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1 AN ACT Relating to the creation of a special license plate
2 dedicated to raising revenue to fund preventative wolf management
3 efforts at the department of fish and wildlife; amending RCW 46.18.200,
4 46.17.220, 46.68.425, and 46.18.060; reenacting and amending RCW
5 77.12.170; and adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.18.200 and 2012 c 65 s 1 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 LICENSE PLATE	DESCRIPTION, SYMBOL, OR ARTWORK
4 4-H	Displays the "4-H" logo.
5 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.
11 Endangered wildlife	Displays a symbol or artwork, approved by the special license plate review board and the legislature.
13 Gonzaga University alumni association	Recognizes the Gonzaga University alumni association.
14 Helping kids speak	Recognizes an organization that supports programs that provide no-cost speech pathology programs to children.
16 Keep kids safe	Recognizes efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.
17 Law enforcement memorial	Honors law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line of duty.
19 Music matters	Displays the "Music Matters" logo.
20 Professional firefighters and paramedics	Recognizes professional firefighters and paramedics who are members of the Washington state council of firefighters.
23 Share the road	Recognizes an organization that promotes bicycle safety and awareness education.
25 Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington snowsports industry.
26 State flower	Recognizes the Washington state flower.
27 Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
28 Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that supports selected Washington state lighthouses and provides environmental education programs.
31 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	<u>Washington's wolves</u>	<u>Recognizes Washington's wolf population and their special</u>
8		<u>management needs.</u>
9	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's wildlife.
10	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that assists local member
11		agencies of the federation of animal welfare and control
12		agencies to promote and perform spay/neuter surgery on
13		Washington state pets to reduce pet overpopulation.
14	Wild on Washington	Symbolizes wildlife viewing in Washington state.

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

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

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

1 "Washington's wolves license plates" means special license plates
2 issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display a symbol or artwork of a wolf.

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.17.220 and 2012 c 65 s 4 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

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

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

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

11 (2) After deducting administration and collection expenses for the
12 sale of baseball stadium license plates, the remaining proceeds must be
13 distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and
14 interest payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball
15 stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
16 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
17 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
18 to the state general fund.

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

21 (1) The department shall:

22 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW
23 46.17.220;

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

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

29 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
30 vehicle fund until the department determines that the state has been
31 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.
32 Upon determination by the department that the state has been
33 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special
34 license plate fees to the following accounts by special license plate
35 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)) N/A
7	Washington state parks	RCW 79A.05.059	Provide public educational opportunities and enhancement of Washington state parks
10	<u>Washington's wolves</u>	<u>RCW 77.12.170</u>	<u>Dedicated to the department of fish and wildlife's preventative wolf management efforts</u>
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 46.18.060 and 2012 c 65 s 6 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

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

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

25 (a) Review and approve the annual financial reports submitted by
26 sponsoring organizations with active special license plate series and
27 present those annual financial reports to the joint transportation
28 committee;

29 (b) Report annually to the joint transportation committee on the
30 special license plate applications that were considered by the
31 department;

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

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

5 (3) Except as provided in RCW 46.18.245, in order to assess the
6 effects and impact of the proliferation of special license plates, the
7 legislature declares a temporary moratorium on the issuance of any
8 additional plates until July 1, 2013. During this period of time, the
9 department is prohibited from accepting, reviewing, processing, or
10 approving any applications. Additionally, a special license plate may
11 not be enacted by the legislature during the moratorium, unless the
12 proposed license plate has been approved by the former special license
13 plate review board before February 15, 2005.

14 (4) The limitations under subsection (3) of this section do not
15 apply to the following special license plates:

- 16 (a) 4-H license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;
- 17 (b) Music Matters license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;
- 18 (c) State flower license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;
- 19 (d) Volunteer firefighter license plates created under RCW
20 46.18.200;
- 21 (e) Washington's wolves license plates created under RCW 46.18.200.

22 **Sec. 6.** RCW 77.12.170 and 2011 c 339 s 3, 2011 c 320 s 23, and
23 2011 c 171 s 112 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

24 (1) There is established in the state treasury the state wildlife
25 account which consists of moneys received from:

- 26 (a) Rentals or concessions of the department;
- 27 (b) The sale of real or personal property held for department
28 purposes, unless the property is seized or recovered through a fish,
29 shellfish, or wildlife enforcement action;
- 30 (c) The assessment of administrative penalties;
- 31 (d) The sale of licenses, permits, tags, and stamps required by
32 chapter 77.32 RCW, RCW 77.65.490, and application fees;
- 33 (e) Fees for informational materials published by the department;
- 34 (f) Fees for personalized vehicle, Wild on Washington, ~~(and)~~
35 Endangered Wildlife, and Washington's wolves license plates and
36 Washington's Wildlife license plate collection as provided in chapter
37 46.17 RCW;

1 (g) Articles or wildlife sold by the director under this title;
2 (h) Compensation for damage to department property or wildlife
3 losses or contributions, gifts, or grants received under RCW 77.12.320.
4 However, this excludes fish and shellfish overages, and court-ordered
5 restitution or donations associated with any fish, shellfish, or
6 wildlife enforcement action, as such moneys must be deposited pursuant
7 to RCW 77.15.425;
8 (i) Excise tax on anadromous game fish collected under chapter
9 82.27 RCW;
10 (j) The department's share of revenues from auctions and raffles
11 authorized by the commission;
12 (k) The sale of watchable wildlife decals under RCW 77.32.560;
13 ((and))
14 (l) Moneys received from the recreation access pass account created
15 in RCW 79A.80.090 must be dedicated to stewardship, operations, and
16 maintenance of department lands used for public recreation purposes;
17 and
18 (m) Donations received by the director under RCW 77.12.039.
19 (2) State and county officers receiving any moneys listed in
20 subsection (1) of this section shall deposit them in the state treasury
21 to be credited to the state wildlife account.

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