
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 249, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§249- Special number plates; university of Hawaii
5 cancer center; authorized. (a) Notwithstanding any law to the
6 contrary, the director of finance shall issue to any registered
7 owner of a motor vehicle, who is a resident of the State and has
8 completed the application and paid the required fees, special
9 number plates for the registered owner's motor vehicle
10 recognizing the university of Hawaii cancer center.

11 (b) The director of finance of the city and county of
12 Honolulu, in consultation with the directors of finance of the
13 counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii; the chiefs of police of the
14 city and county of Honolulu and the counties of Kauai, Maui, and
15 Hawaii; and the director of the university of Hawaii cancer
16 center shall establish a special number plate design that:



(1) Contains words, images, or both, that indicate that the special number plate is issued to recognize the university of Hawaii cancer center;

(2) Is similar in shape and size to the uniform state number plate prescribed by law; and

(3) Does not obstruct the visibility of the number or letters or any other information that is required by law to be on a number plate, and is readily identifiable and distinguishable under actual traffic conditions.

(c) The special number plate design shall not:

(1) Infringe upon or otherwise violate any trademark, trade name, service mark, copyright, or other proprietary or property right;

(2) Represent any obscene or degrading image, idea, word, or phrase;

(3) Advertise or endorse a product, brand, or service that is provided for sale;

(4) Promote any religious belief; or

(5) Promote any philosophy based on prejudice or that is contrary to state civil rights laws.



1 (d) Each special number plate shall be securely fastened
2 to the motor vehicle in lieu of the uniform state number plate.

3 (e) The director of finance shall charge a special number
4 plate fee at least equal to the county's cost of providing the
5 special number plate and administrative costs, if any, plus a
6 fundraising fee to be determined by the director of finance in
7 consultation with the director of the university of Hawaii
8 cancer center. The fundraising fee shall be in addition to any
9 other state or county fees collected for a motor vehicle
10 registration or license plate.

11 (f) The director of finance may charge an additional
12 fundraising fee, of the same or a different amount as the
13 fundraising fee established pursuant to subsection (e), for the
14 renewal of a special number plate. If an additional fundraising
15 fee is implemented pursuant to this subsection, the director of
16 finance shall not renew and instead shall revoke the special
17 number plate of the registered owner of a motor vehicle who
18 fails to pay the additional fundraising fee imposed by this
19 subsection.

20 (g) The revenue generated by the fundraising fees, or a
21 portion of the revenue generated by the fundraising fees as



1 determined by the director of finance, shall be deposited in the
2 name of the university of Hawaii cancer center in a separate
3 county budget account. The director of finance shall determine
4 the most efficient means of directing to the university of
5 Hawaii cancer center the net revenue generated by the
6 fundraising fees.

7 (h) The director of finance may revoke all special number
8 plates issued pursuant to this section if the total number of
9 registered owners of motor vehicles who obtain the special
10 number plates is less than one hundred fifty within three years
11 of issuance of the first special number plate.

12 (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to
13 any special number plates issued pursuant to section 249-9.2.

14 (j) For the purposes of this section, unless a different
15 meaning appears from the context, "special number plate" means a
16 license plate that recognizes the university of Hawaii cancer
17 center."

18 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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Description:

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