

Senate Bill 403

Sponsored by Senator SHIELDS (at the request of Rob Thompson) (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 education license plate program for issuance of special registration plate.

Imposes surcharge per year of registration. Directs that moneys from surcharge on registration plate be transferred to State School Fund.

Directs Oregon Transportation Commission to conduct contest for design of education registration plate.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Transportation for purpose of initiating education registration plate program.

Repeals limitation on number of special registration plates department may issue at one time.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to special registration plates; creating new provisions; amending section 2, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009; repealing ORS 805.202; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

EDUCATION REGISTRATION PLATE PROGRAM

SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2013 Act are added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle Code.

SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish an education registration plate program to issue special registration plates called "education registration plates" upon request to owners of motor vehicles registered under ORS 803.420 (1) to observe the importance of education to Oregon. In addition, the department may adopt rules for issuance of education registration plates for vehicles not registered under ORS 803.420 (1).

(2) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, for each education registration plate issued under subsection (1) of this section, the department shall collect a surcharge of \$_____ per year of registration payable when the plate is issued and upon each subsequent renewal of registration of a vehicle bearing the plate. The department shall distribute the surcharge as provided in section 3 of this 2013 Act.

(3) Notwithstanding ORS 803.530, education registration plates may be transferred from vehicle to vehicle if the department stops issuing the plates, as long as the plates are not too old, damaged, mutilated or otherwise rendered illegible to be useful for purposes of identification.

FUNDING FOR STATE SCHOOL FUND

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section, "cost of administration of the education regis-

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 tration plate program” means the sum of all Department of Transportation expenses for the
 2 issuance or transfer of education registration plates under section 2 of this 2013 Act, in-
 3 cluding but not limited to the costs of collecting the education registration plate surcharge
 4 and transferring education registration plates that are above the normal costs of issuing,
 5 renewing and transferring registration plates in the normal course of the business of the
 6 department.

7 (2) After deduction of the cost of administration of the education registration plate pro-
 8 gram, moneys from the surcharge imposed by section 2 of this 2013 Act shall be transferred
 9 to the State School Fund, established under ORS 327.008, and continuously appropriated for
 10 the purposes described in ORS 327.008.

11 DESIGN CONTEST

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 14 **SECTION 4.** The Oregon Transportation Commission shall conduct a contest for the de-
 15 sign of the education registration plate issued under section 2 of this 2013 Act. The contest
 16 shall be held in the following manner:

17 (1) The commission shall conduct a statewide publicity campaign to inform people of the
 18 education registration plate contest.

19 (2) Designs submitted for the contest must:

20 (a) Contain the word “Oregon” and depict an aspect of education;

21 (b) Fit on a registration plate that is the same size as those currently in use; and

22 (c) Use no more than four colors.

23 (3) The commission shall choose a panel of seven judges for the contest. Of the members
 24 of the panel, two shall be artists or graphic artists and two shall be traffic officers employed
 25 by a police agency.

26 (4) The panel of judges shall choose from among the entries five designs that they shall
 27 then forward to the commission. The commission, in consultation with the Department of
 28 Education, shall choose the winning design from among the five forwarded to the commission
 29 by the panel of judges.

30 (5) The contest shall be concluded and the winning design chosen by June 1, 2013. The
 31 commission shall forward the winning design to the Department of Transportation.

32 (6) Except as otherwise required by the design chosen, education registration plates shall
 33 comply with the requirements of ORS 803.535.

34 APPROPRIATION

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 37 **SECTION 5.** There is appropriated to the Department of Transportation, for the biennium
 38 beginning July 1, 2013, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the purpose of
 39 initiating the education registration plate program established under section 2 of this 2013
 40 Act, including but not limited to the education registration plate design, computer pro-
 41 gramming and production setup. Any portion of the appropriation not used for initiating the
 42 education registration plate program shall be transferred to the account described in sub-
 43 section (2) of this section.

44 (2) Notwithstanding section 3 of this 2013 Act, after deduction of the cost of adminis-
 45 tration of the education registration plate program, as defined in section 3 of this 2013 Act,

1 the department shall transfer the moneys from the surcharge imposed by section 2 of this
 2 2013 Act to an account in the General Fund until sufficient funds have accumulated for the
 3 purpose described in subsection (3) of this section.

4 (3) When the department determines that moneys in sufficient amount are available in
 5 the account described in subsection (2) of this section, but no later than June 30, 2015, the
 6 department shall reimburse the General Fund, without interest, in an amount equal to the
 7 amount appropriated from the General Fund under subsection (1) of this section. The moneys
 8 used to reimburse the General Fund under this subsection may not be considered a budget
 9 item on which a limitation is otherwise fixed by law, but shall be in addition to any specific
 10 biennial appropriation or amount authorized to be expended from continuously appropriated
 11 moneys for any biennial period.

12 (4) Any moneys remaining in the account described in subsection (2) of this section after
 13 the reimbursement required under subsection (3) of this section shall be transferred to the
 14 State School Fund as provided in section 3 of this 2013 Act.

15 REPEAL

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 18 **SECTION 6. ORS 805.202 is repealed.**

19 CONFORMING AMENDMENTS

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 22 **SECTION 7.** Section 2, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009, as amended by section 8, chapter 709,
 23 Oregon Laws 2011, is amended to read:

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

29 (2) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, for each set of Pacific Wonderland registra-
 30 tion plates issued under subsection (1) of this section, the department shall collect a surcharge of
 31 \$100 payable when the plates are issued. The department shall transfer the moneys from the sur-
 32 charge as provided in section 3, chapter 823, Oregon Laws 2009.

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

37 (4) The department shall limit the total number of Pacific Wonderland registration plates to
 38 40,000 sets of plates.

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

41 CAPTIONS

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 44 **SECTION 8. The unit captions used in this 2013 Act are provided only for the convenience**
 45 **of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any leg-**

1 **islative intent in the enactment of this 2013 Act.**

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EMERGENCY CLAUSE

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5 **SECTION 9. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
6 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**
7 **on its passage.**

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