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1 AN ACT Relating to "In God We Trust" special license plates;
2 amending RCW 46.18.200, 46.17.220, 46.68.425, and 43.60A.215; and
3 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 <u>association</u>	Recognizes the Gonzaga University alumni association.
Helping kids speak	Recognizes an organization that supports programs that provide no-cost speech pathology programs to children.
<u>In God we trust</u>	<u>Displays the words "In God We Trust."</u>
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.
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))~~ (3) Applicants for initial and renewal professional
14 firefighters and paramedics special license plates must show proof
15 eligibility by providing a certificate of current membership from the
16 Washington state council of firefighters.

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

19 "In God We Trust license plates" means license plates issued under
20 RCW 46.18.200 that display a symbol or artwork with the words "In God
21 We Trust."

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

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

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

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

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

1 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
2 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
3 to the state general fund.

4 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.68.425 and 2010 c 161 s 810 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall:

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

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

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

15 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
16 vehicle fund until the department determines that the state has been
17 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.
18 Upon determination by the department that the state has been
19 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special
20 license plate fees to the following accounts by special license plate
21 type:

22	23 SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TYPE	24 ACCOUNT	25 CONDITIONS FOR USE OF FUNDS
26	Armed forces	RCW 43.60A.140	N/A
27	Endangered wildlife	RCW 77.12.170	Must be used only for the department of fish and wildlife's endangered wildlife program activities
28	<u>In God we trust</u>	<u>RCW 43.60A.215</u>	<u>As specified in RCW 43.60A.215</u>
29	Keep kids safe	RCW 43.121.100	As specified in RCW 43.121.050
30	Washington state parks	RCW 79A.05.059	Provide public educational opportunities and enhancement of Washington state parks
31	Washington's wildlife collection	RCW 77.12.170	Only for the department of fish and wildlife's game species management activities

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4 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.60A.215 and 2010 c 90 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The disabled veterans assistance account is created in the
7 custody of the state treasurer. Disbursements of funds must be on the
8 authorization of the director or the director's designee, and only for
9 the purposes stated in subsection (4) of this section. In order to
10 maintain an effective expenditure and revenue control, funds are
11 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is
12 not required to permit the expenditure of the funds.

13 (2) The department may request and accept nondedicated
14 contributions, grants, or gifts in cash or otherwise, including funds
15 generated by voluntary donations under RCW 43.60A.210 and the issuance
16 of "In God We Trust" license plates under RCW 46.18.200.

17 (3) All receipts from (a) voluntary donations under RCW 43.60A.210
18 and (b) except as provided in RCW 46.68.425(2), the sale of "In God We
19 Trust" license plates must be deposited into the account.

20 (4) All moneys deposited into the account must be used by the
21 department for activities that benefit veterans including, but not
22 limited to, providing programs and services that assist veterans with
23 the procurement of durable medical equipment, mobility enhancing
24 equipment, emergency home or vehicle repair, emergency food or
25 emergency shelter, or service animals. The first priority for
26 assistance provided through the account must be given to veterans who
27 are experiencing a financial hardship and do not qualify for other
28 federal or state veterans programs and services. Funds from the
29 account may not be used to supplant existing funds received by the
30 department.

31 (5) For the purposes of this section, "veteran" has the same
32 meaning as in RCW 41.04.005 and 41.04.007, and also means an actively
33 serving member of the national guard or reserves, or is active duty
34 military personnel.

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