; now, therefore,

14 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

15 **SECTION 1.** ORS 805.205 is amended to read:

16 805.205. (1) The Department of Transportation shall provide for issuance of registration plates
17 described in subsections (3), [*and*] (7) **and** (8) of this section for nonprofit groups meeting the qual-
18 ifications for tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and for insti-
19 tutions of higher education. Plates issued under this section may be issued to owners of motor
20 vehicles registered under the provisions of ORS 803.420 (1). Plates issued under this section may not
21 contain expressions of political opinion or religious belief. Rules adopted under this section shall
22 include, but need not be limited to, rules that:

23 (a) Describe general qualifications to be met by any group in order to be eligible for plates is-
24 sued under this section.

25 (b) Specify circumstances under which the department may cease to issue plates for any partic-
26 ular group.

27 (c) Require each group for which plates are issued to file an annual statement on a form de-
28 signed by the department showing that the group is a nonprofit group or is an institution of higher
29 education and that the group or institution otherwise meets the qualifications imposed for eligibility
30 for plates issued under this section. The statement shall include names and addresses of current
31 directors or officers of the group or institution or of other persons authorized to speak for the group

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 or institution on matters affecting plates issued under this section.

2 (2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection, in addition to
3 any other fee authorized by law, upon issuance of a plate under this section and upon renewal of
4 registration for a vehicle that has plates issued under this section, the department shall collect a
5 surcharge for each year of the registration period. The surcharge shall be determined by the de-
6 partment by rule and may not be less than \$2.50 per plate [*and not*] **or** more than \$16 per plate. In
7 setting the amount of the surcharge, the department shall consult with the nonprofit group for which
8 the plates are issued.

9 (b) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, upon issuance of a plate under this section
10 that recognizes an institution of higher education in this state, and upon renewal of registration for
11 a vehicle that has such plates, the department shall collect a surcharge of \$8 per plate for each year
12 of the registration period.

13 (c) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, upon issuance of a Share the Road registra-
14 tion plate, as described in subsection (7) of this section, the department shall collect a surcharge
15 of \$5 per year of registration.

16 (3) Plates issued under this section shall be from the current regular issue of plates except that:

17 (a) If the group requesting the plates is an institution of higher education, the plates shall, upon
18 request, contain words that indicate the plates are issued to recognize the institution or shall con-
19 tain the institution's logo or an image of the institution's mascot; or

20 (b) If the group requesting the plates is a group that recognizes fallen public safety officers, the
21 plates shall, upon request, contain a decal that indicates the plates are issued to recognize fallen
22 public safety officers.

23 (4) Except as otherwise required by the design chosen, the plates shall comply with the re-
24 quirements of ORS 803.535. The department shall determine how many sets of plates shall be man-
25 ufactured for each group approved under this section. If the department does not sell or issue
26 renewal for 500 sets of plates for a particular group in any one year, the department shall cease
27 production of those plates.

28 (5) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (6) of this section, each group that is found by
29 the department to be eligible for plates issued under this section may designate an account into
30 which the net proceeds of the surcharge collected by the department under subsection (2) of this
31 section are to be deposited. The department shall keep accurate records of the number of plates is-
32 sued for each group that qualifies. After payment of administrative expenses of the department,
33 moneys collected under this section for each group shall be deposited by the department into an
34 account specified by that group. If any group does not specify an account for the moneys collected
35 from the sale of plates issued under this section, the department shall deposit moneys collected for
36 those plates into the Passenger Rail Transportation Account established under ORS 802.100 to be
37 used as other moneys in the account are used. Deposits under this subsection shall be made at least
38 quarterly.

39 (6)(a) Each institution of higher education that requests a plate under this section shall desig-
40 nate an account in the general fund of the institution, and the proceeds in the account shall be used
41 for the purpose of academic enrichment at the institution.

42 (b) Net proceeds of the surcharge collected by the department for Share the Road registration
43 plates shall be deposited into two accounts designated by the Bicycle Transportation Alliance and
44 Cycle Oregon. The department shall evenly distribute the net proceeds to each account. Deposits
45 under this paragraph shall be made at least quarterly. At any time that the department determines

1 that the accounts designated by the Bicycle Transportation Alliance and Cycle Oregon cease to
2 exist, the department may deposit the proceeds into the Passenger Rail Transportation Account es-
3 tablished under ORS 802.100.

4 **(c) Net proceeds of the surcharge collected by the department for Keep Kids Safe regis-**
5 **tration plates shall be deposited into an account designated by the Children’s Trust Fund of**
6 **Oregon Foundation to fund strategies and approaches shown to prevent or reduce child**
7 **abuse. Deposits made under this paragraph shall be made at least quarterly. At any time that**
8 **the department determines that the account designated by the Children’s Trust Fund of**
9 **Oregon Foundation ceases to exist, the department may deposit the proceeds into the Pas-**
10 **senger Rail Transportation Account established under ORS 802.100 to be used as other**
11 **moneys in the account are used.**

12 (7) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, the department shall design a Share the Road
13 registration plate in consultation with the Bicycle Transportation Alliance and Cycle Oregon.

14 **(8) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, the department shall design a Keep**
15 **Kids Safe registration plate in consultation with the State Commission on Children and**
16 **Families.**

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