

Assembly Bill No. 192

CHAPTER 497

An act to add Section 5168 to the Vehicle Code, relating to license plates.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 192, 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.

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 disbursal of grant funds under the grant program.

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

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

5168. (a) The fees specified in Section 5157 shall be imposed for the issuance, renewal, or transfer of the Pet Lover's specialized license plates.

Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of Section 5157, after deducting its administrative costs, the department shall deposit the revenue derived from the additional fees into the Pet Lover’s Fund, which is hereby established in the Specialized License Plate Fund.

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

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

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

(e) The board shall determine eligibility requirements for the grants, establish the grant application process, and develop program specifics. The board may 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 board shall provide oversight for the disbursement of grant funds under the grant program.