

Senator Scott N. Howell proposes to substitute the following bill:

OLYMPIC LICENSE PLATES

1999 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Scott N. Howell

AN ACT RELATING TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACT; PROVIDING THAT VEHICLES TITLED AND LICENSED TO THE SALT LAKE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MAY RECEIVE OLYMPIC LICENSE PLATES BY PAYING ONLY ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

41-1a-407, as renumbered and amended by Chapter 1, Laws of Utah 1992

41-1a-417, as enacted by Chapter 173, Laws of Utah 1996

41-1a-1211, as last amended by Chapters 157, 184 and 352, Laws of Utah 1998

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **41-1a-407** is amended to read:

41-1a-407. Plates issued to political subdivisions or state -- Use of "EX" letters -- Confidential information.

(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), each town, city, board of education, school district, state institution of learning, county, other governmental division, subdivision, or district, and the state shall:

(a) place a license plate displaying the letters, "EX" on every vehicle owned and operated by it or leased for its exclusive use; and

(b) display an identification mark designating the vehicle as the property of the entity in a conspicuous place on both sides of the vehicle.

(2) The entity need not display the "EX" license plate or the identification mark required

26 by Subsection (1) if:

27 (a) the vehicle is in the direct service of the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney
28 general, state auditor, or state treasurer of Utah;

29 (b) the vehicle is used in official investigative work where secrecy is essential;

30 (c) the vehicle is provided to an official of the entity as part of a compensation package
31 allowing unlimited personal use of that vehicle; or

32 (d) the personal security of the occupants of the vehicle would be jeopardized if the "EX"
33 license plate were in place.

34 (3) Plates issued to Utah Highway Patrol vehicles may bear the capital letters "UHP," a
35 beehive logo, and the call number of the vehicle for which the plate is issued.

36 (4) The commission shall issue "EX" and "UHP" plates and shall make rules establishing
37 the procedure for application for and distribution of the plates.

38 (5) (a) Information shall be confidential for vehicles that are not required to display the
39 "EX" license plate or the identification mark under Subsections (2) (a), (b), and (d).

40 (b) (i) If a law enforcement officer's identity must be kept secret, his agency head may
41 request in writing that the division remove the license plate information of the officer's personal
42 vehicles from all public access files and place it in a confidential file until the assignment is
43 completed.

44 (ii) The agency head shall notify the division when the assignment is completed.

45 (6) Each town, city, county, other governmental division, subdivision, district, or the state
46 may choose to have the Olympic license plate as the official license plate for its publicly-owned
47 vehicles. As of July 1, 1999, whenever a license is issued or renewed for one of those vehicles,
48 an Olympic license plate may be issued for that vehicle upon a one-time payment to the State Tax
49 Commission of the production and administrative costs described in Subsection 41-1a-417(2).
50 Those vehicles are, however, exempt from the additional special fee described in Section
51 41-1a-417, and from payment of the renewal fee described in Section 41-1a-1211.

52 Section 2. Section **41-1a-417** is amended to read:

53 **41-1a-417. Olympic license plates -- Fees -- Design.**

54 (1) (a) Beginning no sooner than January 1, 1997, any person who is the owner or lessee
55 of a motor vehicle as defined under Section 41-1a-102 may apply for Olympic license plates
56 through June 30, 2002.

57 (b) [Hn] Except as provided in Subsection (5), in addition to the regular motor vehicle
58 registration fees, the applicant shall pay a special fee of \$22.00 at the time the Olympic license
59 plates are issued.

60 (2) (a) The State Tax Commission shall at least monthly deposit revenues from the special
61 fees collected under Subsection (1), less production and administrative costs as provided in this
62 subsection, to the Salt Lake Olympic Organizing Committee's "Olympics for Youth and Children
63 Account."

64 (b) The special fees paid for purchase or renewal of Olympic license plates shall be treated
65 as a voluntary contribution and is not a motor vehicle registration fee.

66 (c) Before depositing revenues into the Salt Lake Olympic Organizing Committee's
67 account, the State Tax Commission shall deduct the actual production and administrative costs
68 associated with making and issuing the Olympic license plates.

69 (3) The Salt Lake Olympic Organizing Committee shall approve the color and design of
70 the Olympic license plates consistent with the provisions of Sections 41-1a-401, 41-1a-402, and
71 41-1a-403 and with the concurrence of the State Tax Commission and the Utah Highway Patrol.

72 (4) Any person who applies for Olympic license plates may also apply for personalized
73 numbers or letters on the Olympic license plates as authorized by Section 41-1a-410 and after
74 payment of the fees required by Section 41-1a-1211.

