

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 511

BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 49-450, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE
2 A LICENSE PLATE FEE DESIGNATED TO THE IDAHO HERITAGE TRUST AND TO MAKE
3 A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING SECTION 49-450A, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE
4 REFERENCE TO THE PAYMENT OF COSTS REGARDING THE USE OF THE CENTENNIAL
5 DESIGN ON LICENSE PLATES; AND AMENDING SECTION 67-7602B, IDAHO CODE, TO
6 REMOVE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COLLECTION OF FUNDS FROM A LICENSE PLATE
7 FEE FOR THE IDAHO HERITAGE TRUST AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

10 SECTION 1. That Section 49-450, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
11 amended to read as follows:

12 49-450. ADDITIONAL FEE FOR EACH PLATE ISSUED. In addition to the vehi-
13 cle registration fee provided by law, whenever any plate is issued for ve-
14 hicle registration, there shall be charged a fee of three dollars and sev-
15 enty-five cents (\$3.75) per plate, which shall be deposited into the plate
16 manufacturing account created in section 49-450A, Idaho Code. The actual
17 cost of producing and distributing license plates ~~and the fifty cents (50¢)~~
18 ~~per plate fee designated to the Idaho heritage trust for the use of the copy-~~
19 ~~righted design provided for in section 49-443(1), Idaho Code,~~ shall be paid
20 from the plate manufacturing account. The difference between deposits into
21 the account and disbursements out of the account not anticipated for future
22 production cost increases, shall be transferred by the state controller from
23 the plate manufacturing account to the highway distribution account as es-
24 tablished in section 40-701, Idaho Code, for apportionment as designated in
25 that section. Funds designated to the Idaho heritage trust shall be matched
26 with equal funds from other sources for funding projects designed to pre-
27 serve Idaho's historic resources.

28 SECTION 2. That Section 49-450A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
29 amended to read as follows:

30 49-450A. PLATE MANUFACTURING ACCOUNT. There is hereby created in the
31 state treasury an account to be known as the "plate manufacturing account"
32 for the purpose of paying the actual cost to produce and distribute license
33 plates ~~and to pay costs related to use of the centennial design on the li-~~
34 ~~ense plate.~~ All moneys in this account are hereby continuously appropri-
35 ated to the department. Any additional funds required to pay plate produc-
36 tion and distribution costs will be transferred by the state controller from
37 the state highway account. Once an adequate cash balance has accumulated in
38 the plate manufacturing account, the state controller will transfer funds
39 from the plate manufacturing account to reimburse the state highway account.

1 SECTION 3. That Section 67-7602B, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
2 amended to read as follows:

3 67-7602B. IDAHO HERITAGE TRUST -- FUNDING. ~~The Idaho heritage trust~~
4 ~~shall receive funds collected in section 49-450, Idaho Code, in the amount of~~
5 ~~fifty cents (50¢) per plate for the use of the copyrighted design provided in~~
6 ~~section 49-443(10), Idaho Code. The Idaho transportation department shall~~
7 ~~collect such funds and distribute them to the Idaho heritage trust fund quar-~~
8 ~~terly.~~ (1) The role of the heritage trust is to accept proposals from the
9 public requesting funds for heritage preservation projects. The proposals
10 are evaluated on established criteria, and if in the opinion of the heritage
11 trust they qualify, a grant may be awarded subject to the availability of
12 funds.

13 (2) The heritage trust shall ~~insure~~ ensure that the following occurs in
14 respect to the management of funds:

15 (1a) Funds earned from the use of the motor vehicle license plate design
16 shall be deposited directly into the trust fund where ~~it~~ they will earn
17 interest that will be used for heritage preservation projects. Contri-
18 butions from private ~~fund raising~~ fundraising efforts may also be de-
19 posited to the trust fund;

20 (2b) Only the interest earned from the trust fund shall be expended, and
21 the trust fund shall remain as a permanent endowment generating income
22 in perpetuity for heritage preservation; and

23 (3c) The Idaho heritage trust shall require project sponsors to match
24 the funds granted for each project, so that no more than half the mone-
25 tary support for any project shall come from the proceeds of the trust
26 fund.