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1 AN ACT Relating to "Music Matters" special license plates; amending
2 RCW 46.18.200, 46.17.220, and 46.68.420; reenacting and amending RCW
3 46.18.060 and 46.18.110; and adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.18.200 and 2010 c 161 s 611 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 ~~(1) ((The legislature recognizes that the special license plate~~
8 ~~review board established in RCW 46.16.705 reviews and approves~~
9 ~~applications for special license plate series.~~

10 ~~(2))~~ Special license plate series reviewed and approved by the
11 ~~((special license plate review board))~~ department:

12 (a) May be issued in lieu of standard issue or personalized license
13 plates for vehicles required to display one and two license plates
14 unless otherwise specified;

15 (b) Must be issued under terms and conditions established by the
16 department;

17 (c) Must not be issued for vehicles registered under chapter 46.87
18 RCW; and

1 (d) Must display a symbol or artwork approved by the (~~special~~
2 ~~license plate review board~~) department.

3 (~~(3) The special license plate review board approves, and~~) (2)
4 The department approves and shall issue(~~(7)~~) the following special
5 license plates:

LICENSE PLATE	DESCRIPTION, SYMBOL, OR ARTWORK
Armed forces collection	Recognizes the contribution of veterans, active duty military personnel, reservists, and members of the national guard, and includes six separate designs, each containing a symbol representing a different branch of the armed forces to include army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard, and national guard.
Endangered wildlife	Displays a symbol or artwork, approved by the special license plate review board and the legislature.
Gonzaga University alumni	Recognizes the Gonzaga University alumni association.
Helping kids speak	Recognizes an organization that supports programs that provide no-cost speech pathology programs to children.
Keep kids safe	Recognizes efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.
Law enforcement memorial	Honors law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line of duty.
<u>Music matters</u>	<u>Displays the "Music Matters" logo.</u>
Professional firefighters and paramedics	Recognizes professional firefighters and paramedics who are members of the Washington state council of firefighters.
Share the road	Recognizes an organization that promotes bicycle safety and awareness education.
Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington snowsports industry.
Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that supports selected Washington state lighthouses and provides environmental education programs.
Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state parks as premier destinations of uncommon quality that preserve significant natural, cultural, historical, and recreational resources.

1	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's national parks and
2		supports priority park programs and projects in
3		Washington's national parks, such as enhancing visitor
4		experience, promoting volunteerism, engaging
5		communities, and providing educational opportunities
6		related to Washington's national parks.
7	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's wildlife.
8	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that assists local member
9		agencies of the federation of animal welfare and control
10		agencies to promote and perform spay/neuter surgery on
11		Washington state pets to reduce pet overpopulation.
12	Wild on Washington	Symbolizes wildlife viewing in Washington state.

13 (4) Applicants for initial and renewal professional firefighters
14 and paramedics special license plates must show proof eligibility by
15 providing a certificate of current membership from the Washington state
16 council of firefighters.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 "Music Matters license plates" means special license plates issued
20 under RCW 46.18.200 that display the "Music Matters" logo.

21 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.17.220 and 2010 c 161 s 521 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
24 application for a vehicle registration in chapter (~~46.16~~) 46.16A RCW,
25 the holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate special
26 license plate fee as listed in this section.

27	PLATE TYPE	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE	DISTRIBUTED UNDER
28	(a) Amateur radio license	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
29	(b) Armed forces	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
30	(c) Baseball stadium	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	Subsection (2) of this
31				section
32	(d) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030

1	(e) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430
2	(f) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
3	(g) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	alumni			
5	(h) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	(i) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
7	(j) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
8	(k) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
9	memorial			
10	(l) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
11	system			
12	(m) <u>Music matters</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>
13	(n) Professional firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
14	and paramedics			
15	((n)) (o) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
16	((o)) (p) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
17	((p)) (q) Ski and ride	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
18	Washington			
19	((q)) (r) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
20	((r)) (s) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
21	lighthouses			
22	((s)) (t) Washington state	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
23	parks			
24	((t)) (u) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
25	national parks			
26	((u)) (v) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
27	wildlife collection			
28	((v)) (w) We love our pets	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
29	((w)) (x) Wild on	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
30	Washington			

31 (2) After deducting administration and collection expenses for the
32 sale of baseball stadium license plates, the remaining proceeds must be
33 distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and
34 interest payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball
35 stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
36 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW

1 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
2 to the state general fund.

3 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.68.420 and 2010 c 161 s 809 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The department shall:

6 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW
7 46.17.220 (~~that were approved by the special license plate review~~
8 ~~board under RCW 46.18.200~~);

9 (b) Deduct an amount not to exceed twelve dollars for initial issue
10 and two dollars for renewal issue for administration and collection
11 expenses incurred by it; and

12 (c) Remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the state
13 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report.

14 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
15 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has been
16 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.
17 Upon determination by the department that the state has been
18 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special
19 license plate fee amounts for each special license plate to the
20 following appropriate account as created in this section:

21	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF FUNDS
22	Gonzaga University alumni association	Scholarship funds to needy and qualified students
23		attending or planning to attend Gonzaga University
24	Helping kids speak	Provide free diagnostic and therapeutic services to families
25		of children who suffer from a delay in language or speech
26		development
27	Law enforcement memorial	Provide support and assistance to survivors and families of
28		law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line
29		of duty and to organize, finance, fund, construct, utilize,
30		and maintain a memorial on the state capitol grounds to
31		honor those fallen officers

