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HOUSE BILL 2262

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1            AN ACT Relating to Washington tennis 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 37	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.
	Seattle Seahawks	Displays the "Seattle Seahawks" logo.
	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders FC" logo.
	Seattle University	Recognizes Seattle University.

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

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

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

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

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

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

37	PLATE TYPE	INITIAL	RENEWAL	DISTRIBUTED
38		FEE	FEE	UNDER

1	(a) 4-H	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	(b) Amateur radio license	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
3	(c) Armed forces	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
4	(d) Baseball stadium	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	Subsection (2) of this
5				section
6	(e) Breast cancer awareness	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
7	(f) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
8	(g) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430
9	(h) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
10	(i) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
11	alumni association			
12	(j) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
13	(k) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
14	(l) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
15	(m) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
16	memorial			
17	(n) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
18	system			
19	(o) Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
20	(p) Professional firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
21	and paramedics			
22	(q) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
23	(r) Seattle Seahawks	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
24	(s) Seattle Sounders FC	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
25	(t) Seattle University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
26	(u) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
27	(v) Ski & ride Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
28	(w) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
29	(x) State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
30	(y) Volunteer firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
31	(z) Washington lighthouses	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
32	(aa) Washington state	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
33	parks			

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

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

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.68.420 and 2014 c 6 s 3 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  
24 issue and two dollars for renewal issue for administration and  
25 collection 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  
30 been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license  
31 plate. 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  
35 custody of the state treasurer:

36	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF
37		FUNDS

1	4-H programs	Support Washington 4-H
2		programs
3	Gonzaga University alumni	Scholarship funds to needy and
4	association	qualified students attending or
5		planning to attend Gonzaga
6		University
7	Helping kids speak	Provide free diagnostic and
8		therapeutic services to families of
9		children who suffer from a delay
10		in language or speech
11		development
12	Law enforcement memorial	Provide support and assistance to
13		survivors and families of law
14		enforcement officers in
15		Washington killed in the line of
16		duty and to organize, finance,
17		fund, construct, utilize, and
18		maintain a memorial on the state
19		capitol grounds to honor those
20		fallen officers
21	Lighthouse environmental	Support selected Washington
22	programs	state lighthouses that are
23		accessible to the public and
24		staffed by volunteers; provide
25		environmental education
26		programs; provide grants for
27		other Washington lighthouses to
28		assist in funding infrastructure
29		preservation and restoration;
30		encourage and support
31		interpretive programs by
32		lighthouse docents
33	Music matters awareness	Promote music education in
34		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  
8 state mentors and the association  
9 of Washington generals created  
10 in RCW 43.15.030 in the  
11 following manner: (a) Seventy  
12 percent and the remaining  
13 proceeds, if any, to Washington  
14 state mentors, to increase the  
15 number of mentors in the state by  
16 offering mentoring grants  
17 throughout Washington state that  
18 foster positive youth  
19 development and academic  
20 success, with up to twenty  
21 percent of these proceeds  
22 authorized for program  
23 administration costs; and (b) up  
24 to thirty percent, not to exceed  
25 forty-thousand dollars annually  
26 as adjusted for inflation by the  
27 office of financial management,  
28 to the association of Washington  
29 generals, to develop Washington  
30 state educational, veterans,  
31 international relations, and civics  
32 projects and to recognize the  
33 outstanding public service of  
34 individuals or groups in the state  
35 of Washington

36 Seattle University Fund scholarships for students  
37 attending or planning to attend  
38 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
10		ride programs, and active,
11		healthy 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
18		for purposes on behalf of
19		volunteer firefighters, their
20		families, and others deemed in
21		need
22	Washington state council of	Receive and disseminate funds
23	firefighters benevolent fund	for charitable purposes on behalf
24		of members of the Washington
25		state council of firefighters, their
26		families, and others deemed in
27		need

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Washington tennis

Provide funds to cities to assist in the construction and maintenance of a public tennis facility with at least four indoor tennis courts. A city is eligible for construction funds if the city does not already have a public or private facility with at least four indoor tennis courts. Funds for construction must first be made available to the most populous eligible city, according to the most recent census, for a time period not to exceed five years after the effective date of this section. After the five-year time period, the funds for construction must be made available to the next most populous eligible city. Funds for the maintenance of a public tennis facility with at least four indoor tennis courts must first be made available to the first eligible city that utilizes funds for construction provided by this act.

Washington's national park fund

Build awareness of Washington's national parks and support priority park programs and projects in Washington's national parks, such as enhancing visitor experience, promoting volunteerism, engaging communities, and providing educational opportunities related 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 tennis license plates created under RCW 46.18.200.

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

35 "Washington tennis license plates" means special license plates  
36 issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display a symbol or artwork  
37 recognizing tennis in Washington state.

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

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