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1 AN ACT Relating to firefighter memorial special license plates;
2 amending RCW 46.68.420; reenacting and amending RCW 46.18.200 and
3 46.17.220; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW; and providing
4 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.
	<u>Firefighter memorial</u>	<u>Honors firefighters in Washington killed in the line of duty.</u>
	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.

1	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders FC"
2		logo.
3	Seattle University	Recognizes Seattle University.
4	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that
5		promotes bicycle safety and
6		awareness education.
7	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington
8		snowsports industry.
9	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state
10		flower.
11	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
12	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that
13		supports selected Washington state
14		lighthouses and provides
15		environmental education programs.
16	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state parks
17		as premier destinations of uncommon
18		quality that preserve significant
19		natural, cultural, historical, and
20		recreational resources.
21	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's
22		national parks and supports priority
23		park programs and projects in
24		Washington's national parks, such as
25		enhancing visitor experience,
26		promoting volunteerism, engaging
27		communities, and providing
28		educational opportunities related to
29		Washington's national parks.
30	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's wildlife.
31	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that
32		assists local member agencies of the
33		federation of animal welfare and
34		control agencies to promote and
35		perform spay/neuter surgery on
36		Washington state pets to reduce pet
37		overpopulation.

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Wild on Washington Symbolizes wildlife viewing in
Washington state.

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

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

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

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

PLATE TYPE	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE	DISTRIBUTED UNDER
(a) 4-H	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
(b) Amateur radio license	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
(c) Armed forces	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
(d) Baseball stadium	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	Subsection (2) of this section
(e) Breast cancer awareness	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425

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

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

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

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

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

35	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF
36		FUNDS

1	4-H programs	Support Washington 4-H
2		programs
3	<u>Firefighter memorial</u>	<u>Organize, finance, fund,</u>
4		<u>construct, utilize, and maintain a</u>
5		<u>memorial on the state capitol</u>
6		<u>grounds to honor fallen</u>
7		<u>firefighters and provide support</u>
8		<u>and assistance to survivors and</u>
9		<u>families of fallen firefighters in</u>
10		<u>Washington</u>
11	Gonzaga University alumni	Scholarship funds to needy and
12	association	qualified students attending or
13		planning to attend Gonzaga
14		University
15	Helping kids speak	Provide free diagnostic and
16		therapeutic services to families of
17		children who suffer from a delay
18		in language or speech
19		development
20	Law enforcement memorial	Provide support and assistance to
21		survivors and families of law
22		enforcement officers in
23		Washington killed in the line of
24		duty and to organize, finance,
25		fund, construct, utilize, and
26		maintain a memorial on the state
27		capitol grounds to honor those
28		fallen officers

1	Lighthouse environmental	Support selected Washington
2	programs	state lighthouses that are
3		accessible to the public and
4		staffed by volunteers; provide
5		environmental education
6		programs; provide grants for
7		other Washington lighthouses to
8		assist in funding infrastructure
9		preservation and restoration;
10		encourage and support
11		interpretive programs by
12		lighthouse docents
13	Music matters awareness	Promote music education in
14		schools throughout Washington
15	Seattle Seahawks	Provide funds to InvestED to
16		encourage secondary students
17		who have economic needs to stay
18		in school, return to school, or get
19		involved within their learning
20		community

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

1	Ski & ride Washington	Promote winter snowsports, such
2		as skiing and snowboarding, and
3		related programs, such as ski and
4		ride safety programs,
5		underprivileged youth ski and
6		ride programs, and active,
7		healthy lifestyle programs
8	State flower	Support Meerkerk Rhododendron
9		Gardens and provide for grants to
10		other qualified nonprofit
11		organizations' efforts to preserve
12		rhododendrons
13	Volunteer firefighters	Receive and disseminate funds
14		for purposes on behalf of
15		volunteer firefighters, their
16		families, and others deemed in
17		need
18	Washington state council of	Receive and disseminate funds
19	firefighters benevolent fund	for charitable purposes on behalf
20		of members of the Washington
21		state council of firefighters, their
22		families, and others deemed in
23		need
24	Washington's national park fund	Build awareness of Washington's
25		national parks and support
26		priority park programs and
27		projects in Washington's national
28		parks, such as enhancing visitor
29		experience, promoting
30		volunteerism, engaging
31		communities, and providing
32		educational opportunities related
33		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 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 "Firefighter memorial license plates" means special license
26 plates issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display a symbol honoring
27 firefighters in Washington killed in the line of duty.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act takes effect January 1, 2017.

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