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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2068

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

February 23, 2012

An act to amend *and repeal* 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. Existing law establishes the California Environmental License Plate Fund in the State Treasury and requires, after certain moneys are deducted by the Controller, that the balance of the moneys in the fund be available for expenditure for specific trust purposes.

This bill would, *beginning January 1, 2014, (1)* make the additional fees for these distinctive license plates the same as the fees paid by an

applicant for a personalized license plate. ~~The bill would also,~~ (2) make the Member subject to a transfer fee for these distinctive license plates. ~~The bill would,~~ and (3) require the department to deposit in the California Environmental License Plate Fund all fees received by the department in payment for the issuance, renewal, or transfer of the special license plates authorized under these provisions ~~in the,~~ after the department deducts its costs in administering these provisions.

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. ~~Any~~(a) A distinctive license plate issued for a motor
4 vehicle owned by a current or retired Member of the California
5 Legislature, which plate denotes that ~~such~~ the person is, or was, a
6 Member of the Legislature, and ~~any~~ a distinctive license plate
7 issued for a vehicle owned by a Member of the Congress of the
8 United States, which plate denotes that ~~such~~ the person is a Member
9 of Congress, shall require fees.

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11 (b) In addition to the regular fees for an original registration or
12 renewal of registration, the following special fees shall be paid:

13 (a)
14 (1) Twelve dollars (\$12) for the initial issuance of such special
15 plate.

16 (b)
17 (2) Ten dollars (\$10) for the transfer of such plate to another
18 motor vehicle.

19 (c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2014,
20 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that
21 is enacted before January 1, 2014, deletes or extends that date.

22 ~~SECTION 1.~~
23 SEC. 2. Section 5002.8 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
24 read:

25 5002.8. (a) (1) Distinctive license plates issued for a motor
26 vehicle owned by a current or retired Member of the California
27 Legislature, which plates denote that the person is, or was, a
28 Member of the Legislature, and distinctive license plates issued

1 for a vehicle owned by a Member of the Congress of the United
2 States, which plates denote that the person is a Member of
3 Congress, shall be subject to the regular fees for an original
4 registration or renewal of registration.

5 (2) In addition to the regular fees for an original registration or
6 renewal of registration, the applicant shall be charged the following
7 additional fees:

8 (b) For an original registration, the applicant shall be charged
9 the fee specified in subdivision (a) of Section 5106.

10 (c) For a renewal of registration, the applicant shall be charged
11 the fee specified in subdivision (b) of Section 5106.

12 (d) When a Member or former Member of the California
13 Legislature or a Member of the Congress of the United States who
14 has been issued personalized license plates pursuant to this section
15 applies to the department for transfer of the plates to another
16 passenger vehicle, commercial motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer,
17 a transfer fee in the amount specified pursuant to Section 5108
18 shall be charged in addition to all other appropriate fees.

19 (e) After deducting the costs incurred by the department to
20 administer this section, the department shall deposit in the
21 California Environmental License Plate Fund, all fees received by
22 the department in payment for the issuance, renewal, or transfer
23 of the special license plates authorized under this section.

24 (f) *This section shall become operative on January 1, 2014.*