

House Bill 2752

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG

SUMMARY

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Decreases number of special registration plates required to be sold each year to keep plates in circulation.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to special registration plates; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 805.222.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 805.222 is amended to read:

805.222. (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish a special registration program and provide for issuance of special registration plates for nonprofit groups meeting the qualifications for tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, for institutions of higher education and for public bodies, as defined in ORS 174.109.

(2) Plates issued under this section may be issued to owners of motor vehicles registered under the provisions of ORS 803.420 (6)(a). In addition, the department may adopt rules for issuance of special registration plates issued pursuant to this section for vehicles not registered under ORS 803.420 (6)(a).

(3) Plates issued under this section may not contain expressions of political opinion or religious belief.

(4) Rules adopted under this section shall include, but need not be limited to, rules that:

(a) Describe general qualifications to be met by any nonprofit group, institution of higher education or public body in order to be eligible for plates issued under this section.

(b) Specify circumstances under which the department may cease to issue plates under this section.

(c) Require each nonprofit group, institution of higher education or public body for which plates are issued to file an annual statement on a form designed by the department showing that the group is a nonprofit group, institution of higher education or public body and that the nonprofit group, institution of higher education or public body otherwise meets the qualifications imposed for eligibility for plates issued under this section. The statement shall include names and addresses of current directors or officers of the nonprofit group, institution of higher education or public body or of other persons authorized to speak for the nonprofit group, institution of higher education or public body on matters affecting plates issued under this section.

(d) Specify the manner in which a nonprofit group, institution of higher education or public body may apply for a special registration plate.

(5) In addition to any other fee authorized by law, for each set of special registration plates issued pursuant to this section, the department shall collect a surcharge of \$40 payable when the

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1 plates are issued and upon each subsequent renewal of registration of a vehicle bearing the plates.
 2 The department shall distribute the moneys from the surcharge as provided in subsection (8) of this
 3 section.

4 (6) The department, in consultation with the nonprofit group, institution of higher education or
 5 public body requesting the special registration plate, shall develop a unique design for each plate
 6 issued under this section. Any design must comply with requirements described under ORS 803.535.

7 (7) The department shall determine how many sets of plates shall be manufactured for each plate
 8 approved under this section. If the department does not issue [2,000] 500 sets of plates for a par-
 9 ticular nonprofit group, institution of higher education or public body in any one year, the depart-
 10 ment shall cease production of those plates.

11 (8) Each nonprofit group, institution of higher education or public body that is found by the
 12 department to be eligible for plates issued under this section may designate an account into which
 13 the net proceeds of the surcharge collected by the department under subsection (5) of this section
 14 are to be deposited. The department shall keep accurate records of the number of plates issued for
 15 each nonprofit group, institution of higher education or public body that qualifies. After payment
 16 of administrative expenses of the department, moneys collected under this section for a nonprofit
 17 group, institution of higher education or public body shall be deposited by the department into an
 18 account specified by that nonprofit group, institution of higher education or public body. If any
 19 nonprofit group, institution of higher education or public body does not specify an account for the
 20 moneys collected from the sale of plates issued under this section, the department shall deposit
 21 moneys collected for those plates into the Passenger Rail Transportation Account established under
 22 ORS 802.100 to be used as other moneys in the account are used. Deposits under this subsection
 23 shall be made at least quarterly.

24 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 805.222 by section 1 of this 2019 Act apply to reg-**
 25 **istration plates issued on or after the effective date of this 2019 Act.**