75 (5) Vehicles that are leased by or titled and licensed under the name of the Salt Lake
76 Olympic Organizing Committee shall receive Olympic license plates upon payment of only the
77 production and administrative costs described in Subsection (2). Those vehicles are also exempt
78 from payment of the renewal fee described in Section 41-1a-1211.

79 (6) As of July 1, 1999, each local political subdivision and the state may choose to have
80 the Olympic license plate as the official license plate for its publicly-owned vehicles, pursuant to
81 the provisions of Subsection 41-1a-407(6). Neither the special fee described in Subsection (1)(b)
82 nor the renewal fee described in Section 41-1a-1211 applies to those vehicles.

83 Section 3. Section **41-1a-1211** is amended to read:

84 **41-1a-1211. License plate fees -- Application fees for issuance and renewal of**
85 **personalized and special group license plates -- Replacement fee for license plates -- Postage**
86 **fees.**

87 (1) A license plate fee of \$5 per set shall be paid to the division for the issuance of any new

88 license plate under Part 4, License Plates and Registration Indicia, except for license plates issued
89 under Sections 41-1a-407 and 41-1a-417. The license plate fee shall be deposited as follows:

90 (a) \$4 as provided in Section 41-1a-1201; and

91 (b) \$1 in the Transportation Fund.

92 (2) An applicant for original issuance of personalized license plates issued under Section
93 41-1a-410 shall pay a \$50 per set license plate application fee in addition to the fee required in
94 Subsection (1).

95 (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsections (3)(b) and (3)(c), applicants for original issuance
96 of special group license plates issued under Section 41-1a-408 shall pay a \$50 per set license plate
97 application fee in addition to the fee required under Subsection (1).

98 (b) A person who qualifies for a licensed amateur radio operator special group license plate
99 shall pay a \$5 fee for the original set of license plates in addition to the fee required under
100 Subsection (1).

101 (c) A person who qualifies for legislative, United States Congressional, person with a
102 disability, collegiate, veterans', wildlife, National Guard, Purple Heart, Prisoner of War, Survivor
103 of the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor, firefighter, children's issues, snowmobile, soil
104 conservation, or farm vehicle special group license plates is exempt from payment of special group
105 license plate application fees imposed under this Subsection (3)(c).

106 (4) An applicant for original issuance of personalized special group license plates shall pay
107 the license plate application fees required in Subsection (2) in addition to the license plate fees and
108 license plate application fees established under Subsections (1) and (3).

109 (5) The following application fees for renewal of personalized and special group license
110 plates shall be paid to the division at the time of renewal of registration:

111 (a) an applicant for renewal of personalized license plates issued under Section 41-1a-410
112 shall pay a \$10 per set application fee;

113 (b) except as provided in Subsection (5)(c), an applicant for renewal of special group
114 license plates issued under Section 41-1a-408 shall pay a \$10 per set application fee; and

115 (c) an applicant for renewal of legislative, United States Congressional, person with a
116 disability, collegiate, wildlife, National Guard, Purple Heart, Prisoner of War, Survivor of the
117 Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor, farm vehicle, vintage vehicle, firefighter, children's issues,
118 snowmobile, soil conservation, or licensed amateur radio operator special group license plates is

119 exempt from payment of application fees imposed under this subsection.

120 (6) An applicant for renewal of personalized special group license plates shall pay the
121 application fee required in Subsection (5)(a) in addition to the applicable application fees for
122 renewal of license plates established under Subsections (5)(b) and (5)(c).

123 (7) A fee of \$5 shall be paid to the division for the replacement of any license plate issued
124 under Part 4, License Plates and Registration Indicia. The license plate fee shall be deposited as
125 follows:

126 (a) \$4 as provided in Section 41-1a-1201; and

127 (b) \$1 in the Transportation Fund.

128 (8) The division may charge a fee established under Section 63-38-3.2 to recover its costs
129 for the replacement of decals issued under Section 41-1a-408.

130 (9) The division may charge a fee established under Section 63-38-3.2 to recover the cost
131 of issuing stickers under Section 41-1a-416.

132 (10) In addition to any other fees required by this section, the division shall assess a fee
133 established under Section 63-38-3.2 to cover postage expenses if new or replacement license plates
134 are mailed to the applicant.

135 (11) The fees required under this section are separate from and in addition to registration
136 fees required under Section 41-1a-1206.

137 (12) ~~[For]~~ Except as otherwise provided in Sections 41-1a-407 and 41-1a-417, vehicles
138 with registration years expiring on or before June 30, 2002, applicants for original Olympic special
139 group license plates or renewal of registration with Olympic special group license plates shall pay
140 the fees required under Section 41-1a-417.

141 Section 4. **Effective date.**

142 This act takes effect on July 1, 1999.