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CHAPTER 215

SENATE BILL 1312

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 28-2351 AND 28-2403, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 28, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 12, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 28-2469; AMENDING SECTIONS 28-6501, 28-6991 AND 28-6993, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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. Notwithstanding any other law, the department shall provide to
6 every owner one license plate for each vehicle registered. At the request
7 of the owner and on payment of a fee in an amount prescribed by the
8 director by rule, the department shall provide one additional license
9 plate for a vehicle for which a special plate is requested pursuant to
10 this chapter.

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

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

30 D. The department shall determine the color and design of the
31 license plate. All other plates issued by the department, except the
32 plates issued pursuant to sections 28-2404, 28-2412, 28-2413, 28-2414,
33 28-2416, 28-2416.01, 28-2417 through ~~28-2468~~ 28-2469, 28-2472, 28-2473,
34 28-2474, 28-2475, 28-2476 and 28-4533 and article 14 of this chapter,
35 shall be the same color as and similar in design to the license plate as
36 determined by the department.

37 E. A passenger motor vehicle that is rented without a driver shall
38 receive the same type of license plate as is issued for a private
39 passenger motor vehicle.

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

42 28-2403. Special plates; transfers; violation; classification

43 A. Except as otherwise provided in this article, the department
44 shall issue or renew special plates in lieu of the regular license plates
45 pursuant to the following conditions and procedures and only if the

1 requirements prescribed by this article for the requested special plates
2 are met:

3 1. Except as provided in sections 28-2416 and 28-2416.01, a person
4 who is the registered owner of a vehicle registered with the department or
5 who applies for an original or renewal registration of a vehicle may
6 submit to the department a completed application form as prescribed by the
7 department with the fee prescribed by section 28-2402 for special plates
8 in addition to the registration fee prescribed by section 28-2003.

9 2. Except for plates issued pursuant to sections 28-2404, 28-2412,
10 28-2413, 28-2414, 28-2416, 28-2416.01, 28-2417 through ~~28-2468~~ 28-2469,
11 28-2472, 28-2473, 28-2474, 28-2475 and 28-2476 and article 14 of this
12 chapter, the special plates shall be the same color as and similar to the
13 design of the regular license plates that is determined by the department.

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

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

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

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

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

40 1. Violates subsection B of this section.

41 2. Fraudulently gives false or fictitious information in the
42 application for or renewal of special plates or placards issued pursuant
43 to this article.

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

4 Sec. 3. Title 28, chapter 7, article 12, Arizona Revised Statutes,
5 is amended by adding section 28-2469, to read:

6 28-2469. Veterans of overseas conflicts auxiliary special
7 plates; fund

8 A. IF, BY DECEMBER 31, 2021, A PERSON PAYS \$32,000 TO THE
9 DEPARTMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
10 ISSUE VETERANS OF OVERSEAS CONFLICTS AUXILIARY SPECIAL PLATES. THE
11 DIRECTOR MAY ALLOW A REQUEST FOR VETERANS OF OVERSEAS CONFLICTS AUXILIARY
12 SPECIAL PLATES TO BE COMBINED WITH A REQUEST FOR PERSONALIZED SPECIAL
13 PLATES. IF THE DIRECTOR ALLOWS SUCH A COMBINATION, THE REQUEST SHALL BE
14 IN A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DIRECTOR AND IS SUBJECT TO THE FEES FOR THE
15 PERSONALIZED SPECIAL PLATES IN ADDITION TO THE FEES REQUIRED FOR THE
16 VETERANS OF OVERSEAS CONFLICTS AUXILIARY SPECIAL PLATES.

17 B. THE VETERANS OF OVERSEAS CONFLICTS AUXILIARY SPECIAL PLATES
18 SHALL HAVE A STANDARD DESIGN WITH BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

19 1. ONE AREA ON THE PLATE THAT IS A THREE-INCH SQUARE AND THAT IS
20 SET ASIDE FOR A LOGO OR MESSAGE.

21 2. ONE AREA ON THE BOTTOM OF THE PLATE THAT IS SET ASIDE FOR A
22 MESSAGE.

23 C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE THE STANDARD DESIGN OF THE
24 SPECIAL PLATE PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION AND SHALL APPROVE
25 THE LOGO OR MESSAGE PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION.

26 D. OF THE \$25 FEE REQUIRED BY SECTION 28-2402 FOR THE ORIGINAL
27 SPECIAL PLATES AND FOR RENEWAL OF SPECIAL PLATES, \$8 IS A SPECIAL PLATE
28 ADMINISTRATION FEE AND \$17 IS AN ANNUAL DONATION.

29 E. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEPOSIT, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 35-146 AND
30 35-147, ALL SPECIAL PLATE ADMINISTRATION FEES IN THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND
31 ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 28-6991 AND ALL DONATIONS COLLECTED PURSUANT TO
32 THIS SECTION IN THE VETERANS OF OVERSEAS CONFLICTS AUXILIARY SPECIAL PLATE
33 FUND ESTABLISHED BY THIS SECTION.

