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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 28-2351, 28-2403 AND 28-2444, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 28, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 12, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 28-2452; AMENDING SECTIONS 28-6501, 28-6991 AND 28-6993, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-2351, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 28-2351. License plate provided; design

5 A. The department shall provide to every owner one license plate for
6 each vehicle registered. At the request of the owner and on payment of any
7 required fee, the department shall provide either one or two license plates
8 for a vehicle for which a special plate is requested pursuant to this
9 chapter, except that the department shall provide one license plate if the
10 special plate is issued pursuant to section 28-2416 or 28-2416.01.

11 B. The license plate shall display the number assigned to the vehicle
12 and to the owner of the vehicle and the name of this state, which may be
13 abbreviated. The director shall coat the license plate with a reflective
14 material that is consistent with the determination of the department
15 regarding the color and design of license plates and special plates. The
16 director shall design the license plate and the letters and numerals on the
17 license plate to be of sufficient size to be plainly readable during daylight
18 from a distance of one hundred feet. In addition to the standard license
19 plate issued for a trailer before August 12, 2005, the director shall issue a
20 license plate for trailers that has a design that is similar to the standard
21 size license plate for trailers but that is the same size as the license
22 plate for motorcycles. The trailer owner shall notify the department which
23 size license plate the owner wants for the trailer.

24 C. Notwithstanding any other law, the department shall not contract
25 with a nongovernmental entity to purchase or secure reflective material for
26 the plates issued by the department unless the department has made a
27 reasonable effort to secure qualified bids or proposals from as many
28 individual responsible respondents as possible.

29 D. The department shall determine the color and design of the license
30 plate. All other plates issued by the department, except the plates issued
31 pursuant to sections 28-2404, 28-2412, 28-2413, 28-2414, 28-2416, 28-2416.01,
32 28-2417 through ~~28-2451~~ 28-2452, 28-2472, 28-2473, 28-2474, 28-2475 and
33 28-4533 and article 14 of this chapter, shall be the same color as and
34 similar in design to the license plate as determined by the department.

35 E. A passenger motor vehicle rented without a driver shall receive the
36 same type of license plate as issued for a private passenger motor vehicle.

37 Sec. 2. Section 28-2403, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

38 28-2403. Special plates; transfers; violation; classification

39 A. Except as otherwise provided in this article, the department shall
40 issue or renew special plates in lieu of the regular license plates pursuant
41 to the following conditions and procedures and only if the requirements
42 prescribed by this article for the requested special plates are met:

43 1. Except as provided in sections 28-2416 and 28-2416.01, a person who
44 is the registered owner of a vehicle registered with the department or who
45 applies for an original or renewal registration of a vehicle may submit to

1 the department a completed application form as prescribed by the department
2 with the fee prescribed by section 28-2402 for special plates in addition to
3 the registration fee prescribed by section 28-2003.

4 2. Except for plates issued pursuant to sections 28-2404, 28-2412,
5 28-2413, 28-2414, 28-2416, 28-2416.01, 28-2417 through ~~28-2451~~ 28-2452,
6 28-2472, 28-2473, 28-2474 and 28-2475 and article 14 of this chapter, the
7 special plates shall be the same color as and similar to the design of the
8 regular license plates that is determined by the department.

9 3. Except as provided in section 28-2416, the department shall issue
10 special plates only to the owner or lessee of a vehicle that is currently
11 registered, including any vehicle that has a declared gross weight, as
12 defined in section 28-5431, of twenty-six thousand pounds or less.

13 4. Except as provided in sections 28-2416 and 28-2416.01, the
14 department shall charge the fee prescribed by section 28-2402 for each annual
15 renewal of special plates in addition to the registration fee prescribed by
16 section 28-2003.

17 B. Except as provided in sections 28-2416 and 28-2416.01, on
18 notification to the department and on payment of the transfer fee prescribed
19 by section 28-2402, a person who is issued special plates may transfer the
20 special plates to another vehicle the person owns or leases. Persons who are
21 issued special plates for hearing impaired persons pursuant to section
22 28-2408 and international symbol of access special plates pursuant to section
23 28-2409 are exempt from the transfer fee. If a person who is issued special
24 plates sells, trades or otherwise releases ownership of the vehicle on which
25 the plates have been displayed, the person shall immediately report the
26 transfer of the plates to the department or the person shall surrender the
27 plates to the department as prescribed by the director. It is unlawful for a
28 person to whom the plates have been issued to knowingly permit them to be
29 displayed on a vehicle except the vehicle authorized by the department.

30 C. The special plates shall be affixed to the vehicle for which
31 registration is sought in lieu of the regular license plates.

32 D. A person is guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor who:

33 1. Violates subsection B of this section.

