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1 AN ACT Relating to "National Rifle Association" special license
2 plates; amending RCW 46.68.425 and 77.15.425; reenacting and amending
3 RCW 46.18.200, 46.17.220, and 46.18.060; and adding a new section to
4 chapter 46.04 RCW.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.18.200 and 2011 c 229 s 1, 2011 c 225 s 1, and 2011
7 c 171 s 69 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 (1) Special license plate series reviewed and approved by the
9 department:

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

13 (b) Must be issued under terms and conditions established by the
14 department;

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

17 (d) Must display a symbol or artwork approved by the department.

18 (2) The department approves and shall issue the following special
19 license plates:

1 LICENSE PLATE	DESCRIPTION, SYMBOL, OR ARTWORK
2 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.
8 Endangered wildlife	Displays a symbol or artwork, approved by the special license plate review board and the legislature.
10 Gonzaga University alumni association	Recognizes the Gonzaga University alumni association.
11 Helping kids speak	Recognizes an organization that supports programs that provide no-cost speech pathology programs to children.
13 Keep kids safe	Recognizes efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.
14 Law enforcement memorial	Honors law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line of duty.
16 Music matters	Displays the "Music Matters" logo.
17 <u>National rifle association</u>	<u>Displays the "National Rifle Association" logo.</u>
18 Professional firefighters and paramedics	Recognizes professional firefighters and paramedics who are members of the Washington state council of firefighters.
21 Share the road	Recognizes an organization that promotes bicycle safety and awareness education.
23 Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington snowsports industry.
24 Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
25 Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that supports selected Washington state lighthouses and provides environmental education programs.
28 Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state parks as premier destinations of uncommon quality that preserve significant natural, cultural, historical, and recreational resources.
31 Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's national parks and supports priority park programs and projects in Washington's national parks, such as enhancing visitor experience, promoting volunteerism, engaging communities, and providing educational opportunities related to Washington's national parks.

1	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's wildlife.
2	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that assists local member
3		agencies of the federation of animal welfare and control
4		agencies to promote and perform spay/neuter surgery on
5		Washington state pets to reduce pet overpopulation.
6	Wild on Washington	Symbolizes wildlife viewing in Washington state.

7 (3) Applicants for initial and renewal professional firefighters
8 and paramedics special license plates must show proof eligibility by
9 providing a certificate of current membership from the Washington state
10 council of firefighters.

11 (4) Applicants for initial volunteer firefighters special license
12 plates must (a) have been a volunteer firefighter for at least ten
13 years or be a volunteer firefighter for one or more years and (b) have
14 documentation of service from the district of the appropriate fire
15 service. If the volunteer firefighter leaves firefighting service
16 before ten years of service have been completed, the volunteer
17 firefighter shall surrender the license plates to the department on the
18 registration renewal date. If the volunteer firefighter stays in
19 service for at least ten years and then leaves, the license plate may
20 be retained by the former volunteer firefighter and as long as the
21 license plate is retained for use the person will continue to pay the
22 future registration renewals. A qualifying volunteer firefighter may
23 have no more than one set of license plates per vehicle, and a maximum
24 of two sets per applicant, for their personal vehicles. If the
25 volunteer firefighter is convicted of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or
26 a felony, the license plates must be surrendered upon conviction.

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

29 "National rifle association license plates" means special license
30 plates issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display the "National Rifle
31 Association" logo.

32 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.17.220 and 2011 c 229 s 3, 2011 c 225 s 2, and 2011
33 c 171 s 58 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

34 (1) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon

1 application for a vehicle registration in chapter 46.16A RCW, the
 2 holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate special
 3 license plate fee as listed in this section.

4	PLATE TYPE	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE	DISTRIBUTED UNDER
5	(a) Amateur radio license	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
6	(b) Armed forces	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
7	(c) Baseball stadium	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	Subsection (2) of this
8				section
9	(d) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
10	(e) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430
11	(f) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
12	(g) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
13	alumni association			
14	(h) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
15	(i) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
16	(j) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
17	(k) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
18	memorial			
19	(l) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
20	system			
21	(m) Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
22	(n) <u>National rifle association</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.425</u>
23	(o) Professional firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
24	and paramedics			
25	((p)) (p) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
26	((p)) (q) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
27	((q)) (r) Ski & ride	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
28	Washington			
29	((s)) (s) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
30	((s)) (t) Volunteer	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
31	firefighters			
32	((t)) (u) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
33	lighthouses			
34	((t)) (v) Washington state	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
35	parks			

1	((w)) <u>(w)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	national parks			
3	((w)) <u>(x)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
4	wildlife collection			
5	((x)) <u>(y)</u> We love our pets	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	((y)) <u>(z)</u> Wild on	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
7	Washington			

8 (2) After deducting administration and collection expenses for the
9 sale of baseball stadium license plates, the remaining proceeds must be
10 distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and
11 interest payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball
12 stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
13 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
14 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
15 to the state general fund.

