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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 192**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Travis Allen**

January 28, 2015

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An act to add ~~Sections 5166 and~~ *Section 5168* to the Vehicle Code, relating to license plates.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 192, as amended, Travis Allen. Specialized license plates.

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.~~

The bill would require the DMV to deposit fees for the issuance, renewal, or transfer of the Pet Lover’s specialized license plates, less the DMV’s costs, into the Pet Lover’s 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 Veterinary Medical Board for disbursement by a nonprofit organization selected by the board to fund grants to providers of no-cost or low-cost animal sterilization services. The bill would require the board to determine eligibility requirements for the grants, establish the grant application process, and develop program specifics. The bill would authorize the board to contract with an entity, including a nonprofit organization, to provide advice, consultation, and administrative services for purposes of implementing and administering the grant program. The bill would require the board to provide oversight for the disbursement of grant funds under the grant program.

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:

1     ~~5166. (a) The State Coastal Conservancy shall apply to the~~  
2 ~~department to sponsor a coastal conservancy awareness license~~  
3 ~~plate program. The department shall issue specialized license plates~~  
4 ~~for that program if the State Coastal Conservancy satisfies the~~  
5 ~~requirements of Section 5156.~~

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

14     ~~(c) (1) The fees specified in Section 5157 shall be imposed for~~  
15 ~~the issuance, renewal, or transfer of specialized license plates~~  
16 ~~authorized by this section. Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of~~  
17 ~~Section 5157, after deducting its administrative costs, the~~  
18 ~~department shall deposit the revenue derived from the additional~~  
19 ~~fees into the Coastal Conservancy Awareness Fund, which is~~  
20 ~~hereby established in the Specialized License Plate Fund. Upon~~  
21 ~~appropriation by the Legislature, the moneys in the Coastal~~  
22 ~~Conservancy Awareness Fund shall be allocated to the State~~  
23 ~~Coastal Conservancy to fund projects and programs that accomplish~~  
24 ~~any of the purposes of Division 21 (commencing with Section~~  
25 ~~31000) of the Public Resources Code, prioritizing, but not limited~~  
26 ~~to, all of the following:~~

27     ~~(A) Educating the general public regarding the history of surfing~~  
28 ~~as a sport and as a recreational activity, and educating the general~~  
29 ~~public regarding other nonmotorized water recreation.~~

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

32     ~~(C) Providing for noncapital expenses relating to the operation~~  
33 ~~and maintenance of access ways, educational opportunities, and~~  
34 ~~increasing attendance at beaches, including, but not limited to,~~  
35 ~~shuttle transportation methods.~~

36     ~~(D) Hosting and supporting forums and events to increase~~  
37 ~~coastal conservancy awareness, including the publication of~~  
38 ~~articles.~~

1 ~~(E) Developing and supporting activities designed to assist in~~  
2 ~~preserving and protecting the shoreline and the delicate ecosystems~~  
3 ~~residing within the coastal ecosystem.~~

4 ~~(F) Providing for the maintenance and operation of coastal~~  
5 ~~access infrastructure, including, but not limited to, trails, pathways,~~  
6 ~~walkways, parking, ramps and stairs, coastal cleanup efforts, and~~  
7 ~~any other beach access services.~~

8 ~~(G) Providing for the protection, habitat, and the care,~~  
9 ~~rehabilitation, and reintroduction of California sea lions.~~

10 ~~(H) Promoting the coastal conservancy awareness license plate~~  
11 ~~program, including, but not limited to, through the use of contracted~~  
12 ~~partners as provided for in paragraph (2).~~

13 ~~(2) The State Coastal Conservancy may enter into an agreement~~  
14 ~~with the federal government, state or local governments, or any~~  
15 ~~nonprofit organization, as may be appropriate, to assist the State~~  
16 ~~Coastal Conservancy in accomplishing any of the projects or~~  
17 ~~programs described in paragraph (1).~~

18 ~~SEC. 2.~~

19 *SECTION 1.* Section 5168 is added to the Vehicle Code, to  
20 read:

21 5168. (a) The fees specified in Section 5157 shall be imposed  
22 for the issuance, renewal, or transfer of the Pet Lover’s specialized  
23 license plates. Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of Section 5157,  
24 after deducting its administrative costs, the department shall deposit  
25 the revenue derived from the additional fees into the Pet Lover’s  
26 Fund, which is hereby established in the Specialized License Plate  
27 Fund.

28 (b) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the moneys in the  
29 Pet Lover’s Fund shall be allocated to the Veterinary Medical  
30 Board. There shall not be an allocation to the board pursuant to  
31 subdivision (c) of Section 5157. The board shall allocate those  
32 funds to a nonprofit organization it selects for disbursal to  
33 qualifying spay and neuter facilities for the sole and exclusive  
34 purpose of funding grants to providers of no-cost or low-cost  
35 animal sterilization services.

36 (c) Annual administrative costs for the program shall not exceed  
37 25 percent of the funds collected from the issuance of the Pet  
38 Lover’s license plates, and may include marketing and other  
39 promotional activities associated with encouraging application for  
40 or renewal of Pet Lover’s license plates.

1 (d) The nonprofit organization selected by the board shall not  
2 use more than 5 percent of the moneys received pursuant to this  
3 section for administrative costs.

4 (e) The board shall determine eligibility requirements for the  
5 grants, establish the grant application process, and develop program  
6 specifics. The board may contract with an entity, including a  
7 nonprofit organization, to provide advice, consultation, and  
8 administrative services for purposes of implementing and  
9 administering the grant program. The board shall provide oversight  
10 for the disbursement of grant funds under the grant program.

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