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SENATE BILL 5604

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1            AN ACT Relating to "National Rifle Association" special license  
2 plates; amending RCW 46.18.200, 46.17.220, 46.68.425, 77.15.425, and  
3 46.18.060; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW; and providing an  
4 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 <del>((approved by the special license plate review board and the legislature))</del> <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	<u>National rifle association</u>	<u>Displays the "National Rifle Association" logo.</u>
12	Professional firefighters and paramedics	Recognizes professional firefighters and paramedics who are members of the Washington state council of firefighters.
13	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that promotes bicycle safety and awareness education.
14	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington snowsports industry.
15	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state flower.
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 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW  
34 to read as follows:

35 "National rifle association license plates" means special license

1 plates issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display the "National Rifle  
2 Association" logo.

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) <u>National rifle association</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.425</u>
28	<u>(o)</u> Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
29	<del>((o))</del> <u>(p)</u> Professional	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
30	firefighters and			
31	paramedics			
32	<del>((p))</del> <u>(q)</u> Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
33	<del>((q))</del> <u>(r)</u> Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
34	<del>((r))</del> <u>(s)</u> Ski & ride	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
35	Washington			

1	<del>((s))</del> <u>(t)</u> Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
2	<del>((t))</del> <u>(u)</u> State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
3	<del>((u))</del> <u>(v)</u> Volunteer	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	firefighters			
5	<del>((v))</del> <u>(w)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	lighthouses			
7	<del>((w))</del> <u>(x)</u> Washington state	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
8	parks			
9	<del>((x))</del> <u>(y)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
10	national parks			
11	<del>((y))</del> <u>(z)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
12	wildlife collection			
13	<del>((z))</del> <u>(aa)</u> We love our pets	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
14	<del>((aa))</del> <u>(bb)</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. 4.** 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 Endangered wildlife	RCW 77.12.170	Must be used only for the department of 8 fish and wildlife's endangered wildlife 9 program activities
10 Keep kids safe	RCW 43.121.100	As specified in RCW ((43.121.050)) 11 <u>43.121.100</u>
12 <u>National rifle association</u>	<u>RCW 77.15.424</u>	<u>For the enhanced support of firearm safety</u> 13 <u>and education as part of the hunter</u> 14 <u>education training program under RCW</u> 15 <u>77.32.155</u>
16 Washington state parks	RCW 79A.05.059	Provide public educational opportunities 17 and enhancement of Washington state 18 parks
19 Washington's wildlife collection	RCW 77.12.170	Only for the department of fish and 20 wildlife's game species management 21 activities
22 Wild on Washington	RCW 77.12.170	Dedicated to the department of fish and 23 wildlife's watchable wildlife activities, as 24 defined in RCW 77.32.560

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

27 The fish and wildlife enforcement reward account is created in the  
28 custody of the state treasurer. Deposits to the account include:  
29 Receipts from fish and shellfish overages as a result of a department  
30 enforcement action; fees for hunter education deferral applications;  
31 fees for master hunter applications and master hunter certification  
32 renewals; fees for national rifle association license plates as  
33 provided in RCW 46.68.425; all receipts from criminal wildlife penalty  
34 assessments under RCW 77.15.400 and 77.15.420; all receipts of court-  
35 ordered restitution or donations associated with any fish, shellfish,

1 or wildlife enforcement action; and proceeds from forfeitures and  
2 evidence pursuant to RCW 77.15.070 and 77.15.100. The department may  
3 accept money or personal property from persons under conditions  
4 requiring the property or money to be used consistent with the intent  
5 of expenditures from the fish and wildlife enforcement reward account.  
6 Expenditures from the account may be used only for investigation and  
7 prosecution of fish and wildlife offenses, to provide rewards to  
8 persons informing the department about violations of this title and  
9 rules adopted under this title, to offset department-approved costs  
10 incurred to administer the hunter education deferral program and the  
11 master hunter (~~(permit)~~) permit program, for the enhanced support of  
12 firearm safety and education as part of the hunter education training  
13 program under RCW 77.32.155, and for other valid enforcement uses as  
14 determined by the commission. Only the director or the director's  
15 designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is  
16 subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an  
17 appropriation is not required for expenditures.

18 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.18.060 and 2012 c 65 s 6 are each amended to read  
19 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

36 (d) Review annually the number of plates sold for each special

1 license plate series created after January 1, 2003. The department may  
2 submit a recommendation to discontinue a special plate series to the  
3 executive committee of the joint transportation committee.

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

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

- 15 (a) 4-H license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;
- 16 (b) Gold star license plates created under RCW 46.18.245;
- 17 (c) Music Matters license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;
- 18 ~~((e))~~ (d) National rifle association license plates created under  
19 RCW 46.18.200;
- 20 (e) State flower license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;
- 21 ~~((d))~~ (f) Volunteer firefighter license plates created under RCW  
22 46.18.200.

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

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