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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 192

Introduced by Assembly Member Travis Allen

January 28, 2015

An act to add Section 5166 to the Vehicle Code, relating to license plates.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 192, as amended, Travis Allen. Specialized license plates: coastal conservancy awareness.

Existing law establishes a specialized license plate program and requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue specialized license plates on behalf of a sponsoring state agency that meets certain requirements. Existing law requires that the DMV charge specified additional fees for the issuance, renewal, or transfer of specialized license plates, and requires the DMV to deposit the fees, less the DMV's costs, into the Specialized License Plate Fund. Existing law requires that moneys in the fund be allocated, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to each sponsoring agency in proportion to the amount that is attributable to the agency's specialized license plate program. Existing law authorizes the sponsoring state agency to use these moneys to fund projects and programs that promote the state agency's official policy, mission, or work.

This bill would require the State Coastal Conservancy to apply to the DMV to sponsor a license plate for coastal conservancy awareness, and would require the DMV, in consultation with the State Coastal

Conservancy, to design for issuance these special license plates bearing a decal depicting a surfer design, as specified. The bill would require the DMV to deposit the fees for the issuance, renewal, or transfer of these specialized license plates, less the DMV's costs, into the Coastal Conservancy Awareness Fund, which the bill would establish in the Specialized License Plate Fund, for the deposit of revenue derived from these specialized license plates. The bill would require that these funds be allocated, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the State Coastal Conservancy to fund specified projects and programs related to coastal conservancy, including providing for the maintenance and operation of coastal access infrastructure.

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 5166 is added to the Vehicle Code, to
2 read:

3 5166. (a) The State Coastal Conservancy shall apply to the
4 department to sponsor a coastal conservancy awareness license
5 plate program. The department shall issue specialized license plates
6 for that program if the State Coastal Conservancy satisfies the
7 requirements of Section 5156.

8 (b) The department, in consultation with the State Coastal
9 Conservancy, shall design the special state coastal conservancy
10 license plates as described in this section. The special state coastal
11 conservancy license plates shall bear a decal that the department
12 determines, in consultation with the Department of the California
13 Highway Patrol, does not obscure the readability of the license
14 plate depicting a surfer design, as approved by the State Coastal
15 Conservancy.

16 (c) (1) The fees specified in Section 5157 shall be imposed for
17 the issuance, renewal, or transfer of specialized license plates
18 authorized by this section. Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of
19 Section 5157, after deducting its administrative costs, the
20 department shall deposit the revenue derived from the additional
21 fees into the Coastal Conservancy Awareness Fund, which is
22 hereby established in the Specialized License Plate Fund. Upon
23 appropriation by the Legislature, the moneys in the Coastal
24 Conservancy Awareness Fund shall be allocated to the State

1 Coastal Conservancy to fund projects and programs that accomplish
2 any of the following purposes:

3 (A) Educating the general public regarding the history of surfing
4 as a sport and as a recreational ~~activity~~: *activity, and educating the*
5 *general public regarding other nonmotorized water recreation.*

6 (B) Providing support for lifeguards at high-risk beaches to aid
7 in the protection of the public who utilize those beaches.

8 ~~(C) Providing protections of coastal access for everyone.~~

9 ~~(D) Providing educational programs, including publication of~~
10 ~~articles, and hosting and supporting forums and events to increase~~
11 ~~coastal conservancy awareness.~~

12 *(C) Providing for noncapital expenses relating to the operation*
13 *and maintenance of access ways, educational opportunities, and*
14 *increasing attendance at beaches, including, but not limited to,*
15 *shuttle transportation methods.*

16 *(D) Hosting and supporting forums and events to increase*
17 *coastal conservancy awareness, including the publication of*
18 *articles.*

19 (E) Developing and supporting activities designed to assist in
20 preserving and protecting the shoreline and the delicate ecosystems
21 residing within the coastal ecosystem.

22 (F) Providing for the maintenance and operation of coastal
23 access infrastructure, including, but not limited to, trails, pathways,
24 walkways, parking, ramps and stairs, coastal cleanup efforts, and
25 any other beach access services.

26 *(G) Providing for the protection, habitat, and the care,*
27 *rehabilitation, and reintroduction of California Sea Lions.*

28 *(H) Promoting the coastal conservancy awareness license plate*
29 *program, including, but not limited to, through the use of*
30 *contracted partners as provided for in paragraph (2).*

31 (2) The State Coastal Conservancy may enter into an agreement
32 with *the federal government, state or local governments, or any*
33 *nonprofit organization, as may be appropriate, to assist the State*
34 *Coastal Conservancy in accomplishing any of the projects or*
35 *programs described in paragraph (1).*

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