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1 AN ACT Relating to breast cancer awareness special license plates;
2 amending RCW 46.18.200, 46.17.220, 46.68.425, and 43.70.327; reenacting
3 and amending RCW 46.18.060; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW;
4 and providing an effective date.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.18.200 and 2013 c 286 s 1 are each amended to read
7 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:

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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
6		military personnel, reservists, and members of the national
7		guard, and includes six separate designs, each containing a
8		symbol representing a different branch of the armed forces
9		to include army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard,
10		and national guard.
11	<u>Breast cancer awareness</u>	<u>Displays a pink ribbon symbolizing breast cancer</u>
12		<u>awareness.</u>
13	Endangered wildlife	Displays a symbol or artwork symbolizing endangered
14		wildlife in Washington state.
15	Gonzaga University alumni association	Recognizes the Gonzaga University alumni association.
16	Helping kids speak	Recognizes an organization that supports programs that
17		provide no-cost speech pathology programs to children.
18	Keep kids safe	Recognizes efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.
19	Law enforcement memorial	Honors law enforcement officers in Washington killed in
20		the line of duty.
21	Music matters	Displays the "Music Matters" logo.
22	Professional firefighters and paramedics	Recognizes professional firefighters and paramedics who
23		are members of the Washington state council of
24		firefighters.
25	Seattle Seahawks	Displays the "Seattle Seahawks" logo.
26	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders FC" logo.
27	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that promotes bicycle safety
28		and awareness education.
29	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington snowsports industry.
30	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state flower.
31	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
32	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that supports selected
33		Washington state lighthouses and provides environmental
34		education programs.
35	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state parks as premier destinations
36		of uncommon quality that preserve significant natural,
37		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 (3) 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 (4) Applicants for initial volunteer firefighters special license
18 plates must (a) have been a volunteer firefighter for at least ten
19 years or be a volunteer firefighter for one or more years and (b) have
20 documentation of service from the district of the appropriate fire
21 service. If the volunteer firefighter leaves firefighting service
22 before ten years of service have been completed, the volunteer
23 firefighter shall surrender the license plates to the department on the
24 registration renewal date. If the volunteer firefighter stays in
25 service for at least ten years and then leaves, the license plate may
26 be retained by the former volunteer firefighter and as long as the
27 license plate is retained for use the person will continue to pay the
28 future registration renewals. A qualifying volunteer firefighter may
29 have no more than one set of license plates per vehicle, and a maximum
30 of two sets per applicant, for their personal vehicles. If the
31 volunteer firefighter is convicted of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or
32 a felony, the license plates must be surrendered upon conviction.

33 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.17.220 and 2013 c 286 s 2 are each amended to read
34 as follows:

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

1	((w)) <u>(w)</u> State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	((x)) <u>(x)</u> Volunteer	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
3	firefighters			
4	((y)) <u>(y)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
5	lighthouses			
6	((z)) <u>(z)</u> Washington state	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
7	parks			
8	((aa)) <u>(aa)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
9	national parks			
10	((bb)) <u>(bb)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
11	wildlife collection			
12	((cc)) <u>(cc)</u> We love our	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
13	pets			
14	((dd)) <u>(dd)</u> Wild on	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
15	Washington			

16 (2) After deducting administration and collection expenses for the
17 sale of baseball stadium license plates, the remaining proceeds must be
18 distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and
19 interest payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball
20 stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
21 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
22 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
23 to the state general fund.

24 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.68.425 and 2011 c 171 s 88 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (1) The department shall:

27 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW
28 46.17.220;

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

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

34 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
35 vehicle fund until the department determines that the state has been
36 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.

1 Upon determination by the department that the state has been
2 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special
3 license plate fees to the following accounts by special license plate
4 type:

5 SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TYPE	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF FUNDS
6 Armed forces	RCW 43.60A.140	N/A
7 <u>Breast cancer awareness</u>	<u>RCW 43.70.327</u>	<u>Must be used only by the department of</u> 8 <u>health for efforts consistent with the breast,</u> 9 <u>cervical, and colon health program</u>
10 Endangered wildlife	RCW 77.12.170	Must be used only for the department of 11 fish and wildlife's endangered wildlife 12 program activities
13 Keep kids safe	RCW 43.121.100	As specified in RCW ((43.121.050)) 14 <u>43.121.100</u>
15 Washington state parks	RCW 79A.05.059	Provide public educational opportunities 16 and enhancement of Washington state 17 parks
18 Washington's wildlife collection	RCW 77.12.170	Only for the department of fish and 19 wildlife's game species management 20 activities
21 Wild on Washington	RCW 77.12.170	Dedicated to the department of fish and 22 wildlife's watchable wildlife activities, as 23 defined in RCW 77.32.560

24 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.70.327 and 2001 c 80 s 3 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (1) The public health supplemental account is created in the state
27 treasury. All receipts from gifts, bequests, devises, or funds, whose
28 use is determined to further the purpose of maintaining and improving
29 the health of Washington residents through the public health system,
30 and all receipts from breast cancer awareness special license plate
31 fees collected under RCW 46.17.220(1)(e), must be deposited into the
32 account. Money in the account may be spent only after appropriation.
33 Expenditures from the account may be used only for maintaining and
34 improving the health of Washington residents through the public health

1 system and as specified under RCW 46.68.425(2). Expenditures from the
2 account shall not be used to pay for or add permanent full-time
3 equivalent staff positions.

4 (2) The department shall file an annual statement of the financial
5 condition, transactions, and affairs of any program funded under this
6 section in a form and manner prescribed by the office of financial
7 management. A copy of the annual statement shall be filed with the
8 speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the
9 senate.

10 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.18.060 and 2013 c 306 s 703 and 2013 c 286 s 5 are
11 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

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

14 (2) Duties of the department include, but are not limited to, the
15 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 joint transportation
19 committee;

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

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

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

32 (3) In order to assess the effects and impact of the proliferation
33 of special license plates, the legislature declares a temporary
34 moratorium on the issuance of any additional plates until July 1, 2015.
35 During this period of time, the department is prohibited from
36 accepting, reviewing, processing, or approving any applications.
37 Additionally, a special license plate may not be enacted by the

1 legislature during the moratorium, unless the proposed license plate
2 has been approved by the former special license plate review board
3 before February 15, 2005.

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

6 (a) 4-H license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;

7 (b) Breast cancer awareness license plates created under RCW
8 46.18.200;

9 (c) Gold star license plates created under RCW 46.18.245;

10 ~~((c))~~ (d) Music Matters license plates created under RCW
11 46.18.200;

12 ~~((d))~~ (e) Seattle Seahawks license plates created under RCW
13 46.18.200;

14 ~~((e))~~ (f) Seattle Sounders FC license plates created under RCW
15 46.18.200;

16 ~~((f))~~ (g) State flower license plates created under RCW
17 46.18.200;

18 ~~((g))~~ (h) Volunteer firefighter license plates created under RCW
19 46.18.200.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW
21 to read as follows:

22 "Breast cancer awareness license plates" means special license
23 plates issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display a symbol or artwork
24 recognizing breast cancer awareness.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** This act takes effect January 1, 2015.

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