
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1430

State of Washington 64th Legislature 2015 Regular Session

By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Walkinshaw, Holy, Clibborn, and McBride)

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1 AN ACT Relating to Washington state tree special license plates;
2 amending RCW 46.68.420; reenacting and amending RCW 46.18.200,
3 46.17.220, and 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 2014 c 77 s 1 and 2014 c 6 s 1 are
7 each reenacted and amended to read 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
11 license plates for vehicles required to display one and two license
12 plates 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
16 46.87 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 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36	LICENSE PLATE	DESCRIPTION, SYMBOL, OR ARTWORK
	4-H	Displays the "4-H" logo.
	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.
	Breast cancer awareness	Displays a pink ribbon symbolizing breast cancer awareness.
	Endangered wildlife	Displays a symbol or artwork symbolizing endangered wildlife in Washington state.
	Gonzaga University alumni association	Recognizes the Gonzaga University alumni association.
	Helping kids speak	Recognizes an organization that supports programs that provide no-cost speech pathology programs to children.
	Keep kids safe	Recognizes efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.
	Law enforcement memorial	Honors law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line of duty.
	Music matters	Displays the "Music Matters" logo.
	Professional firefighters and paramedics	Recognizes professional firefighters and paramedics who are members of the Washington state council of firefighters.

1	Seattle Seahawks	Displays the "Seattle Seahawks"
2		logo.
3	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders
4		FC" logo.
5	Seattle University	Recognizes Seattle University.
6	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that
7		promotes bicycle safety and
8		awareness education.
9	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington
10		snowsports industry.
11	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state
12		flower.
13	<u>State tree</u>	<u>Recognizes the Washington state</u>
14		<u>tree.</u>
15	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
16	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that
17		supports selected Washington
18		state lighthouses and provides
19		environmental education
20		programs.
21	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state
22		parks as premier destinations of
23		uncommon quality that preserve
24		significant natural, cultural,
25		historical, and recreational
26		resources.
27	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's
28		national parks and supports
29		priority park programs and
30		projects in Washington's national
31		parks, such as enhancing visitor
32		experience, promoting
33		volunteerism, engaging
34		communities, and providing
35		educational opportunities related
36		to Washington's national parks.

1	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's
2		wildlife.
3	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that
4		assists local member agencies of
5		the federation of animal welfare
6		and control agencies to promote
7		and perform spay/neuter surgery
8		on Washington state pets to
9		reduce pet overpopulation.
10	Wild on Washington	Symbolizes wildlife viewing in
11		Washington state.

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

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

33 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.17.220 and 2014 c 77 s 2 and 2014 c 6 s 2 are
34 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

35 (1) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
36 application for a vehicle registration in chapter 46.16A RCW, the

1 holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate special
2 license plate fee as listed in this section.

3	PLATE TYPE	INITIAL	RENEWAL	DISTRIBUTED
4		FEE	FEE	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) Breast cancer awareness	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
11	(f) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
12	(g) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430
13	(h) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
14	(i) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
15	alumni association			
16	(j) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
17	(k) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
18	(l) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
19	(m) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
20	memorial			
21	(n) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
22	system			
23	(o) Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
24	(p) Professional firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
25	and paramedics			
26	(q) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
27	(r) Seattle Seahawks	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
28	(s) Seattle Sounders FC	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
29	(t) Seattle University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
30	(u) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
31	(v) Ski & ride Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
32	(w) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
33	(x) State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
34	(y) <u>State tree</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>

1	(z) Volunteer firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	((z)) (aa) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
3	lighthouses			
4	((aa)) (bb) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
5	state parks			
6	((bb)) (cc) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
7	national parks			
8	((cc)) (dd) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
9	wildlife collection			
10	((dd)) (ee) We love our	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
11	pets			
12	((ee)) (ff) Wild on	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
13	Washington			

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

22 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.68.420 and 2014 c 6 s 3 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 (1) The department shall:

25 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW
26 46.17.220;

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

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

32 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
33 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has
34 been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license
35 plate. Upon determination by the department that the state has been
36 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special
37 license plate fee amounts for each special license plate to the

1 following appropriate account as created in this section in the
2 custody of the state treasurer:

3	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF
4		FUNDS
5	4-H programs	Support Washington 4-H
6		programs
7	Gonzaga University alumni	Scholarship funds to needy and
8	association	qualified students attending or
9		planning to attend Gonzaga
10		University
11	Helping kids speak	Provide free diagnostic and
12		therapeutic services to families of
13		children who suffer from a delay
14		in language or speech
15		development
16	Law enforcement memorial	Provide support and assistance to
17		survivors and families of law
18		enforcement officers in
19		Washington killed in the line of
20		duty and to organize, finance,
21		fund, construct, utilize, and
22		maintain a memorial on the state
23		capitol grounds to honor those
24		fallen officers
25	Lighthouse environmental	Support selected Washington state
26	programs	lighthouses that are accessible to
27		the public and staffed by
28		volunteers; provide environmental
29		education programs; provide
30		grants for other Washington
31		lighthouses to assist in funding
32		infrastructure preservation and
33		restoration; encourage and support
34		interpretive programs by
35		lighthouse docents
36	Music matters awareness	Promote music education in
37		schools throughout Washington

