

Senate Bill 480

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST (at the request of Doug and Karlene Colgan) (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 Department of Transportation to establish Support Our Troops registration 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 Oregon Veterans' Home Account.

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

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Support Our Troops registration plate program; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this 2017 Act are added to and made a part of the**
5 **Oregon Vehicle Code.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish a Support Our Troops**
7 **registration plate program to issue special registration plates called "Support Our Troops**
8 **registration plates" upon request to owners of motor vehicles registered under ORS 803.420**
9 **(1). In addition, the department may adopt rules for issuance of Support Our Troops regis-**
10 **tration plates for vehicles not registered under ORS 803.420 (1).**

11 **(2) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, for each Support Our Troops regis-**
12 **tration plate issued under subsection (1) of this section, the department shall collect a sur-**
13 **charge of \$40 per year of registration, payable when the plate is issued and upon each**
14 **subsequent renewal of registration of a vehicle bearing the plate. The department shall dis-**
15 **tribute the surcharge as provided in section 3 of this 2017 Act.**

16 **(3) Notwithstanding ORS 803.530, Support Our Troops registration plates may be trans-**
17 **ferred from vehicle to vehicle if the department stops issuing the plates, as long as the plates**
18 **are not so old, damaged, mutilated or otherwise rendered illegible as to be not useful for**
19 **purposes of identification.**

20 **SECTION 3. Moneys from the surcharge imposed by section 2 of this 2017 Act shall be**
21 **transferred to the Oregon Veterans' Home Account created under ORS 408.368, after de-**
22 **duction of the cost of administration of the Support Our Troops registration plate program,**
23 **including but not limited to the costs of collecting the Support Our Troops registration plate**
24 **surcharge and transferring Support Our Troops registration plates that are above the**
25 **normal costs of issuing, renewing and transferring registration plates in the normal course**
26 **of business of the Department of Transportation.**

27 **SECTION 4. (1) The Department of Transportation, after consultation with the Depart-**
28 **ment of Veterans' Affairs, shall design the Support Our Troops registration plates issued**

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 under section 2 of this 2017 Act.

2 (2) Except as otherwise required by subsection (1) of this section, Support Our Troops
3 registration plates shall comply with the requirements of ORS 803.535.

4 **SECTION 5.** (1) There is appropriated to the Department of Transportation, for the
5 biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the
6 purpose of initiating the Support Our Troops registration plate program established under
7 section 2 of this 2017 Act, including but not limited to the Support Our Troops registration
8 plate design, computer programming and production setup. Any portion of the appropriation
9 not used for initiating the Support Our Troops registration plate program shall be trans-
10 ferred to the account described in subsection (2) of this section.

11 (2) Notwithstanding section 3 of this 2017 Act, after deduction of the cost of adminis-
12 tration of the Support Our Troops registration plate program, as described in section 3 of
13 this 2017 Act, the department shall transfer the moneys from the surcharge imposed by
14 section 2 of this 2017 Act to an account in the General Fund until sufficient funds have ac-
15 cumulated for the purpose described in subsection (3) of this section.

16 (3) When the department determines that moneys in sufficient amount are available in
17 the account described in subsection (2) of this section, but no later than June 30, 2019, the
18 department shall reimburse the General Fund, without interest, in an amount equal to the
19 amount appropriated from the General Fund under subsection (1) of this section. The moneys
20 used to reimburse the General Fund under this subsection may not be considered a budget
21 item on which a limitation is otherwise fixed by law, but shall be in addition to any specific
22 biennial appropriation or amount authorized to be expended from continuously appropriated
23 moneys for any biennial period.

24 (4) Any moneys remaining in the account described in subsection (2) of this section after
25 the reimbursement required under subsection (3) of this section shall be transferred to the
26 Oregon Veterans' Home Account as provided in section 3 of this 2017 Act.

27 **SECTION 6.** This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017
28 regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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