

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 665

BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO APPALOOSA LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 49-420D, IDAHO CODE,
2 TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING APPALOOSA LICENSE PLATES; AND DECLARING
3 AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Section 49-420D, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 49-420D. APPALOOSA LICENSE PLATES. (1) On and after January 1, 2003,
9 any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered ~~under~~ pursuant to the pro-
10 visions of section 49-402, Idaho Code, or registered ~~under~~ pursuant to any
11 other provision of law for which the purchase of a special license plate is
12 allowed, may apply for and, upon department approval, receive special Ap-
13 paloosa license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of
14 this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross
15 weight over ~~sixteen thousand (16,000)~~ twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds.
16 Availability of Appaloosa license plates for other vehicles shall be subject
17 to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

18 (2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in chapter 4,
19 title 49, Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five
20 dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dollars
21 (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00)
22 of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be de-
23 posited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of
24 administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars
25 (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal
26 fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer for deposit to the Appaloosa
27 ~~horse club,~~ museum and heritage center foundation and shall be used exclu-
28 sively for the purpose of funding ~~youth horse programs within the state of~~
29 ~~Idaho~~ education and programming related to horses in the state of Idaho.

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

35 (4) The Appaloosa license plate shall be of a color and design in ac-
36 cordance with the provisions of section 49-402C, Idaho Code. That portion
37 of the design ~~which~~ that features an Appaloosa shall be acceptable to the Ap-
38 paloosa ~~horse club,~~ museum and heritage center foundation and shall be ap-
39 proved by the department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the
40 department. ~~Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate de-~~
41 ~~sign,~~ shall be paid by the Appaloosa horse club.

1 (5) Sample Appaloosa license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty
2 dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the
3 state highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be trans-
4 ferred to the Appaloosa ~~horse club~~ museum and heritage center foundation. No
5 additional fee shall be charged for personalizing sample plates.

6 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
7 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
8 July 1, 2026.