
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE 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 for Polynesian Voyaging
5 Society authorized. (a) Notwithstanding any law to the
6 contrary, the director of finance shall issue to any registered
7 owner of an electric vehicle, who is a resident of the State,
8 upon completed application and payment of the required fees, a
9 special number plate for the registered owner's electric vehicle
10 commemorating the Polynesian Voyaging Society.
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; chiefs of police of the
14 city and county of Honolulu and the counties of Kauai, Maui, and
15 Hawaii; and board of directors of the Polynesian Voyaging
16 Society, shall establish a special number plate design that:



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- 1 (1) Contains words, images, or both, that indicate the
2 special number plate is issued to recognize the
3 Polynesian Voyaging Society;
- 4 (2) Is similar in shape and size to the uniform state
5 number plate prescribed by law; and
- 6 (3) Does not obstruct the visibility of the numbers or
7 letters or any other information that is required by
8 law to be on a number plate and is readily
9 identifiable and distinguishable under actual traffic
10 conditions.
- 11 (c) The special number plate design shall not:
- 12 (1) Infringe or otherwise violate any trademark, trade
13 name, service mark, copyright, or other proprietary or
14 property right;
- 15 (2) Represent any obscene or degrading image, idea, word,
16 or phrase;
- 17 (3) Advertise or endorse a product, brand, or service that
18 is provided for sale;
- 19 (4) Promote any religious belief; or
- 20 (5) Promote any philosophy based on prejudice or that is
21 contrary to state civil rights laws.



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

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

12 (f) The director of finance may charge an additional
13 fundraising fee of the same or a different amount as the
14 fundraising fee established pursuant to subsection (e), for the
15 renewal of a special number plate. If an additional fundraising
16 fee is implemented pursuant to this subsection, the director of
17 finance shall revoke the special number plate of any registered
18 owner of a motor vehicle who fails to pay the additional
19 fundraising fee imposed by this subsection.

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



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1 determined by the director of finance, shall be deposited in the
2 name of the Polynesian Voyaging Society in a separate account.

3 The director of finance shall determine the most efficient means
4 of directing the revenue generated by the fundraising fees to
5 the Polynesian Voyaging Society.

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

11 (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed as to apply
12 to any plates issued pursuant to sections 249-9.2 or 249-9.5.

13 (j) For the purposes of this section, unless a different
14 meaning appears from the context, "special number plate" means a
15 license plate that represents the Polynesian Voyaging Society."

16 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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Report Title:

Special Number License Plates; Polynesian Voyaging Society;
Electric Vehicles

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of special number electric vehicle license plates to commemorate the Polynesian Voyaging Society.

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