34 F. THE VETERANS OF OVERSEAS CONFLICTS AUXILIARY SPECIAL PLATE FUND
35 IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF MONIES DEPOSITED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
36 THE DIRECTOR SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. THE FIRST \$32,000 IN THE FUND
37 SHALL BE REIMBURSED TO THE PERSON THAT PAID THE IMPLEMENTATION FEE TO THE
38 DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION. NOT MORE THAN TEN
39 PERCENT OF MONIES DEPOSITED IN THE FUND ANNUALLY SHALL BE USED FOR THE
40 COST OF ADMINISTERING THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY
41 APPROPRIATED.

42 G. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ANNUALLY ALLOCATE MONIES FROM THE FUND,
43 EXCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, TO AN ENTITY THAT IS QUALIFIED UNDER
44 SECTION 501(c)(19) OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE CODE FOR FEDERAL

1 INCOME TAX PURPOSES. THE ENTITY MAY ONLY USE THE MONIES TO FUND ITS
2 CHARITABLE WORKS. THE ENTITY MUST:

- 3 1. BE LOCATED IN THIS STATE.
- 4 2. HAVE A TRADITION OF SERVING VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL AND
5 THEIR FAMILIES.
- 6 3. HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN 1931.
- 7 4. HAVE OVER TEN THOUSAND MEMBERS.
- 8 5. HAVE AT LEAST FIFTY-TWO AUXILIARIES IN THIS STATE.
- 9 6. HAVE BEGUN SERVING MALE FAMILY MEMBERS OF WOMEN VETERANS AND
10 WOMEN ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL IN 2015.

11 H. ON NOTICE FROM THE DIRECTOR, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST
12 AND DIVEST MONIES IN THE FUND AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 35-313, AND MONIES
13 EARNED FROM INVESTMENT SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND.

14 Sec. 4. Section 28-6501, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
15 read:

16 28-6501. Definition of highway user revenues

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

- 21 1. Chapters 2, 7, 8 and 15 of this title, except for:
 - 22 (a) The special plate administration fees prescribed in sections
23 28-2404, 28-2407, 28-2412 through ~~28-2468~~ 28-2469 and 28-2514.
 - 24 (b) The donations prescribed in sections 28-2404, 28-2407, 28-2412
25 through 28-2415, 28-2417 through ~~28-2468~~ 28-2469, 28-2473, 28-2474,
26 28-2475 and 28-2476.
- 27 2. Section 28-1177.
- 28 3. Chapters 10 and 11 of this title.
- 29 4. Chapter 16, articles 1, 2 and 4 of this title, except as
30 provided in sections 28-5926 and 28-5927.

31 Sec. 5. Section 28-6991, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
32 read:

33 28-6991. State highway fund; sources

34 The state highway fund is established that consists of:

- 35 1. Monies distributed from the Arizona highway user revenue fund
36 pursuant to chapter 18 of this title.
- 37 2. Monies appropriated by the legislature.
- 38 3. Monies received from donations for the construction, improvement
39 or maintenance of state highways or bridges. These monies shall be
40 credited to a special account and shall be spent only for the purpose
41 indicated by the donor.
- 42 4. Monies received from counties or cities under cooperative
43 agreements, including proceeds from bond issues. The state treasurer
44 shall deposit these monies to the credit of the fund in a special account
45 on delivery to the treasurer of a concise written agreement between the

1 department and the county or city stating the purposes for which the
2 monies are surrendered by the county or city, and these monies shall be
3 spent only as stated in the agreement.

4 5. Monies received from the United States under an act of Congress
5 to provide aid for the construction of rural post roads, but monies
6 received on projects for which the monies necessary to be provided by this
7 state are wholly derived from sources mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 of
8 this section shall be allotted by the department and deposited by the
9 state treasurer in the special account within the fund established for
10 each project. On completion of the project, on the satisfaction and
11 discharge in full of all obligations of any kind created and on request of
12 the department, the treasurer shall transfer the unexpended balance in the
13 special account for the project into the state highway fund, and the
14 unexpended balance and any further federal aid thereafter received on
15 account of the project may be spent under the general provisions of this
16 title.

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 12. Except as provided in section 28-5101, the following monies:

30 (a) Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-2206 and section
31 28-5808, subsection B, paragraph 2, subdivision (e).

32 (b) \$1 of each registration fee and \$1 of each title fee collected
33 pursuant to section 28-2003.

34 (c) \$2 of each late registration penalty collected by the director
35 pursuant to section 28-2162.

36 (d) The air quality compliance fee collected pursuant to section
37 49-542.

38 (e) The special plate administration fees collected pursuant to
39 sections 28-2404, 28-2407, 28-2412 through 28-2416, 28-2416.01, 28-2417
40 through ~~28-2468~~ 28-2469 and 28-2514.

41 (f) Monies collected pursuant to sections 28-372, 28-2155 and
42 28-2156 if the director is the registering officer.

43 13. Monies deposited pursuant to chapter 5, article 5 of this
44 title.

45 14. Donations received pursuant to section 28-2269.

