

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1129

**Introduced by Assembly Members Ackerman
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Cunneen, Florez, Honda, House, Margett, and Runner)**

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An act to add Section 5080 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1129, as introduced, Ackerman. Vehicles: special interest license plates: Rotary International.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue special interest license plates, as specified, containing a distinct design or decal of the participating organization, to any person, to be displayed in lieu of regular license plates.

This bill would authorize the department to issue special interest license plates that contain the words "Service Above Self" and the emblem of Rotary International. The bill would require the additional funds collected by the issuance of these special interest license plates, after the deduction of the department's administrative costs, to be deposited in the Rotary International Foundation Account, created by the bill in the General Fund, to be used, when appropriated, to fund specified programs by the Rotary International Foundation.

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 5080 is added to the Vehicle
2 Code, to read:

3 5080. (a) The department, in consultation with the
4 Rotary International Foundation, shall design and make
5 available for issuance pursuant to this article special
6 interest license plates. The special interest license plates
7 issued under this section shall contain the words “Service
8 Above Self” and the emblem of Rotary International. The
9 plates may be issued in a combination of numbers or
10 letters, or both, as requested by the applicant for the
11 plates. Any person described in Section 5101, upon
12 payment of the additional fees set forth in subdivision (b),
13 may apply for and be issued a set of special interest license
14 plates described in this subdivision.

15 (b) In addition to the regular fees for an original
16 registration, a renewal of registration, or a transfer or
17 substitution of the license plates, the following additional
18 fees shall be paid for the issuance, renewal, retention,
19 transfer, or substitution of the special interest license
20 plates authorized by this section:

21 (1) For the original issuance of the plates, seventy-five
22 dollars (\$75).

23 (2) For a renewal of registration with the plates, forty
24 dollars (\$40).

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

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

29 (5) For the conversion of an existing special license
30 plate to the Rotary International special interest license
31 plate authorized pursuant to this section, sixty-five dollars
32 (\$65).

33 (c) After deducting its administrative costs under this
34 section, the department shall deposit the additional
35 revenue derived from the issuance, renewal, transfer,
36 and substitution of the Rotary International special
37 interest license plates into the Rotary International
38 Foundation Account, which is hereby created in the



1 General Fund. The funds, when appropriated by the
2 Legislature, shall be allocated by the Controller to the
3 Rotary International Foundation for educational,
4 international outreach, community service, and
5 humanitarian purposes.

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