

which will serve until such a time as the "personalized plates" can be manufactured by the Washington state prison industries, and processed by the department of motor vehicles. The temporary license plates shall be surrendered to the department at the time the "personalized plates" are issued. Any previously issued license plates assigned to the vehicle involved must be surrendered to the department at the time of issuance of the "personalized plates".

Each time that "personalized plates" are transferred from one vehicle to another, by the owner, a special transfer fee of five dollars shall be collected by the department from that owner. Such special fee shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund.

In addition to the annual license fee collected under chapter 46.16 and chapter 82.44, there shall be collected from each applicant for such special license plates an additional license fee of thirty dollars in the case of personalized plates.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. There is hereby appropriated from the motor vehicle fund to the department of motor vehicles the sum of five thousand dollars to carry out the provisions of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. If any provision of this 1971 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 115

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 861]

HIGHWAY COMMISSION--

DELEGATION OF POWERS

CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS PERSONNEL

AN ACT Relating to the authority to employ, appoint, discipline, or discharge employees of the department of highways; and amending section 47.01.160, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 29, chapter 170, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 47.01.160.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 47.01.160, chapter 13, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 29, chapter 170, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 47.01.160 are each amended to read as follows:

The state highway commission shall have the power and it shall

be its duty:

(1) To conduct, control and supervise the state department of highways, and to designate and establish such department of highway district or branch offices as may be necessary and convenient, and, subject to the provisions of chapter 41.06 RCW, to appoint and employ and to determine the powers and duties together with the salaries and other expenses of such engineering, clerical, mechanical, and any and all other assistants as may be necessary or convenient in the exercise of the powers and in the discharge of its duties as the state highway commission: PROVIDED, That the highway commission may delegate to the director of highways the authority to employ, appoint, discipline, or discharge employees of the department of highways: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the director may delegate, by order, this authority to his subordinates as he deems appropriate, but the director shall be responsible for the official acts of such subordinates.

(2) To keep at the office of the commission in the highway building at the state capitol a record of all proceedings and orders pertaining to the matters under its direction and copies of all maps, plans and specifications prepared by it, and to prepare and submit to the governor thirty days before each regular session of the legislature of the state of Washington a report of work constructed or under construction and to make recommendations as to needed state highways and improvements of the state highway system, together with estimated cost thereof.

(3) To acquire property as authorized by law and to construct and maintain thereon any buildings or structures necessary and convenient for the exercise of the powers and the discharge of the duties of the commission and to construct and maintain any buildings or structures and appurtenances and facilities necessary or convenient to the health and safety and for the accommodation of persons traveling upon the state highways.

(4) To employ such qualified engineers who shall be registered professional engineers under the laws of the state of Washington, assistants and such other services and to provide such superintendents of construction, repair or maintenance work on any state highways as may be necessary to accomplish the completion thereof, and the expense so incurred together with the cost of any right of way necessary therefor, or land incidental thereto, shall be charged against the funds appropriated for the construction, repair or maintenance of state highways.

(5) To exercise all the powers and perform all the duties necessary, convenient, or incidental to the laying out, locating, relocating, surveying, constructing, altering, repairing, improving, and maintaining of any state highway, and of any bridges, culverts

and embankments necessary or important therefor or for the protection or preservation thereof, and channel changes therefor and to examine and allow or disallow bills for any work done or materials furnished and to certify all claims allowed to the state auditor.

(6) To publish biennially and before the end of each even numbered year a report of the commission with such cumulative information as may be deemed important and such recommendations as may be deemed desirable for the future operation of the commission.

(7) To collect and compile and to publish, if it is deemed advisable, statistics relative to public highways throughout the state; to collect such information in regard thereto as is deemed expedient; to investigate and determine upon various methods of highway construction adaptable to different sections of the state; to investigate and determine the best methods of construction and maintenance of highways, roads and bridges; to gather and compile such other information relating thereto as shall be deemed appropriate, and to employ highway funds for the purpose of constructing test roads within the state of Washington and conducting investigations and research thereof in the state of Washington or elsewhere; to conduct on any highways, roads, or streets of this state, physical, traffic or other nature of inventory or survey considered of value in determining highway, road or street uses and needs.

(8) To exercise all powers and to perform all duties by any law granted to or imposed upon the state highway board, the state highway commission, the state highway committee, the director of public works by and through the division of highways, the supervisor of highways, and the state highway engineer.

(9) To exercise all other powers and perform all other duties now or hereafter provided by law.

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#### CHAPTER 116

[ Engrossed Senate Bill No. 863 ]

#### LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

AN ACT Relating to local improvement districts; amending section 1, chapter 205, Laws of 1947 as amended by section 6, chapter 20, Laws of 1963, and RCW 79.44.060; amending section 35.44.220, chapter 7, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 8, chapter 258,