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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2068**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Portantino**  
*(Coauthors: Assembly Members Cook and Jeffries)*  
*(Coauthors: Senators Cannella, Dutton, and Rubio)*

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An act to amend Section 5002.8 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2068, as amended, Portantino. Vehicles: license plates: legislative and congressional members.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue distinctive license plates for a motor vehicle owned by a current or retired Member of the California Legislature and a Member of the Congress of the United States and requires that the person pay additional fees in addition to the regular fees for an original registration or renewal of registration.

This bill would make the additional fees the same as the fees paid by an applicant for a personalized license plate. The bill would also make the Member subject to a transfer fee and would require that all additional fees received by the department in payment for the issuance, renewal, or transfer of *the special* license plates authorized under these provisions be deposited in the Motor Vehicle Account.

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 5002.8 of the Vehicle Code is amended  
2 to read:  
3 5002.8. (a) (1) Distinctive license plates issued for a motor  
4 vehicle owned by a current or retired Member of the California  
5 Legislature, which plates denote that the person is, or was, a  
6 Member of the Legislature, and distinctive license plates issued  
7 for a vehicle owned by a Member of the Congress of the United  
8 States, which plates denote that the person is a Member of  
9 Congress, shall be subject to the regular fees for an original  
10 registration or renewal of registration.  
11 (2) In addition to the regular fees for an original registration or  
12 renewal of registration, the applicant shall be charged the following  
13 additional fees:  
14 (b) For an original registration, the applicant shall be charged  
15 the fee specified in subdivision (a) of Section 5106.  
16 (c) For a renewal of registration, the applicant shall be charged  
17 the fee specified in subdivision (b) of Section 5106.  
18 (d) When a Member or former Member of the California  
19 Legislature or a Member of the Congress of the United States who  
20 has been issued personalized license plates pursuant to this section  
21 applies to the department for transfer of the plates to another  
22 passenger vehicle, commercial motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer,  
23 a transfer fee in the amount specified pursuant to Section 5108  
24 shall be charged in addition to all other appropriate fees.  
25 (e) All additional fees received by the department in payment  
26 for the issuance, renewal, or transfer of *the special* license plates  
27 authorized under this section shall be deposited in the Motor  
28 Vehicle Account.

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