1 15. Dealer and registration monies collected pursuant to section
2 28-4304.

3 16. Abandoned vehicle administration monies deposited pursuant to
4 section 28-4804.

5 17. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-710, subsection D,
6 paragraph 2.

7 18. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-2065.

8 19. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-7311.

9 20. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-7059.

10 21. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-1105.

11 22. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-2448, subsection D.

12 23. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-3415.

13 24. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-3002, subsection A,
14 paragraph 14.

15 25. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-7316.

16 26. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-4302.

17 27. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-3416.

18 28. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-4504.

19 29. Monies deposited pursuant to section 28-2098.

20 Sec. 6. Section 28-6993, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
21 read:

22 28-6993. State highway fund; authorized uses

23 A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section and section
24 28-6538, the state highway fund shall be used for any of the following
25 purposes in strict conformity with and subject to the budget as provided
26 by this section and by sections 28-6997 through 28-7003:

27 1. To pay salaries, wages, necessary travel expenses and other
28 expenses of officers and employees of the department and the incidental
29 office expenses, including telegraph, telephone, postal and express
30 charges and printing, stationery and advertising expenses.

31 2. To pay for both:

32 (a) Equipment, supplies, machines, tools, department offices and
33 laboratories established by the department.

34 (b) The construction and repair of buildings or yards of the
35 department.

36 3. To pay the cost of both:

37 (a) Engineering, construction, improvement and maintenance of state
38 highways and parts of highways forming state routes.

39 (b) Highways under cooperative agreements with the United States
40 that are entered into pursuant to this chapter and an act of Congress
41 providing for the construction of rural post roads.

42 4. To pay land damages incurred by reason of establishing, opening,
43 altering, relocating, widening or abandoning portions of a state route or
44 state highway.

45 5. To reimburse the department revolving account.

1 6. To pay premiums on authorized indemnity bonds and on
2 compensation insurance under the workers' compensation act.

3 7. To defray lawful expenses and costs required to administer and
4 carry out the intent, purposes and provisions of this title, including
5 repayment of obligations entered into pursuant to this title, payment of
6 interest on obligations entered into pursuant to this title, repayment of
7 loans and other financial assistance, including repayment of advances and
8 interest on advances made to the department pursuant to section 28-7677,
9 and payment of all other obligations and expenses of the board and
10 department pursuant to chapter 21 of this title.

11 8. To pay lawful bills and charges incurred by the state engineer.

12 9. To acquire, construct or improve entry roads to state parks or
13 roads within state parks.

14 10. To acquire, construct or improve entry roads to state prisons.

15 11. To pay the cost of relocating a utility facility pursuant to
16 section 28-7156.

17 12. For the purposes provided in subsections C, D and E of this
18 section and sections 28-1143, 28-2353 and 28-3003.

19 13. To pay the cost of issuing an Arizona centennial special plate
20 pursuant to section 28-2448.

21 B. For each fiscal year, the department of transportation shall
22 allocate and transfer monies in the state highway fund to the department
23 of public safety for funding a portion of highway patrol costs in eight
24 installments in each of the first eight months of a fiscal year that do
25 not exceed \$10,000,000.

26 C. Subject to legislative appropriation, the department may use the
27 monies in the state highway fund as prescribed in section 28-6991,
28 paragraph 12 to carry out the duties imposed by this title for
29 registration or titling of vehicles, to operate joint title, registration
30 and driver licensing offices, to cover the administrative costs of issuing
31 the air quality compliance sticker, modifying the year validating tab and
32 issuing the windshield sticker and to cover expenses and costs in issuing
33 special plates pursuant to sections 28-2404, 28-2407, 28-2412 through
34 ~~28-2468~~ 28-2469 and 28-2514.

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

38 E. Monies deposited in the state highway fund pursuant to section
39 28-2269 shall be used only as prescribed by that section.

40 F. Monies deposited in the state highway fund pursuant to section
41 28-710, subsection D, paragraph 2 shall only be used for state highway
42 work zone traffic control devices.

43 G. The department may exchange monies distributed to the state
44 highway fund pursuant to section 28-6538, subsection A, paragraph 1 for
45 local government surface transportation program federal monies

1 suballocated to councils of government and metropolitan planning
2 organizations if the local government scheduled to receive the federal
3 monies concurs. An exchange of state highway fund monies pursuant to this
4 subsection shall be in an amount that is at least equal to ninety percent
5 of the federal obligation authority that exists in the project for which
6 the exchange is proposed.

7 H. The department shall use monies deposited in the state highway
8 fund pursuant to section 28-1105, subsection A, paragraph 2, subdivision
9 (a) only for a transportation facility that is located within twenty
10 drivable miles of the international port of entry and shall spend the
11 monies proportionally based on the amount of total monies collected
12 pursuant to section 28-1105, subsection A, paragraph 2, subdivision (a).
13 For the purposes of this subsection, "transportation facility" means a
14 highway or a state route or a county, city or town road that is used by a
15 commercial vehicle or a commercial vehicle combination for which an axle
16 fee is paid pursuant to section 28-5474.

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