
SENATE BILL 5259

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1 AN ACT Relating to Seattle University special license plates;
2 amending RCW 46.18.200, 46.17.220, 46.68.420, and 46.18.060; adding a
3 new section to chapter 46.04 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (2) The department approves and shall issue the following special
18 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	Endangered wildlife	Displays a symbol or artwork((approved by the special
12		license plate review board and the legislature))
13		<u>symbolizing endangered wildlife in Washington state.</u>
14	Gonzaga University alumni association	Recognizes the Gonzaga University alumni association.
15	Helping kids speak	Recognizes an organization that supports programs that
16		provide no-cost speech pathology programs to children.
17	Keep kids safe	Recognizes efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.
18	Law enforcement memorial	Honors law enforcement officers in Washington killed in
19		the line of duty.
20	Music matters	Displays the "Music Matters" logo.
21	Professional firefighters and paramedics	Recognizes professional firefighters and paramedics who
22		are members of the Washington state council of
23		firefighters.
24	<u>Seattle University</u>	<u>Recognizes Seattle University.</u>
25	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that promotes bicycle safety
26		and awareness education.
27	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington snowsports industry.
28	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state flower.
29	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
30	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that supports selected
31		Washington state lighthouses and provides environmental
32		education programs.
33	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state parks as premier destinations
34		of uncommon quality that preserve significant natural,
35		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 2012 c 65 s 4 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) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
11	(f) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430
12	(g) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
13	(h) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
14	alumni association			
15	(i) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
16	(j) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
17	(k) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
18	(l) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
19	memorial			
20	(m) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
21	system			
22	(n) Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
23	(o) Professional firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
24	and paramedics			
25	(p) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
26	(q) <u>Seattle University</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>
27	(r) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
28	((†)) (s) Ski & ride	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
29	Washington			
30	((†)) (t) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
31	((†)) (u) State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
32	((†)) (v) Volunteer	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
33	firefighters			
34	((†)) (w) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
35	lighthouses			

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

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

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.68.420 and 2012 c 65 s 5 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 (1) The department shall:

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

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

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

28 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
29 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has been
30 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.
31 Upon determination by the department that the state has been
32 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special
33 license plate fee amounts for each special license plate to the
34 following appropriate account as created in this section in the custody
35 of the state treasurer:

1	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF FUNDS
2	4-H programs	Support Washington 4-H programs
3	Gonzaga University alumni association	Scholarship funds to needy and qualified students
4		attending or planning to attend Gonzaga University
5	Helping kids speak	Provide free diagnostic and therapeutic services to families
6		of children who suffer from a delay in language or speech
7		development
8	Law enforcement memorial	Provide support and assistance to survivors and families of
9		law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line
10		of duty and to organize, finance, fund, construct, utilize,
11		and maintain a memorial on the state capitol grounds to
12		honor those fallen officers
13	Lighthouse environmental programs	Support selected Washington state lighthouses that are
14		accessible to the public and staffed by volunteers; provide
15		environmental education programs; provide grants for
16		other Washington lighthouses to assist in funding
17		infrastructure preservation and restoration; encourage and
18		support interpretive programs by lighthouse docents
19	Music matters awareness	Promote music education in schools throughout
20		Washington
21	<u>Seattle University</u>	<u>Fund scholarships for students attending or planning to</u>
22		<u>attend Seattle University</u>
23	Share the road	Promote bicycle safety and awareness education in
24		communities throughout Washington
25	Ski & ride Washington	Promote winter snowsports, such as skiing and
26		snowboarding, and related programs, such as ski and ride
27		safety programs, underprivileged youth ski and ride
28		programs, and active, healthy lifestyle programs
29	State flower	Support Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens and provide for
30		grants to other qualified nonprofit organizations' efforts to
31		preserve rhododendrons
32	Volunteer firefighters	Receive and disseminate funds for purposes on behalf of
33		volunteer firefighters, their families, and others deemed in
34		need

1	Washington state council of firefighters benevolent fund	Receive and disseminate funds for charitable purposes on
2		behalf of members of the Washington state council of
3		firefighters, their families, and others deemed in need
4	Washington's national park fund	Build awareness of Washington's national parks and
5		support priority park programs and projects in
6		Washington's national parks, such as enhancing visitor
7		experience, promoting volunteerism, engaging
8		communities, and providing educational opportunities
9		related to Washington's national parks
10	We love our pets	Support and enable the Washington federation of animal
11		welfare and control agencies to promote and perform
12		spay/neuter surgery of Washington state pets in order to
13		reduce pet population

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

19 (4) Funds in the special license plate accounts described in
20 subsection (2) of this section must be disbursed subject to the
21 conditions described in subsection (2) of this section and under
22 contract between the department and qualified nonprofit organizations
23 that provide the services described in subsection (2) of this section.

24 (5) For the purposes of this section, a "qualified nonprofit
25 organization" means a not-for-profit corporation operating in
26 Washington that has received a determination of tax exempt status under
27 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3). The qualified nonprofit organization must
28 meet all the requirements under RCW 46.18.100(1).

29 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.18.060 and 2012 c 65 s 6 are each amended to read
30 as follows:

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

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

35 (a) Review and approve the annual financial reports submitted by

1 sponsoring organizations with active special license plate series and
2 present those annual financial reports to the joint transportation
3 committee;

4 (b) Report annually to the joint transportation committee on the
5 special license plate applications that were considered by the
6 department;

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

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

16 (3) (~~Except as provided in RCW 46.18.245,~~) In order to assess the
17 effects and impact of the proliferation of special license plates, the
18 legislature declares a temporary moratorium on the issuance of any
19 additional plates until July 1, 2013. During this period of time, the
20 department is prohibited from accepting, reviewing, processing, or
21 approving any applications. Additionally, a special license plate may
22 not be enacted by the legislature during the moratorium, unless the
23 proposed license plate has been approved by the former special license
24 plate review board before February 15, 2005.

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

- 27 (a) 4-H license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;
- 28 (b) Gold star license plates created under RCW 46.18.245;
- 29 (c) Music Matters license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;
- 30 ~~((e))~~ (d) Seattle University license plates created under RCW
31 46.18.200;
- 32 (e) State flower license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;
- 33 ~~((d))~~ (f) Volunteer firefighter license plates created under RCW
34 46.18.200.

35 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW
36 to read as follows:

1 "Seattle University license plates" means special license plates
2 issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display a symbol or artwork recognizing
3 Seattle University.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act takes effect January 1, 2014.

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