

Introduced by Senator Newman

February 17, 2017

An act to amend Section 5168 of the Vehicle Code, relating to license plates.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 673, as amended, Newman. Pet Lover's specialized license plates.

Existing law establishes a specialized license plate program and requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue specialized license plates on behalf of a sponsoring state agency that meets certain requirements. Existing law requires that the DMV charge specified additional fees for the issuance, renewal, or transfer of specialized license plates, and requires the DMV to deposit the fees, less the DMV's costs, into the Specialized License Plate Fund. Existing law requires that moneys in the fund be allocated, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to each sponsoring agency in proportion to the amount that is attributable to the agency's specialized license plate program. Existing law ~~authorizes~~ *requires* the sponsoring state agency to use these moneys to fund projects and programs that promote the state agency's official policy, mission, or work. ~~Existing~~

Existing law requires the DMV to deposit fees for the issuance, renewal, or transfer of the Pet Lover's specialized license plates, less the DMV's costs, into the Pet Lover's Fund in the Specialized License Plate Fund, for the deposit of revenue derived from these specialized license plates. Existing law requires that these funds be allocated, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Veterinary Medical Board for disbursement by a nonprofit organization selected by the board to fund

grants to providers of no-cost or low-cost animal sterilization services. Existing law requires the board to determine eligibility requirements for the grants, establish the grant application process, and develop program specifics. Existing law authorizes the board to contract with an entity, including a nonprofit organization, to provide advice, consultation, and administrative services for purposes of implementing and administering the grant program. Existing law requires the board to provide oversight for the disbursement of grant funds under the grant program.

This bill would substitute the Department of Food and Agriculture in place of the Veterinary Medical Board for those purposes. The bill would authorize rather than require the ~~department~~ *Department of Food and Agriculture* to allocate funds to a nonprofit organization it selects for disbursement to qualifying spay and neuter facilities for the purpose of funding grants to providers of no-cost or low-cost animal sterilization services.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5168 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
2 read:
3 5168. (a) The fees specified in Section 5157 shall be imposed
4 for the issuance, renewal, or transfer of the Pet Lover's specialized
5 license plates. Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of Section 5157,
6 after deducting its administrative costs, the department shall deposit
7 the revenue derived from the additional fees into the Pet Lover's
8 Fund, which is hereby established in the Specialized License Plate
9 Fund.
10 (b) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the moneys in the
11 Pet Lover's Fund shall be allocated to the Department of Food and
12 Agriculture. There shall not be an allocation to the ~~department~~
13 *Department of Food and Agriculture* pursuant to subdivision (c)
14 of Section 5157. The ~~department~~ *Department of Food and*
15 *Agriculture* may allocate those funds to a nonprofit organization
16 it selects for disbursement to qualifying spay and neuter facilities for
17 the sole and exclusive purpose of funding grants to providers of
18 no-cost or low-cost animal sterilization services.

1 (c) Annual administrative costs for the program shall not exceed
2 25 percent of the funds collected from the issuance of the Pet
3 Lover’s license plates, and may include marketing and other
4 promotional activities associated with encouraging application for
5 or renewal of Pet Lover’s license plates.

6 (d) The nonprofit organization selected by the ~~department~~
7 *Department of Food and Agriculture* shall not use more than 5
8 percent of the moneys received pursuant to this section for
9 administrative costs.

10 (e) The ~~department~~ *Department of Food and Agriculture* shall
11 determine eligibility requirements for the grants, establish the grant
12 application process, and develop program specifics. The ~~department~~
13 *Department of Food and Agriculture* may contract with an entity,
14 including a nonprofit organization, to provide advice, consultation,
15 and administrative services for purposes of implementing and
16 administering the grant program. The ~~department~~ *Department of*
17 *Food and Agriculture* shall provide oversight for the disbursal of
18 grant funds under the grant program.