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1 AN ACT Relating to support public schools special license plates;
2 amending RCW 46.18.200, 46.17.220, 46.68.425, and 46.18.060; adding a
3 new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
4 46.04 RCW; 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 2012 c 65 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:

1 2	LICENSE PLATE	DESCRIPTION, SYMBOL, OR ARTWORK
3	4-H	Displays the "4-H" logo.
4	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.
5	Endangered wildlife	Displays a symbol or artwork ((approved by the special license plate review board and the legislature)) <u>symbolizing endangered wildlife in Washington state.</u>
6	Gonzaga University alumni association	Recognizes the Gonzaga University alumni association.
7	Helping kids speak	Recognizes an organization that supports programs that provide no-cost speech pathology programs to children.
8	Keep kids safe	Recognizes efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.
9	Law enforcement memorial	Honors law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line of duty.
10	Music matters	Displays the "Music Matters" logo.
11	Professional firefighters and paramedics	Recognizes professional firefighters and paramedics who are members of the Washington state council of firefighters.
12	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that promotes bicycle safety and awareness education.
13	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington snowsports industry.
14	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state flower.
15	<u>Support public schools</u>	<u>Displays a red apple symbol and an education-related motto.</u>
16	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
17	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that supports selected Washington state lighthouses and provides environmental education programs.
18	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state parks as premier destinations of uncommon quality that preserve significant natural, cultural, historical, and recreational resources.
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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) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
27	(r) Ski & ride Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
28	(s) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
29	(t) State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
30	(u) <u>Support public schools</u>	<u>\$60.00</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.425</u>
31	(v) Volunteer firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
32	((w)) (w) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
33	lighthouses			
34	((w)) (x) Washington state	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
35	parks			

1	((x)) (y) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	national parks			
3	((y)) (z) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
4	wildlife collection			
5	((z)) (aa) We love our pets	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	((aa)) (bb) 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. 3.** 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
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6	Keep kids safe	RCW 43.121.100	As specified in RCW ((43.121.050)) <u>43.121.100</u>
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8	<u>Support public schools</u>	<u>Section 4 of this act</u>	<u>As specified in section 4 of this act</u>
9	Washington state parks	RCW 79A.05.059	Provide public educational opportunities and enhancement of Washington state parks
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12	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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15	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
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18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 (1) The safety corps account is created in the custody of the state
21 treasurer. All receipts from the sale of support public schools
22 special license plates created in RCW 46.18.200 must be deposited into
23 the account. Expenditures from the account may be used only by
24 educational service districts for:

25 (a) School safety training for administrators and security officers
26 including, but not limited to: Security assessments of school
27 facilities; violence prevention and reporting training for staff as
28 appropriate to the particular duties and responsibilities of the
29 specific staff, including administrators; nonviolence and leadership
30 training for staff and students; and school safety plans. The
31 educational service districts may contract for any services under this
32 subsection (1)(a);

33 (b) Monitoring and mapping of school facilities pursuant to RCW
34 36.28A.060(3); and

35 (c) Training certificated staff and security officers in emergency
36 preparation.

1 Only the superintendent of public instruction or the
2 superintendent's designee may authorize expenditures from the account.
3 The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW,
4 but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

5 (2) By January 1, 2016, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the
6 office of the superintendent of public instruction must submit a report
7 to the education committees of the house of representatives and the
8 senate detailing the progress made in implementing subsection (1) of
9 this section.

10 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.18.060 and 2012 c 65 s 6 are each amended to read
11 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) (~~Except as provided in RCW 46.18.245,~~) In order to assess the
33 effects and impact of the proliferation of special license plates, the
34 legislature declares a temporary moratorium on the issuance of any
35 additional plates until July 1, 2013. During this period of time, the
36 department is prohibited from accepting, reviewing, processing, or
37 approving any applications. Additionally, a special license plate may

1 not be enacted by the legislature during the moratorium, unless the
2 proposed license plate has been approved by the former special license
3 plate review board 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) Gold star license plates created under RCW 46.18.245;

8 (c) Music Matters license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;

9 ~~((e))~~ (d) State flower license plates created under RCW
10 46.18.200;

11 ~~((d))~~ (e) Support public schools license plates created under RCW
12 46.18.200;

13 (f) Volunteer firefighter license plates created under RCW
14 46.18.200.

15 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 "Support public schools license plates" means special license
18 plates issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display a red apple symbol and
19 an education-related motto.

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. This act takes effect January 1, 2014.

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