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2009 Senate Bill 519

Senate Substitute Amendment 1

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CURRENT LAW

Under current law, any group or organization may apply to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for designation as an authorized special group. If the application is approved, members of the authorized special group may obtain special distinguishing registration plates for certain vehicles, including automobiles and motor homes, that are owned or leased by special group members. A fee, in addition to the regular registration fee for the particular kind of vehicle, is charged for the issuance or reissuance of most special plates.

Before October 2, 1998, authorized special groups whose members may obtain special plates were specifically enumerated in state law. With certain exceptions, current law provides that specific enumeration in state law of authorized special groups is limited to those special groups enumerated before October 2, 1998.

SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to the bill establishes an authorized special group specifically enumerated in state law for persons interested in obtaining special plates showing that the person or a member of the person's immediate family has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

In addition to the regular vehicle registration fee, special group members are required to pay a \$15 fee for issuance or reissuance of the special plates and a \$20 annual fee that provides funds to the Boy Scouts of America.

DOT may not issue these special plates until DOT has obtained authority to use any applicable trademark or service mark associated with the Boy Scouts of America on these special plates.

Legislative History

At an executive session on April 8, 2010, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources voted to adopt Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to the bill and to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0.

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