

HOUSE BILL 1050

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By Representative Shavers

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating United States Naval Academy special  
2 license plates; amending RCW 43.60A.140; reenacting and amending RCW  
3 46.17.220, 46.18.200, and 46.68.425; 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 46.17.220 and 2022 c 239 s 1 and 2022 c 117 s 1 are  
7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

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

PLATE TYPE	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE	DISTRIBUTED UNDER
(1) 4-H	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
(2) Amateur radio license	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
(3) Armed forces	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
(4) Breast cancer awareness	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
(5) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
(6) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430

1	(7) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
2	(8) Fred Hutch	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
3	(9) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	alumni association			
5	(10) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	(11) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
7	(12) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
8	(13) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
9	memorial			
10	(14) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
11	system			
12	(15) Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
13	(16) Patches pal, or	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
14	alternative name as			
15	designated by the			
16	department under			
17	RCW 46.04.383			
18	(17) Professional	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
19	firefighters and			
20	paramedics			
21	(18) Purple Heart	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
22	(19) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
23	(20) San Juan Islands	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
24	(21) Seattle Mariners	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
25	(22) Seattle NHL hockey	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
26	(23) Seattle Seahawks	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
27	(24) Seattle Sounders FC	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
28	(25) Seattle Storm	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
29	(26) Seattle University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
30	(27) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
31	(28) Ski & ride Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
32	(29) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
33	(30) State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420

1	(31) <u>United States Naval</u>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	<u>RCW 46.68.425</u>
2	<u>Academy</u>			
3	(32) <u>Volunteer firefighters</u>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	<del>((32))</del> (33) <u>Washington</u>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
5	<u>apples</u>			
6	<del>((33))</del> (34) <u>Washington</u>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
7	<u>farmers and ranchers</u>			
8	<del>((34))</del> (35) <u>Washington</u>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
9	<u>lighthouses</u>			
10	<del>((35))</del> (36) <u>Washington</u>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
11	<u>state aviation</u>			
12	<del>((36))</del> (37) <u>Washington</u>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
13	<u>state parks</u>			
14	<del>((37))</del> (38) <u>Washington</u>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
15	<u>state wrestling</u>			
16	<del>((38))</del> (39) <u>Washington</u>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
17	<u>tennis</u>			
18	<del>((39))</del> (40) <u>Washington</u>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
19	<u>wine</u>			
20	<del>((40))</del> (41) <u>Washington's</u>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
21	<u>fish collection</u>			
22	<del>((41))</del> (42) <u>Washington's</u>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
23	<u>national parks</u>			
24	<del>((42))</del> (43) <u>Washington's</u>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
25	<u>wildlife collection</u>			
26	<del>((43))</del> (44) <u>We love our</u>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
27	<u>pets</u>			
28	<del>((44))</del> (45) <u>Wild on</u>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
29	<u>Washington</u>			

30       **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.18.200 and 2022 c 239 s 2 and 2022 c 117 s 2 are  
31 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

32       (1) Special license plate series reviewed and approved by the  
33 department:

1 (a) May be issued in lieu of standard issue or personalized  
2 license plates for vehicles required to display one and two license  
3 plates unless otherwise specified;

4 (b) Must be issued under terms and conditions established by the  
5 department;

6 (c) Must not be issued for vehicles registered under chapter  
7 46.87 RCW; and

8 (d) Must display a symbol or artwork approved by the department.

9 (2) The department approves and shall issue the following special  
10 license plates, subject to subsection (5) of this section:

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.
Fred Hutch	Displays the Fred Hutch logo.
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.

1	Keep kids safe	Recognizes efforts to prevent
2		child abuse and neglect.
3	Law enforcement memorial	Honors law enforcement officers
4		in Washington killed in the line of
5		duty.
6	Music matters	Displays the "Music Matters"
7		logo.
8	Patches pal, or alternative name	Displays the likenesses of the J.P.
9	as designated by the department	Patches and Gertrude characters
10	under RCW 46.04.383	from the J.P. Patches show, or
11		characters otherwise identified in
12		accordance with RCW 46.04.383.
13	Professional firefighters and	Recognizes professional
14	paramedics	firefighters and paramedics who
15		are members of the Washington
16		state council of firefighters.
17	San Juan Islands	Displays a symbol or artwork
18		recognizing the San Juan Islands.
19	Seattle Mariners	Displays the "Seattle Mariners"
20		logo.
21	Seattle NHL hockey	Displays the logo of the Seattle
22		NHL hockey team.
23	Seattle Seahawks	Displays the "Seattle Seahawks"
24		logo.
25	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders
26		FC" logo.
27	Seattle Storm	Displays the "Seattle Storm" logo.
28	Seattle University	Recognizes Seattle University.
29	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that
30		promotes bicycle safety and
31		awareness education.
32	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington
33		snowsports industry.
34	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state
35		flower.