34 2. Fraudulently gives false or fictitious information in the
35 application for or renewal of special plates or placards issued pursuant to
36 this article.

37 3. Conceals a material fact or otherwise commits fraud in the
38 application for or renewal of special plates or placards issued pursuant to
39 this article.

40 Sec. 3. Section 28-2444, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
41 28-2444. Arizona professional hockey club special plates; fund

42 A. If, by December 31, ~~2011~~ 2015, an entity pays thirty-two thousand
43 dollars to the department for the implementation of this section, the
44 department shall issue Arizona professional hockey club special plates. The
45 entity that provides the thirty-two thousand dollars shall design the Arizona

1 professional hockey club special plates. The design and color of the Arizona
2 professional hockey club special plates are subject to the approval of the
3 department. The director may allow a request for Arizona professional hockey
4 club special plates to be combined with a request for personalized special
5 plates. If the director allows such a combination, the request shall be in a
6 form prescribed by the director and is subject to the fees for the
7 personalized special plates in addition to the fees required for the Arizona
8 professional hockey club special plates.

9 B. Of the twenty-five dollar fee required by section 28-2402 for the
10 original special plates and for renewal of special plates, eight dollars is a
11 special plate administration fee and seventeen dollars is an annual donation.

12 C. The department shall deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and
13 35-147, all special plate administration fees in the state highway fund
14 established by section 28-6991 and all donations collected pursuant to this
15 section in the Arizona professional hockey club special plate fund
16 established by this section.

17 D. The Arizona professional hockey club special plate fund is
18 established consisting of monies deposited pursuant to this section. The
19 director shall administer the fund. The first thirty-two thousand dollars in
20 the fund shall be reimbursed to the entity that paid the implementation fee
21 to the department pursuant to subsection A of this section. Not more than
22 ten ~~per-cent~~ PERCENT of the monies deposited in the fund annually shall be
23 used for the cost of administering the fund. Monies in the fund are
24 continuously appropriated. The director shall allocate monies from the fund
25 through a private Arizona professional hockey organization's foundation that
26 is qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the United States internal revenue
27 code for federal income tax purposes. The director shall forward all monies
28 deposited in the Arizona professional hockey club special plate fund,
29 excluding administrative fees, to the foundation on an annual basis.

30 E. On notice from the director, the state treasurer shall invest and
31 divest monies in the fund as provided by section 35-313, and monies earned
32 from investment shall be credited to the fund.

33 Sec. 4. Title 28, chapter 7, article 12, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
34 amended by adding section 28-2452, to read:

35 28-2452. Health sciences educational institution special
36 plates; fund

37 A. IF, BY DECEMBER 31, 2015, A PERSON PAYS THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS
38 TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT
39 SHALL ISSUE HEALTH SCIENCES EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION SPECIAL PLATES. THE
40 DESIGN AND COLOR OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION SPECIAL
41 PLATES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT. THE DIRECTOR MAY ALLOW
42 A REQUEST FOR HEALTH SCIENCES EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION SPECIAL PLATES TO BE
43 COMBINED WITH A REQUEST FOR PERSONALIZED SPECIAL PLATES. IF THE DIRECTOR
44 ALLOWS SUCH A COMBINATION, THE REQUEST SHALL BE IN A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE
45 DIRECTOR AND IS SUBJECT TO THE FEES FOR THE PERSONALIZED SPECIAL PLATES IN

1 ADDITION TO THE FEES REQUIRED FOR HEALTH SCIENCES EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION
2 SPECIAL PLATES.

3 B. OF THE TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR FEE REQUIRED BY SECTION 28-2402 FOR
4 ORIGINAL SPECIAL PLATES AND FOR RENEWAL OF SPECIAL PLATES, EIGHT DOLLARS IS A
5 SPECIAL PLATE ADMINISTRATION FEE AND SEVENTEEN DOLLARS IS AN ANNUAL DONATION.

6 C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEPOSIT, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 35-146 AND
7 35-147, ALL SPECIAL PLATE ADMINISTRATION FEES IN THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND
8 ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 28-6991 AND ALL DONATIONS COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS
9 SECTION IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION SPECIAL PLATE FUND
10 ESTABLISHED BY SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION.

