

Senate Bill 442

Sponsored by Senator WINTERS; Representative CAMERON (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs establishment of wine country license plate program for issuance of special registration plate.

Imposes surcharge on registration plates and directs Department of Transportation to deposit net proceeds collected from surcharge to account designated by Cultivating Communities.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to vehicle registration plates; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 805.202 and
3 section 2, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 5 of this 2011 Act are added to and made a part of the Oregon**
6 **Vehicle Code.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) Except as provided in section 3 of this 2011 Act, the Department of**
8 **Transportation shall establish a wine country registration plate program to issue special**
9 **registration plates called "wine country registration plates" upon request to owners of motor**
10 **vehicles registered under the provisions of ORS 803.420 (1).**

11 **(2) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, for each set of wine country registra-**
12 **tion plates issued under subsection (1) of this section, the department shall collect a sur-**
13 **charge of \$30 payable when the plates are issued. The department shall transfer the moneys**
14 **from the surcharge as provided in section 4 of this 2011 Act.**

15 **SECTION 3. The Department of Transportation may not begin creating or issuing wine**
16 **country registration plates under section 2 of this 2011 Act until the department receives at**
17 **least an amount of \$10,000 from private entities to cover all of the department's anticipated**
18 **costs of creating and issuing the wine country registration plate, including, but not limited**
19 **to, computer programming costs and vendor setup fees.**

20 **SECTION 4. (1) After deduction of the cost of administration of the wine country regis-**
21 **tration plate program, the Department of Transportation shall deposit the net proceeds of**
22 **the surcharge collected by the department under section 2 of this 2011 Act into an account**
23 **designated by Cultivating Communities. Deposits under this subsection shall be made at least**
24 **quarterly. At any time that the department determines that the account designated by Cul-**
25 **tivating Communities ceases to exist, the department may deposit the proceeds into the**
26 **Passenger Rail Transportation Account established under ORS 802.100.**

27 **(2) As used in this section, "the cost of administration of the wine country registration**
28 **plate program" means the sum of all department expenses for the issuance or transfer of**
29 **wine country registration plates under section 2 of this 2011 Act that are above the normal**
30 **costs of issuing, renewing and transferring registration plates in the normal course of the**

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 **business of the department. These expenses include, but are not limited to, the costs of col-**
 2 **lecting the wine country registration plate surcharge and transferring wine country regis-**
 3 **tration plates.**

4 **SECTION 5. (1) The Department of Transportation, in consultation with Cultivating**
 5 **Communities, shall design the wine country registration plates.**

6 **(2) Except as otherwise required by the design specified in subsection (1) of this section,**
 7 **wine country registration plates shall comply with the requirements of ORS 803.535.**

8 **SECTION 6.** ORS 805.202 is amended to read:

9 805.202. (1) As used in this section, “special registration plate” means a registration plate issued
 10 by the Department of Transportation:

11 (a) For which a surcharge is imposed in order to raise money for an entity other than the de-
 12 partment;

13 (b) That is not a plate issued under ORS 805.105 or 805.205;

14 (c) That is not an elected official plate issued under ORS 805.220; and

15 (d) That is not a customized plate issued under ORS 805.240.

16 (2) The Legislative Assembly may not require the Department of Transportation to offer more
 17 than [*three*] **four** kinds of special registration plates at any one time. At any time the department
 18 is offering [*three*] **four** kinds of special registration plates, any bill enacted by the Legislative As-
 19 sembly that requires the department to issue a new kind of special registration plate shall include
 20 a provision requiring the department to eliminate at least one kind of special registration plate.

21 (3) When the department eliminates a kind of special registration plate in accordance with the
 22 provisions of a law described in subsection (2) of this section, the department shall continue to issue
 23 the plate until the new plate is available. When the new plate is available, the department shall
 24 destroy the remaining stock of the eliminated plate.

25 **SECTION 7.** Section 2, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009, is amended to read:

26 **Sec. 2.** (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish a Pacific Wonderland registration
 27 plate program to issue special registration plates called “Pacific Wonderland registration plates”
 28 upon request to owners of motor vehicles registered under the provisions of ORS 803.420 (1). In ad-
 29 dition, the department may adopt rules for issuance of Pacific Wonderland registration plates for
 30 vehicles not registered under the provisions of ORS 803.420 (1).

31 (2) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, for each set of Pacific Wonderland registra-
 32 tion plates issued under subsection (1) of this section, the department shall collect a surcharge of
 33 \$100 payable when the plates are issued. The department shall transfer the moneys from the sur-
 34 charge as provided in section 3 of this 2009 Act.

35 (3) Notwithstanding ORS 803.530, Pacific Wonderland registration plates may be transferred
 36 from vehicle to vehicle if the department stops issuing the plates, as long as the plates are not so
 37 old, damaged, mutilated or otherwise rendered illegible as to be not useful for purposes of identifi-
 38 cation.

39 (4) The department shall limit the total number of Pacific Wonderland registration plates to
 40 40,000 sets of plates.

41 (5) Notwithstanding ORS 805.202, until the department has issued 40,000 sets of plates under this
 42 section, the department may issue [*four*] **five** kinds of special registration plates at any one time.