1	Lighthouse environmental programs	Support selected Washington state lighthouses that are
2		accessible to the public and staffed by volunteers; provide
3		environmental education programs; provide grants for
4		other Washington lighthouses to assist in funding
5		infrastructure preservation and restoration; encourage and
6		support interpretive programs by lighthouse docents
7	<u>Music matters awareness</u>	<u>Promote music education in schools throughout</u>
8		<u>Washington</u>
9	Share the road	Promote bicycle safety and awareness education in
10		communities throughout Washington
11	Ski & ride Washington	Promote winter snowsports, such as skiing and
12		snowboarding, and related programs, such as ski and ride
13		safety programs, underprivileged youth ski and ride
14		programs, and active, healthy lifestyle programs
15	Washington state council of firefighters benevolent fund	Receive and disseminate funds for charitable purposes on
16		behalf of members of the Washington state council of
17		firefighters, their families, and others deemed in need
18	Washington's national park fund	Build awareness of Washington's national parks and
19		support priority park programs and projects in
20		Washington's national parks, such as enhancing visitor
21		experience, promoting volunteerism, engaging
22		communities, and providing educational opportunities
23		related to Washington's national parks
24	We love our pets	Support and enable the Washington federation of animal
25		welfare and control agencies to promote and perform
26		spay/neuter surgery of Washington state pets in order to
27		reduce pet population

28 (3) Only the director or the director's designee may authorize
29 expenditures from the accounts described in subsection (2) of this
30 section. The accounts are subject to allotment procedures under
31 chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for
32 expenditures.

33 (4) Funds in the special license plate accounts described in
34 subsection (2) of this section must be disbursed subject to the
35 conditions described in subsection (2) of this section and under
36 contract between the department and qualified nonprofit organizations
37 that provide the services described in subsection (2) of this section.

1 (5) For the purposes of this section, a "qualified nonprofit
2 organization" means a not-for-profit corporation operating in
3 Washington that has received a determination of tax exempt status under
4 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3). The qualified nonprofit organization must
5 meet all the requirements under RCW 46.18.100(1).

6 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.18.060 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 94 and 2010 c 161
7 s 604 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 ~~(1) ((The creation of the board does not in any way preclude the
9 authority of the legislature to independently propose and enact special
10 license plate legislation.~~

11 ~~(2))~~ The ~~((board))~~ department must review and either approve or
12 reject special license plate applications submitted by sponsoring
13 organizations.

14 ~~((3))~~ (2) Duties of the ~~((board))~~ department include, but are not
15 limited to, the following:

16 (a) Review and approve the annual financial reports submitted by
17 sponsoring organizations with active special license plate series and
18 present those annual financial reports to the senate and house
19 transportation committees;

20 (b) Report annually to the senate and house of representatives
21 transportation committees on the special license plate applications
22 that were considered by the ~~((board))~~ department;

23 (c) Issue approval and rejection notification letters to sponsoring
24 organizations, the department, the chairs of the senate and house of
25 representatives transportation committees, and the legislative sponsors
26 identified in each application. The letters must be issued within
27 seven days of making a determination on the status of an application;
28 and

29 (d) Review annually the number of plates sold for each special
30 license plate series created after January 1, 2003. The ~~((board))~~
31 department may submit a recommendation to discontinue a special plate
32 series to the chairs of the senate and house of representatives
33 transportation committees~~(; and~~

34 ~~(e) Provide policy guidance and directions to the department
35 concerning the adoption of rules necessary to limit the number of
36 special license plates for which an organization or a governmental
37 entity may apply)).~~

1 ~~((4))~~ (3) Except as provided in RCW 46.18.245, in order to assess
2 the effects and impact of the proliferation of special license plates,
3 the legislature declares a temporary moratorium on the issuance of any
4 additional plates until July 1, 2011. During this period of time,
5 ~~((the special license plate review board created in RCW 46.16.705 and))~~
6 the department ~~((are))~~ is prohibited from accepting, reviewing,
7 processing, or approving any applications. Additionally, a special
8 license plate may not be enacted by the legislature during the
9 moratorium, unless the proposed license plate has been approved by the
10 former special license plate review board before February 15, 2005.

11 (4) The Music Matters license plates created under RCW 46.18.200
12 are exempt from the requirements of this section.

13 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.18.110 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 95 and 2010 c 161
14 s 606 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

15 (1) A sponsoring organization meeting the requirements of RCW
16 46.18.100, applying for the creation of a special license plate ~~((to~~
17 ~~the special license plate review board))~~ must, on an application
18 supplied by the department, provide the minimum application
19 requirements in subsection (2) of this section.

20 (2) The sponsoring organization shall:

21 (a) Submit prepayment of all start-up costs associated with the
22 creation and implementation of the special license plate in an amount
23 determined by the department. The department shall place this money
24 into the special license plate applicant trust account created under
25 RCW 46.68.380;

26 (b) Provide a proposed license plate design;

27 (c) Provide a marketing strategy outlining short and long-term
28 marketing plans for each special license plate and a financial analysis
29 outlining the anticipated revenue and the planned expenditures of the
30 revenues derived from the sale of the special license plate;

31 (d) Provide a signature of a legislative sponsor and proposed
32 legislation creating the special license plate;

33 (e) Provide proof of organizational qualifications as determined by
34 the department as provided for in RCW 46.18.100;

35 (f) Provide signature sheets that include signatures from
36 individuals who intend to purchase the special license plate and the

1 number of plates each individual intends to purchase. The sheets must
2 reflect a minimum of three thousand five hundred intended purchases of
3 the special license plate.

4 (3) After an application is approved by the (~~special license plate~~
5 ~~review board~~) department, the application need not be reviewed again
6 (~~by the board~~) for a period of three years.

7 (4) The Music Matters license plates created under RCW 46.18.200
8 are exempt from the requirements of this section.

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