11 D. THE HEALTH SCIENCES EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION SPECIAL PLATE FUND IS
12 ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF MONIES RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. THE
13 DIRECTOR SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. THE FIRST THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS IN
14 THE FUND SHALL BE REIMBURSED TO THE PERSON THAT PROVIDES THE THIRTY-TWO
15 THOUSAND DOLLARS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION. NOT MORE THAN TEN
16 PERCENT OF MONIES DEPOSITED IN THE FUND ANNUALLY SHALL BE USED FOR THE COST
17 OF ADMINISTERING THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED.
18 THE DIRECTOR SHALL ANNUALLY ALLOCATE MONIES FROM THE FUND, EXCLUDING
19 ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, TO A PRIVATE ENTITY THAT IS RECOGNIZED AS A NONPROFIT
20 CORPORATION UNDER SECTION 501(C) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, THAT SOLELY
21 PROVIDES GRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES AND THAT
22 HAS AN ENROLLMENT OF AT LEAST THREE THOUSAND FULL-TIME STUDENTS. THE ENTITY
23 RECEIVING THE MONIES MUST USE THE MONIES FOR ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS. FOR THE
24 PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, "HEALTH SCIENCES" INCLUDES MEDICINE, NURSING,
25 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES, PHARMACY, PHYSICAL THERAPY, OCCUPATIONAL
26 THERAPY, BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES, PODIATRY, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY, CARDIOVASCULAR
27 SCIENCE, NURSE ANESTHESIA, DENTISTRY, OPTOMETRY AND VETERINARY MEDICINE.

28 E. ON NOTICE FROM THE DIRECTOR, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST AND
29 DIVEST MONIES IN THE FUND AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 35-313, AND MONIES EARNED
30 FROM INVESTMENT SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE EXEMPT
31 FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS.

32 Sec. 5. Section 28-6501, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
33 28-6501. Definition of highway user revenues

34 In this article, unless the context otherwise requires or except as
35 otherwise provided by statute, "highway user revenues" means all monies
36 received in this state from licenses, taxes, penalties, interest and fees
37 authorized by the following:

38 1. Chapters 2, 7, 8 and 15 of this title, except for:

39 (a) The special plate administration fees prescribed in sections
40 28-2404, 28-2412 through ~~28-2451~~ 28-2452 and 28-2514.

41 (b) The donations prescribed in sections 28-2404, 28-2412 through
42 28-2415, 28-2417 through ~~28-2451~~ 28-2452, 28-2473, 28-2474 and 28-2475.

43 2. Section 28-1177.

44 3. Chapters 10 and 11 of this title.

1 4. Chapter 16, articles 1, 2 and 4 of this title, except as provided
2 in sections 28-5926 and 28-5927.

3 Sec. 6. Section 28-6991, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
4 28-6991. State highway fund; sources

5 A state highway fund is established that consists of:

6 1. Monies distributed from the Arizona highway user revenue fund
7 pursuant to chapter 18 of this title.

8 2. Monies appropriated by the legislature.

9 3. Monies received from donations for the construction, improvement or
10 maintenance of state highways or bridges. These monies shall be credited to
11 a special account and shall be spent only for the purpose indicated by the
12 donor.

13 4. Monies received from counties under cooperative agreements,
14 including proceeds from bond issues. The state treasurer shall deposit these
15 monies to the credit of the fund in a special account on delivery to the
16 treasurer of a concise written agreement between the department and the
17 county stating the purposes for which the monies are surrendered by the
18 county, and these monies shall be spent only as stated in the agreement.

19 5. Monies received from the United States under an act of Congress to
20 provide aid for the construction of rural post roads, but monies received on
21 projects for which the monies necessary to be provided by this state are
22 wholly derived from sources mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this section
23 shall be allotted by the department and deposited by the state treasurer in
24 the special account within the fund established for each project. On
25 completion of the project, on the satisfaction and discharge in full of all
26 obligations of any kind created and on request of the department, the
27 treasurer shall transfer the unexpended balance in the special account for
28 the project into the state highway fund, and the unexpended balance and any
29 further federal aid thereafter received on account of the project may be
30 spent under the general provisions of this title.

31 6. Monies in the custody of an officer or agent of this state from any
32 source that is to be used for the construction, improvement or maintenance of
33 state highways or bridges.

34 7. Monies deposited in the state general fund and arising from the
35 disposal of state personal property belonging to the department.

36 8. Receipts from the sale or disposal of any or all other property
37 held by the department and purchased with state highway monies.

38 9. Monies generated pursuant to section 28-410.

39 10. Monies distributed pursuant to section 28-5808, subsection B,
40 paragraph 2, subdivision (d).

41 11. Monies deposited pursuant to sections 28-1143, 28-2353 and 28-3003.

