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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2253

Introduced by Assembly Member Grove
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Gallagher, Mathis, Melendez, and Olsen)

February 18, 2016

An act to add Section 5163.5 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2253, as amended, Grove. Specialized license plates: ~~In God We Trust~~. plates.

Existing law authorizes a state agency to apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to sponsor a specialized license plate program and requires the DMV to issue those license plates if the sponsoring state agency meets certain requirements. Existing law requires the DMV to charge specified fees related to the issuance of those plates and to deposit the fees, less the DMV's costs, in the Specialized License Plate Fund. Existing law requires that moneys in the fund be allocated, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the sponsoring agency in proportion to the amount that is attributable to the agency's specialized license plate program. Existing law authorizes the sponsoring 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 Department of Veterans ~~Affairs~~ *Affairs*, *in consultation with the State Treasurer*, to apply to the DMV to sponsor

~~an In God We Trust~~ *specified historic state and federal motto* license plate ~~program~~ *programs* and would require the DMV to issue those specialized license plates for ~~that program~~ *those programs* if the Department of Veterans Affairs satisfies certain requirements. Notwithstanding the above-described provisions regarding fees for specialized *license* plates, the bill would require the additional fees for the issuance, renewal, or transfer of these specialized license plates to be deposited, after the DMV deducts its administrative costs, in a newly created fund, to be available upon appropriation by the Legislature for the purpose of funding specified veterans ~~programs~~ *programs and services*.

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 5163.5 is added to the Vehicle Code, to
2 read:
3 5163.5. (a) The Department of Veterans ~~Affairs~~ *Affairs*, in
4 *consultation with the State Treasurer*, shall apply to the Department
5 of Motor Vehicles, pursuant to Section 5156, to sponsor ~~an In God~~
6 ~~We Trust~~ license plate program. The Department of Motor Vehicles
7 ~~shall issue specialized license plates for that program if the~~
8 ~~Department of Veterans Affairs complies with the requirements~~
9 ~~of this article.~~ *the following historic state and federal motto license*
10 *plate programs:*
11 (1) *E Pluribus Unum.*
12 (2) *Liberty.*
13 (3) *In God We Trust.*
14 (4) *We the People.*
15 (5) *Eureka! I have found it!*
16 (b) *The Department of Motor Vehicles shall issue specialized*
17 *license plates for each program provided in subdivision (a) if the*
18 *Department of Veterans Affairs complies with the requirements of*
19 *this article.*
20 ~~(b)~~
21 (c) Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of Section 5157, the
22 additional fees prescribed by Section 5157 for the issuance,
23 renewal, or transfer of the specialized license plates shall be
24 deposited, after the Department of Motor Vehicles deducts its

1 administrative costs, in the Veterans Housing and Homelessness
2 Prevention Fund, which is hereby established in the State Treasury.
3 The funds in the account shall be used, upon appropriation by the
4 Legislature to the Department of Veterans Affairs, to support the
5 Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program and the
6 development of ~~affordable~~ *supportive* services for ~~veterans~~.
7 *veterans living in those units funded by the Veterans Housing and*
8 *Homelessness Prevention Program.*

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