

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2303

**Introduced by Assembly Member Holden
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Gatto)**

February 18, 2016

An act to add Section 5004.4 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2303, as introduced, Holden. Vehicles: specialized license plates. Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish a California Legacy License Plate Program that creates a series of specialized license plates that replicate plates from the state's past.

This bill would require the department, if 7,500 applications are received before January 1, 2019, to add a specified license plate design utilized by the department between 1982 and 1987 to the California Legacy License Plate 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 5004.4 is added to the Vehicle Code, to
2 read:
3 5004.4. (a) Subject to subdivision (c), the department shall
4 add to the California Legacy License Plate Program, authorized
5 pursuant to Section 5004.3, the license plate design utilized by the
6 department between 1982 and 1987 that featured blue, orange, and
7 red lettering, a white background, the phrase "Golden State" and
8 a sunset design.

1 (b) An applicant for the specialized license plates described in
2 subdivision (a), who shall be the owner or lessee of the vehicle on
3 which the plates will be displayed, may choose to either accept a
4 license plate character sequence assigned by the department or
5 request a combination of letters or numbers or both.

6 (c) In addition to the regular fees for an original registration or
7 renewal of registration, the following additional fees shall be paid
8 for the issuance, renewal, retention, or transfer of the specialized
9 license plates:

10 (1) Fifty dollars (\$50) for the original issuance of the plates.

11 (2) Forty dollars (\$40) for a renewal of registration with the
12 plates.

13 (3) Fifteen dollars (\$15) for transfer of the plates to another
14 vehicle.

15 (4) Thirty-five dollars (\$35) for each substitute replacement
16 plate.

17 (5) Thirty-eight dollars (\$38), when the payment of renewal
18 fees is not required as specified in Section 4000 and the holder of
19 the specialized license plates retains the plates. The fee shall be
20 due at the expiration of the registration year of the vehicle to which
21 the specialized license plates were assigned. This paragraph shall
22 not apply when a plate character sequence is assigned by the
23 department pursuant to subdivision (b).

24 (d) The department shall not issue California Legacy License
25 Plates for a vehicle that is exempt from the payment of registration
26 fees pursuant to Section 9101 or 9103.

27 (e) (1) The department shall not add the license plate authorized
28 by subdivision (a) until the department has received not less than
29 7,500 paid applications for plates. The department shall collect
30 and hold applications for the plates. The department shall not issue
31 the specialized plate authorized by subdivision (a) until it has
32 received not less than 7,500 paid applications for plates within the
33 time period prescribed in paragraph (2).

34 (2) The department shall have until January 1, 2019, to receive
35 the required number of applications. If, after that date, 7,500 paid
36 applications have not been received for the plate described in
37 subdivision (a), the department shall immediately refund to all
38 applicants all fees or deposits that have been collected.

39 (f) (1) Upon determination by the department that there are
40 sufficient funds for the program, moneys gathered pursuant to this

1 section shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature,
2 to the department for the necessary administrative costs incurred
3 pursuant to this section.

4 (2) After deducting its administrative costs pursuant to paragraph
5 (1), the department shall deposit any additional revenue derived
6 from the issuance, renewal, retention, transfer, and substitution of
7 the specialized license plates into the State Highway Account in
8 the State Transportation Fund, to be available upon appropriation
9 by the Legislature for the purpose of funding bikeways through
10 the Active Transportation Program.

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