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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1096

**Introduced by Assembly Member Nestande
(Coauthor: Assembly Member V. Manuel Pérez)**

February 22, 2013

An act to amend Section 5151 of, and to add Section 5162 to, the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1096, as amended, Nestande. Vehicles: specialized license plates: Salton Sea.

Under existing law, a state agency is authorized to apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles (*DMV*) to sponsor a specialized license plate program, and the department *DMV* is required to issue those license plates if the agency meets certain requirements. Existing law also requires the department *DMV* to charge specified fees for certain services related to the issuance of those plates.

This bill would include the Salton Sea Joint Powers Authority within the definition of state agency for the purposes of these provisions. The bill would authorize the authority *Department of Fish and Wildlife* to apply to the department *DMV* to sponsor a special Salton Sea license plate program, and would require the department *DMV* to issue the license plates if the authority *Department of Fish and Wildlife* meets certain requirements. The bill would require the plates issued under the program to bear a full-plate graphic design, as specified, and would

require the payment of an additional fee by a person applying for the special plate. The bill would also require the revenue generated from the license plates, as specified, to be deposited in the Salton Sea Restoration Account created by the bill in the Specialized License Plate Fund.

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 5151 of the Vehicle Code is amended to~~
2 ~~read:~~

3 5151. ~~(a) As used in this article, “state agency” means a state~~
4 ~~office, officer, department, division, bureau, board, or commission;~~
5 ~~any other state body or agency, or the Salton Sea Joint Powers~~
6 ~~Authority.~~

7 ~~(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that this article contain the~~
8 ~~authority for specialized license plates for state agencies.~~

9 SEC. 2.

10 SECTION 1. Section 5162 is added to the Vehicle Code, to
11 read:

12 5162. (a) ~~The Salton Sea Joint Powers Authority~~ *Department*
13 *of Fish and Wildlife* may apply to the department, pursuant to
14 Section 5156, to sponsor a Salton Sea license plate program. The
15 department shall issue specialized license plates for that program
16 if the ~~Salton Sea Joint Powers Authority~~ *Department of Fish and*
17 *Wildlife* complies with the requirements of Section 5156.

18 (b) Notwithstanding Section 5155, the Salton Sea license plates
19 shall bear a full-plate graphic that the department determines, in
20 consultation with the Department of the California Highway Patrol,
21 does not obscure the readability of the license plate, and that depicts
22 an image to be designated by the ~~Salton Sea Joint Powers~~
23 ~~Authority.~~ *Department of Fish and Wildlife.*

24 (c) Notwithstanding subdivision (c) of Section 5157, the
25 additional fees prescribed by Section 5157 for the issuance,
26 renewal, or transfer of the specialized license plates shall be
27 deposited, after the department deducts its administrative costs, in

- 1 the Salton Sea Restoration Account, which is hereby created in
- 2 the Specialized License Plate Fund.

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