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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 987

Introduced by Assembly Member Leslie

February 20, 2003

An act to add Section ~~5025~~ 5071.2 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 987, as amended, Leslie. Vehicles: special interest license plates: ~~pediatric HIV and AIDS research~~ education and care programs.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue special *interest* license plates in lieu of regularly issued plates to any person applying for the special *interest* plates and paying certain fees. *Existing law prohibits the department from issuing any special interest license plate until, among other things, the participating organization has received and submitted to the department not less than 7,500 applications for that particular plate within certain time limitations.*

This bill would require the department to design and issue *under the above described participation procedure* special ~~pediatric~~-interest HIV and AIDS ~~research~~ education and care license plates, as specified. The bill would require certain funds generated from the issuance of the special *interest* license plates to be deposited in the ~~Pediatric HIV and AIDS Research~~ Education and Care License Plate Account *and, under specified circumstances, the Compassion Capital Fund Account*, which *accounts* the bill would establish in the General Fund. The bill would require the money in the *first described* account to be allocated, upon appropriation by the Legislature, ~~to the State Department of Health~~

~~Services for distribution under a specified program through grants administered by the Office of AIDS in the California Department of Health Services to fund pediatric HIV and AIDS research education and care among communities of color in the state. Money in the second described account, upon appropriation, would be administered by the Office of AIDS to fund grant programs for hospice care, with emphasis on programs that support facilities providing care of individuals dying from AIDS.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 5025 is added to the Vehicle Code, to~~
 2 ~~read:~~
 3 ~~5025.—~~
 4 *SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the*
 5 *following:*
 6 *(a) Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired*
 7 *immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) cases in communities of color*
 8 *are increasing at a disproportionate rate.*
 9 *(b) The California Department of Health Services, Office of*
 10 *AIDS, reports that as of April 30, 2002, the cumulative number of*
 11 *reported HIV and AIDS cases by race, ethnicity, and age show that*
 12 *40.5 percent of the adult and adolescent cases and 72.5 percent of*
 13 *the pediatric cases occurred in people of color.*
 14 *(c) African-Americans represent approximately 6.7 percent of*
 15 *California’s population yet they represent 17.4 percent of the total*
 16 *reported HIV and AIDS cases in California.*
 17 *(d) African-Americans represent 12 percent of the American*
 18 *population yet they represent 37 percent of total American HIV and*
 19 *AIDS cases.*
 20 *(e) African-American children represent close to two-thirds of*
 21 *all reported pediatric HIV and AIDS cases and Latinos represent*
 22 *20.5 percent of the total reported HIV and AIDS cases in*
 23 *California.*
 24 *SEC. 2. Section 5071.2 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:*
 25 *5071.2. (a) The department shall design and issue special*
 26 *pediatric under Section 5060 special interest HIV and AIDS*
 27 *license plates depicting California in gold color with a red ribbon*



1 wrapped around the state, and the words “Compassion Toward a
2 Cure” written along the bottom of the plate. Any person described
3 in Section 5101, upon payment of the additional fee set forth in
4 subdivision (b), may apply for and be issued a set of the special
5 license plates authorized under this section in lieu of the regular
6 license plates.

7 (b) In addition to the regular fees for an original registration, a
8 renewal of registration, or a transfer or substitution of license
9 plates, the following additional fees shall be paid for the issuance,
10 renewal, retention, transfer, or substitution of the special license
11 plates authorized under this section:

12 (1) For the original issuance of the plates, fifty dollars (\$50).

13 (2) For a renewal of registration of the plates, or retention of the
14 plates if renewal is not required, forty dollars (\$40).

15 (3) For transfer of the plates to another vehicle, fifteen dollars
16 (\$15).

17 (4) For each substitute replacement plate, thirty-five dollars
18 (\$35).

19 ~~(e)~~

20 (c) (1) After deducting all administrative costs incurred by it
21 to implement this section, the department shall deposit the *first two*
22 *hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)* of additional revenue
23 derived *each fiscal year* from the issuance, renewal, retention,
24 transfer, and substitution of the special license plates in the
25 ~~Pediatric AIDS Research~~ *HIV and AIDS Education and Care*
26 License Plate Account, which is hereby established in the General
27 Fund.

28 ~~(d)~~

29 (2) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the money in the
30 account *established under paragraph (1)* shall be allocated to the
31 State Department of Health Services for distribution through
32 grants administered ~~under the child health and disability~~
33 ~~prevention program established under Article 6 (commencing~~
34 ~~with Section 124025) of Chapter 3 of Part 2 of Division 106 of the~~
35 ~~Health and Safety Code, to fund pediatric AIDS research and care~~
36 ~~in the state; by the Office of AIDS in the California Department of~~
37 ~~Health Services to fund HIV and AIDS education and care grant~~
38 ~~programs among communities of color.~~

39 (d) (1) *Those additional revenues, in excess of the amount*
40 *deposited in the account under paragraph (1) of subdivision (c),*



1 shall be deposited by the department in the Compassion Capital
2 Fund Account, which is hereby established in the General Fund.
3 Money may only be appropriated from that account in a fiscal year
4 when the balance in that account exceeds five hundred thousand
5 dollars (\$500,000) on the immediately preceding December 31.

6 (2) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the money in the
7 Compassion Capitol Fund Account shall be allocated to the
8 California Department of Health Services to be administered by
9 the Office of AIDS to fund grant programs for hospice care,
10 particularly, but not exclusively, those programs that emphasize
11 support of facilities providing care of individuals dying from AIDS.
12 Each grant shall fund the creation or expansion of facilities
13 providing the service described in this paragraph and the amount
14 of a grant shall range between twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) to
15 one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).

16 (e) All qualifying private, nonprofit entities that are exempt
17 from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
18 Code are entitled to participate equally, without regard to religious
19 affiliation or the lack thereof, in the grant programs funded by the
20 accounts established under subdivisions (c) and (d).