1	Seattle Seahawks	Provide funds to InvestED to
2		encourage secondary students
3		who have economic needs to stay
4		in school, return to school, or get
5		involved within their learning
6		community
7	Seattle Sounders FC	Provide funds to Washington state
8		mentors and the association of
9		Washington generals created in
10		RCW 43.15.030 in the following
11		manner: (a) Seventy percent and
12		the remaining proceeds, if any, to
13		Washington state mentors, to
14		increase the number of mentors in
15		the state by offering mentoring
16		grants throughout Washington
17		state that foster positive youth
18		development and academic
19		success, with up to twenty percent
20		of these proceeds authorized for
21		program administration costs; and
22		(b) up to thirty percent, not to
23		exceed forty-thousand dollars
24		annually as adjusted for inflation
25		by the office of financial
26		management, to the association of
27		Washington generals, to develop
28		Washington state educational,
29		veterans, international relations,
30		and civics projects and to
31		recognize the outstanding public
32		service of individuals or groups in
33		the state of Washington
34	Seattle University	Fund scholarships for students
35		attending or planning to attend
36		Seattle University

1	Share the road	Promote bicycle safety and
2		awareness education in
3		communities throughout
4		Washington
5	Ski & ride Washington	Promote winter snowsports, such
6		as skiing and snowboarding, and
7		related programs, such as ski and
8		ride safety programs,
9		underprivileged youth ski and ride
10		programs, and active, healthy
11		lifestyle programs
12	State flower	Support Meerkerk Rhododendron
13		Gardens and provide for grants to
14		other qualified nonprofit
15		organizations' efforts to preserve
16		rhododendrons
17	<u>State tree</u>	<u>Provide funds to support the</u>
18		<u>Washington park arboretum and</u>
19		<u>John A. Finch arboretum in the</u>
20		<u>following manner: (a) Eighty-five</u>
21		<u>percent of the proceeds to the</u>
22		<u>arboretum foundation to support</u>
23		<u>the University of Washington</u>
24		<u>botanic gardens' environmental</u>
25		<u>education programs for children at</u>
26		<u>the Washington park arboretum</u>
27		<u>and to the University of</u>
28		<u>Washington botanic gardens and</u>
29		<u>the city of Seattle for maintenance</u>
30		<u>of the Washington park</u>
31		<u>arboretum; and (b) fifteen percent</u>
32		<u>of the proceeds to the city of</u>
33		<u>Spokane for maintenance of the</u>
34		<u>John A. Finch arboretum</u>
35	Volunteer firefighters	Receive and disseminate funds for
36		purposes on behalf of volunteer
37		firefighters, their families, and
38		others deemed in need

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

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

27 (4) Funds in the special license plate accounts described in
28 subsection (2) of this section must be disbursed subject to the
29 conditions described in subsection (2) of this section and under
30 contract between the department and qualified nonprofit organizations
31 that provide the services described in subsection (2) of this
32 section.

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

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.18.060 and 2014 c 77 s 5 and 2014 c 6 s 4 are
2 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

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

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

8 (a) Review and approve the annual financial reports submitted by
9 sponsoring organizations with active special license plate series and
10 present those annual financial reports to the joint transportation
11 committee;

12 (b) Report annually to the joint transportation committee on the
13 special license plate applications that were considered by the
14 department;

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

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

24 (3) In order to assess the effects and impact of the
25 proliferation of special license plates, the legislature declares a
26 temporary moratorium on the issuance of any additional plates until
27 July 1, 2015. During this period of time, the department is
28 prohibited from accepting, reviewing, processing, or approving any
29 applications. Additionally, a special license plate may not be
30 enacted by the legislature during the moratorium, unless the proposed
31 license plate has been approved by the former special license plate
32 review board before February 15, 2005.

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

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

36 (b) Breast cancer awareness license plates created under RCW
37 46.18.200;

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

39 (d) Music Matters license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;

40 (e) Seattle Seahawks license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;

1 (f) Seattle Sounders FC license plates created under RCW
2 46.18.200;
3 (g) Seattle University license plates created under RCW
4 46.18.200;
5 (h) State flower license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;
6 (i) State tree license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;
7 (j) Volunteer firefighter license plates created under RCW
8 46.18.200.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 "State tree license plates" means special license plates issued
12 under RCW 46.18.200 that display the Washington state tree.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act takes effect January 1, 2017.

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