

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 43

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INNOVATION; AMENDING SECTION 49-416C, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR AN INNOVATION MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE AND TO DIRECT THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUE DERIVED FROM SUCH LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 67-4725, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE IDAHO INNOVATION FUND; AND AMENDING SECTION 67-4726, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 49-416C, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

49-416C. ~~SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY~~ INNOVATION PLATES. (1) Any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section 49-402 or 49-434(1), Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and, upon department approval, receive special ~~science and technology~~ innovation license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of ~~science and technology~~ innovation license plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in chapter 4, title 49, Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer for deposit to the ~~office of science and technology~~ Idaho innovation fund created in section 67-4725, Idaho Code, and shall be used by the ~~science technology~~ commercial innovation division of the department of commerce for attracting ~~science and technology~~ innovation companies to locate or to expand their operations in Idaho.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The ~~science and technology~~ innovation license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section 49-402C, Idaho Code. The design and any slogan on the plate shall be acceptable to the director of the department of commerce and shall be approved by the Idaho transportation department utilizing a numbering system as determined by

1 the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid  
2 by the department of commerce.

3 (5) Sample ~~science and technology~~ innovation license plates may be purchased for a  
4 fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state  
5 highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be transferred to the ~~office of~~  
6 ~~science and technology~~ Idaho innovation fund, and shall be used by the ~~office~~ commercial  
7 innovation division for attracting ~~science and technology~~ innovation companies to locate or to  
8 expand their operations in Idaho.

9 SECTION 2. That Section 67-4725, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 67-4725. ~~OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY~~ IDAHO INNOVATION  
12 FUND. There is hereby created in the state treasury the ~~office of science and technology~~  
13 Idaho innovation fund. Moneys in the fund shall consist of funds received pursuant to section  
14 49-416C, Idaho Code, grants, federal moneys, donations or funds from any other source.  
15 Moneys in the fund may be expended pursuant to appropriation. The fund balance in the fund  
16 may be appropriated annually to the ~~office of science and technology~~ department of commerce,  
17 commercial innovation division. The treasurer shall invest all idle moneys in the fund. Any  
18 interest earned on the investment of idle moneys shall be returned to the fund.

19 SECTION 3. That Section 67-4726, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 67-4726. ~~SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY~~ IDAHO INNOVATION  
22 COUNCIL – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS – QUALIFICATIONS. (1) The state of  
23 Idaho recognizes that the health and expansion of Idaho's future economy will depend upon  
24 taking full advantage of research and technology, and that Idaho has impressive resources for  
25 ~~technology~~ innovation-based growth, internationally recognized university research programs,  
26 globally competitive ~~technology~~ innovation companies and the Idaho national laboratory.

27 The ~~science and technology advisory~~ Idaho innovation council is hereby created to advise  
28 the department of commerce, the state board of education, state colleges and universities,  
29 and other state, local, federal and private sector agencies and organizations on ~~science and~~  
30 ~~technology~~ innovation interests and potentials; to support the development and publishing  
31 of information on the condition and importance of ~~science and technology~~ innovation to the  
32 state's economy; to assist with the development and implementation of a state strategic plan  
33 for ~~science and technology~~ innovation; and to assist with the coordination of local, state and  
34 federal interests to increase the positive economic impact of the state's ~~science and technology~~  
35 innovation resources.

36 (2) The council shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor.  
37 Membership of the council shall include individuals knowledgeable and experienced in ~~science~~  
38 ~~and technology~~ innovation issues. The council shall include representatives from the private  
39 sector who have expertise in the transfer and commercialization of ~~science and~~ technology,  
40 and representatives from the department of commerce, the office of the state board of  
41 education, and the office of the governor. The governor shall designate a chairman from the  
42 council's private-sector membership and the council shall designate such other officers from its  
43 membership as it deems necessary. The chairman and council members from the department of

1 commerce, the ~~office of the~~ state board of education, and the office of the governor shall serve  
2 as the executive committee of the council. The council shall be staffed and supported by the  
3 department of commerce, commercial innovation division. Members of the council who are not  
4 state employees shall be compensated for actual and necessary expenses as provided by section  
5 59-509(b), Idaho Code.