- 1 12. Except as provided in section 28-5101, the following monies:
2 (a) Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-2206 and section 28-5808,
3 subsection B, paragraph 2, subdivision (e).
4 (b) One dollar of each registration fee and one dollar of each title
5 fee collected pursuant to section 28-2003.
6 (c) Two dollars of each late registration penalty collected by the
7 director pursuant to section 28-2162.
8 (d) The air quality compliance fee collected pursuant to section
9 49-542.
10 (e) The special plate administration fees collected pursuant to
11 sections 28-2404, 28-2412 through 28-2416, 28-2416.01, 28-2417 through
12 ~~28-2451~~ 28-2452 and 28-2514.
13 (f) Monies collected pursuant to sections 28-372, 28-2155 and 28-2156
14 if the director is the registering officer.
15 13. Monies deposited pursuant to chapter 5, article 5 of this title.
16 14. Donations received pursuant to section 28-2269.
17 15. Dealer and registration monies collected pursuant to section
18 28-4304.
19 16. Abandoned vehicle administration monies deposited pursuant to
20 section 28-4804.
21 17. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-710, subsection D,
22 paragraph 2.
23 18. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-2065.
24 19. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-7311.
25 20. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-7059.
26 21. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-1105.
27 22. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-2448, subsection D.
28 23. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-3415.
29 Sec. 7. Section 28-6993, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
30 28-6993. State highway fund; authorized uses
31 A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section and section
32 28-6538, the state highway fund shall be used for any of the following
33 purposes in strict conformity with and subject to the budget as provided by
34 this section and by sections 28-6997 through 28-7003:
35 1. To pay salaries, wages, necessary travel expenses and other
36 expenses of officers and employees of the department and the incidental
37 office expenses, including telegraph, telephone, postal and express charges
38 and printing, stationery and advertising expenses.
39 2. To pay for both:
40 (a) Equipment, supplies, machines, tools, department offices and
41 laboratories established by the department.
42 (b) The construction and repair of buildings or yards of the
43 department.

- 1 3. To pay the cost of both:
2 (a) Engineering, construction, improvement and maintenance of state
3 highways and parts of highways forming state routes.
4 (b) Highways under cooperative agreements with the United States that
5 are entered into pursuant to this chapter and an act of Congress providing
6 for the construction of rural post roads.
7 4. To pay land damages incurred by reason of establishing, opening,
8 altering, relocating, widening or abandoning portions of a state route or
9 state highway.
10 5. To reimburse the department revolving account.
11 6. To pay premiums on authorized indemnity bonds and on compensation
12 insurance under the workers' compensation act.
13 7. To defray lawful expenses and costs required to administer and
14 carry out the intent, purposes and provisions of this title, including
15 repayment of obligations entered into pursuant to this title, payment of
16 interest on obligations entered into pursuant to this title, repayment of
17 loans and other financial assistance, including repayment of advances and
18 interest on advances made to the department pursuant to section 28-7677, and
19 payment of all other obligations and expenses of the board and department
20 pursuant to chapter 21 of this title.
21 8. To pay lawful bills and charges incurred by the state engineer.
22 9. To acquire, construct or improve entry roads to state parks or
23 roads within state parks.
24 10. To acquire, construct or improve entry roads to state prisons.
25 11. To pay the cost of relocating a utility facility pursuant to
26 section 28-7156.
27 12. For the purposes provided in subsections C, D and E of this section
28 and sections 28-1143, 28-2353 and 28-3003.
29 13. To pay the cost of issuing an Arizona centennial special plate
30 pursuant to section 28-2448.
31 B. For each fiscal year, the department of transportation shall
32 allocate and transfer monies in the state highway fund to the department of
33 public safety for funding a portion of highway patrol costs in eight
34 installments in each of the first eight months of a fiscal year that do not
35 exceed ten million dollars.
36 C. Subject to legislative appropriation, the department may use the
37 monies in the state highway fund as prescribed in section 28-6991, paragraph
38 12 to carry out the duties imposed by this title for registration or titling
39 of vehicles, to operate joint title, registration and driver licensing
40 offices, to cover the administrative costs of issuing the air quality
41 compliance sticker, modifying the year validating tab and issuing the
42 windshield sticker and to cover expenses and costs in issuing special plates
43 pursuant to sections 28-2404, 28-2412 through ~~28-2451~~ 28-2452 and 28-2514.

1 D. The department shall use monies deposited in the state highway fund
2 pursuant to chapter 5, article 5 of this title only as prescribed by that
3 article.

4 E. Monies deposited in the state highway fund pursuant to section
5 28-2269 shall be used only as prescribed by that section.

6 F. Monies deposited in the state highway fund pursuant to section
7 28-710, subsection D, paragraph 2 shall only be used for state highway work
8 zone traffic control devices.

9 G. The department may exchange monies distributed to the state highway
10 fund pursuant to section 28-6538, subsection A, paragraph 1 for local
11 government surface transportation program federal monies suballocated to
12 councils of government and metropolitan planning organizations if the local
13 government scheduled to receive the federal monies concurs. An exchange of
14 state highway fund monies pursuant to this subsection shall be in an amount
15 that is at least equal to ninety ~~per-cent~~ PERCENT of the federal obligation
16 authority that exists in the project for which the exchange is proposed.