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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1884

Introduced by Assembly Member Harper
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Gallagher and Olsen)
(Coauthor: Senator Cannella)

February 11, 2016

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1884, as amended, Harper. Specialized license plates: mental health awareness.

Under existing law, a state agency is authorized to apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to sponsor a specialized license plate program, and the DMV is required to issue those license plates if the agency meets certain requirements. Existing law also requires the DMV to charge specified fees for certain services related to the issuance of those plates.

This bill would require the ~~Mental Health Services Division, within the State Department of Health Care Services~~, *State Department of Health Care Services* to apply to the DMV to sponsor a mental health awareness license plate program, and would require the DMV to issue the license plates if the ~~Mental Health Services Division~~ *department* meets certain requirements. The bill would also establish the Mental Health Awareness Fund in the State Treasury and would require the revenue generated from the license plates, as specified, to be deposited in the fund for use, upon appropriation by the Legislature to the ~~Mental Health Services Division, department~~, for mental health awareness and education.

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 Mental Health Services Division, within the~~
 4 ~~State Department of Health Care Services, The State Department~~
 5 ~~of Health Care Services~~ shall apply to the ~~department, Department~~
 6 ~~of Motor Vehicles~~, pursuant to Section 5156, to sponsor a mental
 7 health awareness license plate program. The ~~department~~
 8 ~~Department of Motor Vehicles~~ shall issue specialized license plates
 9 for that program if the ~~Mental Health Services Division~~ *State*
 10 *Department of Health Care Services* complies with the
 11 requirements of this article.
 12 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of Section 5157, the
 13 additional fees prescribed by Section 5157 for the issuance,
 14 renewal, or transfer of the specialized license plates shall be
 15 deposited, after the ~~department~~ *Department of Motor Vehicles*
 16 deducts its administrative costs, in the Mental Health Awareness
 17 Fund, which is hereby established in the State Treasury. The funds
 18 in the account shall be used, upon appropriation by the Legislature
 19 to the ~~Mental Health Services Division, State Department of Health~~
 20 ~~Care Services~~, for mental health awareness and education.
 21 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that the ~~department,~~
 22 ~~Department of Motor Vehicles~~, in consultation with the Mental
 23 Health Services ~~Division, Division within the State Department~~
 24 ~~of Health Care Services~~, will design and make available for
 25 issuance pursuant to this article special mental health awareness
 26 license plates. Specifically, it is the intent of the Legislature that
 27 the license plates issued pursuant to this section consist of a lime
 28 green mental health awareness ribbon to the left of the numerical
 29 series and a mental health awareness message, such as “Mental
 30 Health Matters,” below the numerical series.

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