

Senate Bill No. 844

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Secretary of the Senate

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CHAPTER ____

An act to add Section 5071 to, and to repeal Sections 5063, 5065, 5066, 5070, and 5080 of, the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 844, Burton. Vehicles.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue special interest license plates, as specified, containing a distinct design or decal of participating organizations, to any person, to be displayed in lieu of regular license plates. Existing law prohibits the department from issuing any special interest license plate until the participating organization has received and submitted to the department not less than 5,000 applications for that particular plate within existing time limitations.

This bill would delete from the special interest license plates program the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, the Coachella Valley Mountain Conservancy and the Friends of the Desert Mountains, the Gene Chappie Heritage Network Act of 1992, the American Heritage Rodeo Foundation, and the firefighter personal vehicle special license plates, and would add a red ribbon special interest license plate that recognizes the impact of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) on society to the special interest license plate program. The bill would require the additional funds collected by the issuance of red ribbon special interest license plates to be deposited in the AIDS Research Account, created by the bill, in the General Fund to be used, when appropriated, to fund AIDS research grants awarded by the University of California. The bill also would authorize the University of California, for the purpose of meeting the requirement that not less than 5,000 applications for the special interest license plate be received and submitted to the department, to contract with a private, nonprofit entity



that is exempt from taxation under specified provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5063 of the Vehicle Code is repealed.

SEC. 2. Section 5065 of the Vehicle Code is repealed.

SEC. 3. Section 5066 of the Vehicle Code is repealed.

SEC. 4. Section 5070 of the Vehicle Code is repealed.

SEC. 5. Section 5071 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

5071. (a) The department, in consultation with the University of California, shall design and make available for issuance pursuant to Section 5060 special interest license plates, depicting a red ribbon that recognizes the impact of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) on society, that may be issued in a combination of numbers or letters, or both, as requested by the applicant for the plate. Any person described in Section 5101, upon payment of the additional fee set forth in subdivision (b), may apply for and be issued a set of special interest license plates.

(b) In addition to the regular fees for an original registration or renewal of registration, the following additional fees shall be paid for the issuance, renewal, retention, or transfer of the special interest license plates authorized pursuant to this section:

(1) For the original issuance of the plates, fifty dollars (\$50).

(2) For a renewal of registration of the plates, or the retention of the plates if renewal is not required, forty dollars (\$40).

(3) For transfer of the plates to another vehicle, fifteen dollars (\$15).

(4) For each substitute replacement plate, thirty-five dollars (\$35).

(5) In addition, for the issuance of an environmental license plate, as defined in Section 5103, the additional



fees prescribed in Sections 5106 and 5108, which shall be deposited in the Environmental License Plate Fund.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of subdivision (b), all fees collected under this section shall, after deduction of the department's costs in administering this section, be deposited in the AIDS Research Account, which is hereby created in the General Fund. The funds in the account shall be used, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to fund AIDS research grants awarded by the University of California.

(d) For the purposes of meeting the requirement of subdivision (b) of Section 5060, the University of California may solicit applications for special interest license plates authorized by this section by contracting with a private, nonprofit entity that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

SEC. 6. Section 5080 of the Vehicle Code is repealed.



Approved _____, 1998

Governor

