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1 AN ACT Relating to Washington farmers and ranchers special
2 license plates; amending RCW 46.68.420; reenacting and amending RCW
3 46.18.200, 46.17.220, and 46.18.060; 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 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	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
14	<u>Washington farmers and ranchers</u>	<u>Recognizes farmers and ranchers</u>
15		<u>in Washington state.</u>
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 (4) Applicants for initial volunteer firefighters special license
13 plates must (a) have been a volunteer firefighter for at least ten
14 years or be a volunteer firefighter for one or more years and (b)
15 have documentation of service from the district of the appropriate
16 fire service. If the volunteer firefighter leaves firefighting
17 service before ten years of service have been completed, the
18 volunteer firefighter shall surrender the license plates to the
19 department on the registration renewal date. If the volunteer
20 firefighter stays in service for at least ten years and then leaves,
21 the license plate may be retained by the former volunteer firefighter
22 and as long as the license plate is retained for use the person will
23 continue to pay the future registration renewals. A qualifying
24 volunteer firefighter may have no more than one set of license plates
25 per vehicle, and a maximum of two sets per applicant, for their
26 personal vehicles. If the volunteer firefighter is convicted of a
27 violation of RCW 46.61.502 or a felony, the license plates must be
28 surrendered upon conviction.

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

31 (1) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
32 application for a vehicle registration in chapter 46.16A RCW, the
33 holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate special
34 license plate fee as listed in this section.

35	PLATE TYPE	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE	DISTRIBUTED UNDER
36				
37	(a) 4-H	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420

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

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

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

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

- 21 (1) The department shall:
- 22 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW
23 46.17.220;
- 24 (b) Deduct an amount not to exceed twelve dollars for initial
25 issue and two dollars for renewal issue for administration and
26 collection expenses incurred by it; and
- 27 (c) Remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the state
28 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report.
- 29 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
30 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has
31 been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license
32 plate. Upon determination by the department that the state has been
33 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special
34 license plate fee amounts for each special license plate to the
35 following appropriate account as created in this section in the
36 custody of the state treasurer:

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	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF FUNDS
	4-H programs	Support Washington 4-H programs
	Gonzaga University alumni association	Scholarship funds to needy and qualified students attending or planning to attend Gonzaga University
	Helping kids speak	Provide free diagnostic and therapeutic services to families of children who suffer from a delay in language or speech development
	Law enforcement memorial	Provide support and assistance to survivors and families of law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line of duty and to organize, finance, fund, construct, utilize, and maintain a memorial on the state capitol grounds to honor those fallen officers
	Lighthouse environmental programs	Support selected Washington state lighthouses that are accessible to the public and staffed by volunteers; provide environmental education programs; provide grants for other Washington lighthouses to assist in funding infrastructure preservation and restoration; encourage and support interpretive programs by lighthouse docents
	Music matters awareness	Promote music education in 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	Volunteer firefighters	Receive and disseminate funds for
18		purposes on behalf of volunteer
19		firefighters, their families, and
20		others deemed in need
21	<u>Washington farmers and ranchers</u>	<u>Provide funds to the Washington</u>
22		<u>FFA Foundation for educational</u>
23		<u>programs in Washington state</u>
24	Washington state council of	Receive and disseminate funds for
25	firefighters benevolent fund	charitable purposes on behalf of
26		members of the Washington state
27		council of firefighters, their
28		families, and others deemed in
29		need
30	Washington's national park fund	Build awareness of Washington's
31		national parks and support priority
32		park programs and projects in
33		Washington's national parks, such
34		as enhancing visitor experience,
35		promoting volunteerism, engaging
36		communities, and providing
37		educational opportunities related
38		to Washington's national parks

1 We love our pets

Support and enable the

2 Washington federation of animal

3 welfare and control agencies to

4 promote and perform spay/neuter

5 surgery of Washington state pets

6 in order to reduce pet population

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

12 (4) Funds in the special license plate accounts described in
13 subsection (2) of this section must be disbursed subject to the
14 conditions described in subsection (2) of this section and under
15 contract between the department and qualified nonprofit organizations
16 that provide the services described in subsection (2) of this
17 section.

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

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

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

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

30 (a) Review and approve the annual financial reports submitted by
31 sponsoring organizations with active special license plate series and
32 present those annual financial reports to the joint transportation
33 committee;

34 (b) Report annually to the joint transportation committee on the
35 special license plate applications that were considered by the
36 department;

37 (c) Issue approval and rejection notification letters to
38 sponsoring organizations, the executive committee of the joint

1 transportation committee, and the legislative sponsors identified in
2 each application. The letters must be issued within seven days of
3 making a determination on the status of an application; and

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

8 (3) In order to assess the effects and impact of the
9 proliferation of special license plates, the legislature declares a
10 temporary moratorium on the issuance of any additional plates until
11 July 1, 2015. During this period of time, the department is
12 prohibited from accepting, reviewing, processing, or approving any
13 applications. Additionally, a special license plate may not be
14 enacted by the legislature during the moratorium, unless the proposed
15 license plate has been approved by the former special license plate
16 review board before February 15, 2005.

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

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

20 (b) Breast cancer awareness license plates created under RCW
21 46.18.200;

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

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

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

25 (f) Seattle Sounders FC license plates created under RCW
26 46.18.200;

27 (g) Seattle University license plates created under RCW
28 46.18.200;

29 (h) State flower license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;

30 (i) Volunteer firefighter license plates created under RCW
31 46.18.200;

32 (j) Washington farmers and ranchers license plates created under
33 RCW 46.18.200.

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

36 "Washington farmers and ranchers license plates" means special
37 license plates issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display a symbol or
38 artwork recognizing Washington farmers and ranchers.

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

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