16 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.68.425 and 2011 c 171 s 88 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 (1) The department shall:

19 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW
20 46.17.220;

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

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

26 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
27 vehicle fund until the department determines that the state has been
28 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.
29 Upon determination by the department that the state has been
30 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special
31 license plate fees to the following accounts by special license plate
32 type:

1	SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TYPE	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF FUNDS
2	Armed forces	RCW 43.60A.140	N/A
3	Endangered wildlife	RCW 77.12.170	Must be used only for the department of fish and wildlife's endangered wildlife program activities
6	Keep kids safe	RCW 43.121.100	As specified in RCW 43.121.050
7	<u>National rifle association</u>	<u>RCW 77.15.425</u>	<u>For the support of firearm safety and education as part of the hunter education training program under RCW 77.32.155</u>
10	Washington state parks	RCW 79A.05.059	Provide public educational opportunities and enhancement of Washington state parks
13	Washington's wildlife collection	RCW 77.12.170	Only for the department of fish and wildlife's game species management activities
16	Wild on Washington	RCW 77.12.170	Dedicated to the department of fish and wildlife's watchable wildlife activities, as defined in RCW 77.32.560

19 **Sec. 5.** RCW 77.15.425 and 2009 c 333 s 18 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 The fish and wildlife enforcement reward account is created in the
22 custody of the state treasurer. Deposits to the account include:
23 Receipts from fish and shellfish overages as a result of a department
24 enforcement action; fees for hunter education deferral applications;
25 fees for master hunter applications and master hunter certification
26 renewals; fees for national rifle association license plates as
27 provided in RCW 46.68.425; all receipts from criminal wildlife penalty
28 assessments under RCW 77.15.400 and 77.15.420; all receipts of court-
29 ordered restitution or donations associated with any fish, shellfish,
30 or wildlife enforcement action; and proceeds from forfeitures and
31 evidence pursuant to RCW 77.15.070 and 77.15.100. The department may
32 accept money or personal property from persons under conditions
33 requiring the property or money to be used consistent with the intent
34 of expenditures from the fish and wildlife enforcement reward account.
35 Expenditures from the account may be used only for investigation and
36 prosecution of fish and wildlife offenses, to provide rewards to

1 persons informing the department about violations of this title and
2 rules adopted under this title, to offset department-approved costs
3 incurred to administer the hunter education deferral program and the
4 master hunter (~~(permit)~~) permit program, for the support of firearm
5 safety and education as part of the hunter education training program
6 under RCW 77.32.155, and for other valid enforcement uses as determined
7 by the commission. Only the director or the director's designee may
8 authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to
9 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is
10 not required for expenditures.

11 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.18.060 and 2011 c 367 s 703, 2011 c 229 s 5, 2011
12 c 225 s 4, and 2011 c 171 s 66 are each reenacted and amended to read
13 as follows:

14 (1) The department must review and either approve or reject special
15 license plate applications submitted by sponsoring organizations.

16 (2) Duties of the department include, but are not limited to, the
17 following:

18 (a) Review and approve the annual financial reports submitted by
19 sponsoring organizations with active special license plate series and
20 present those annual financial reports to the joint transportation
21 committee;

22 (b) Report annually to the joint transportation committee on the
23 special license plate applications that were considered by the
24 department;

25 (c) Issue approval and rejection notification letters to sponsoring
26 organizations, the executive committee of the joint transportation
27 committee, and the legislative sponsors identified in each application.
28 The letters must be issued within seven days of making a determination
29 on the status of an application; and

30 (d) Review annually the number of plates sold for each special
31 license plate series created after January 1, 2003. The department may
32 submit a recommendation to discontinue a special plate series to the
33 executive committee of the joint transportation committee.

34 (3) Except as provided in RCW 46.18.245, in order to assess the
35 effects and impact of the proliferation of special license plates, the
36 legislature declares a temporary moratorium on the issuance of any
37 additional plates until July 1, 2013. During this period of time, the

1 department is prohibited from accepting, reviewing, processing, or
2 approving any applications. Additionally, a special license plate may
3 not be enacted by the legislature during the moratorium, unless the
4 proposed license plate has been approved by the former special license
5 plate review board before February 15, 2005.

6 ~~(4) ((The volunteer firefighters license plates created under RCW
7 46.18.200 are exempt from the requirements of subsection (3) of this
8 section.~~

9 ~~(5) The Music Matters license plates created under RCW 46.18.200
10 are exempt from the requirements of subsection (3) of this section))~~
11 The limitations under subsection (3) of this section do not apply to
12 the following special license plates:

- 13 (a) Music Matters license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;
- 14 (b) National rifle association license plates created under RCW
15 46.18.200;
- 16 (c) Volunteer firefighter license plates created under RCW
17 46.18.200.

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