

## ICBC announces new reflective decals for special motorists

'L' and 'N' to be joined by other warnings of incompetence behind the wheel

By Liam Britten, Humour Editor

In an effort to better improve driver awareness and make the roads safer, the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia is requiring more types of drivers to display reflective decals on the backs of their cars to warn others of their fitness for driving.

Currently, ICBC only issues two types of reflective decals: the "L" decal for learners behind the wheel, and the "N" for newly-licensed drivers. However, this will soon change.

"The first decal we are introducing is the 'B' decal, which indicates 'buzzed'" said ICBC media contact Mark Jan Vrem. "This decal tells other road users that the driver in question has had a few, but isn't too bad. You know, maybe he went to the bar, was supposed to be designated driver, had one, one led to another, you know how it goes. But they aren't shitfaced, that's for sure—shitfaced drivers are required to display the 'S' decal."

Vrem says that by better informing drivers of road hazards, they can prevent accidents. He also mentions that vehicle decals have

been in use in the province off and on since the '50s with great success.

"Of course, in those days, only women were obligated to display a decal, the 'D,' which stood for 'dizzy dame.' The Charter of Rights and Freedoms doesn't allow us to use that decal anymore."

In addition to the "B" and "S" decals, ICBC will be introducing decals such as the "H" for "Horrible parallel parker," the "O" for "Old as all hell, will travel 20 below the speed limit," the "T" which indicates "Two children in a long coat pretending to be an adult," and the "R" which indicates "Right blinker left on by accident, I don't actually plan on turning right for about eight blocks."

"We're especially proud of the 'V' decal, which will inform all motorists that the person in front of them is from Victoria," Vrem told *The Other Press*. "Hopefully, this will allow people to be aware of possibly hazardous, certainly annoying behaviour from these drivers. They will turn or change lanes without signalling, they'll go slow for no reason, they'll be high, but it's our hope that the 'V' decal will take the surprise factor out of driving with these morons."



## Polar bears outraged over Coca-Cola colour change

By Allie Davison, Staff Writer

Polar bears just aren't what they used to be: in numbers anyways. In an effort to reach out and support the declining breed of bears, popular beverage company Coca-Cola has changed the look of their regular Coke cans from classic red, to white with a few of the majestic beasts printed on the sides.

Although the company had the best intentions—not only are they making a donation of \$2 million to the needy bears, but they will match consumer donations up to another \$1 million—the leader of the North Pole Polar Bear clan, Ice Cold, has been publicly speaking negatively about the change. "It's not that we're not grateful to Coca-Cola for their kind donation, it's just that the can colour change has been causing problems in our society. Polar bears everywhere have been sent out to bring some Diet Coke back to their dens, and are returning with Classic Coke, in a white can. As we are a calorie-conscious breed, you can only imagine the mayhem this has caused."

Cold went on to say that some short-tempered bears had even started fights over the issue. "Cubs running away, mates clawing at each other; it's chaos, just chaos."

Thankfully, Coca-Cola has seen the error of their ways and stopped production of the white Classic Coke cans. Although they will not be recalling the cans, once they are all sold, only the red can that everyone knows, recognizes, and loves will be seen on shelves. Smooth move, Coke.