

BILL ANALYSIS

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By: Callegari
Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

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- (c) Requires that the Department of Transportation design Knights of Columbus license plates in consultation with the Knights of Columbus;
- (d) Requires that the Department issue a Knights of Columbus license plate to a person that pays an annual \$30 fee in addition to the regular annual car registration fees;
- (e) Requires that of the \$30 annual fee, \$22 be deposited to the credit of the State Council Charities general fund account and \$8 be deposited to the state highway fund;
- (f) Requires the Department to reissue license plates to car owners whose plates were lost, stolen, or mutilated;
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