1	<u>United States Naval Academy</u>	<u>Displays a design related to the</u>
2		<u>United States Naval Academy.</u>
3	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
4	Washington apples	Displays the Washington apple
5		logo that recognizes the state's
6		apple industry, the growers and
7		shippers who produce and pack
8		the world famous apples, and the
9		tree fruit community.
10	Washington farmers and ranchers	Recognizes farmers and ranchers
11		in Washington state.
12	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that
13		supports selected Washington
14		state lighthouses and provides
15		environmental education
16		programs.
17	Washington state aviation	Displays a Stearman biplane in
18		the foreground with an image of
19		Mount Rainier in the background.
20	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state
21		parks as premier destinations of
22		uncommon quality that preserve
23		significant natural, cultural,
24		historical, and recreational
25		resources.
26	Washington state wrestling	Promotes and supports college
27		wrestling in the state of
28		Washington.
29	Washington tennis	Builds awareness and year-round
30		opportunities for tennis in
31		Washington state. Displays a
32		symbol or artwork recognizing
33		tennis in Washington state.
34	Washington wine	Displays a landscape of
35		Washington's wine regions.
36	Washington's fish collection	Recognizes Washington's fish.

1	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's
2		national parks and supports
3		priority park programs and
4		projects in Washington's national
5		parks, such as enhancing visitor
6		experience, promoting
7		volunteerism, engaging
8		communities, and providing
9		educational opportunities related
10		to Washington's national parks.
11	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's
12		wildlife.
13	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that
14		assists local member agencies of
15		the federation of animal welfare
16		and control agencies to promote
17		and perform spay/neuter surgery
18		on Washington state pets to
19		reduce pet overpopulation.
20	Wild on Washington	Symbolizes wildlife viewing in
21		Washington state.

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

26 (4) Applicants for initial volunteer firefighters special license  
27 plates must (a) have been a volunteer firefighter for at least  
28 ~~((ten))~~ 10 years or be a volunteer firefighter for one or more years  
29 and (b) have documentation of service from the district of the  
30 appropriate fire service. If the volunteer firefighter leaves  
31 firefighting service before ~~((ten))~~ 10 years of service have been  
32 completed, the volunteer firefighter shall surrender the license  
33 plates to the department on the registration renewal date. If the  
34 volunteer firefighter stays in service for at least ~~((ten))~~ 10 years  
35 and then leaves, the license plate may be retained by the former  
36 volunteer firefighter and as long as the license plate is retained  
37 for use the person will continue to pay the future registration  
38 renewals. A qualifying volunteer firefighter may have no more than

1 one set of license plates per vehicle, and a maximum of two sets per  
2 applicant, for their personal vehicles. If the volunteer firefighter  
3 is convicted of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or a felony, the license  
4 plates must be surrendered upon conviction.

5 (5) The department shall not issue the Seattle NHL hockey special  
6 license plate until the department receives signature sheets  
7 satisfying the requirements identified in RCW 46.18.110(2)(f).

8 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.68.425 and 2016 c 31 s 3 and 2016 c 30 s 4 are  
9 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

10 (1) The department shall:

11 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW  
12 46.17.220;

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

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

18 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor  
19 vehicle fund until the department determines that the state has been  
20 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.  
21 Upon determination by the department that the state has been  
22 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special  
23 license plate fees to the following accounts by special license plate  
24 type:

SPECIAL LICENSE	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR
PLATE TYPE		USE OF FUNDS
Armed forces	RCW 43.60A.140	As specified in RCW 43.60A.140(4)
Breast cancer awareness	RCW 43.70.327	Must be used only by the department of health for efforts consistent with the breast, cervical, and colon health program



1	Endangered wildlife	RCW 77.12.170	Must be used only
2			for the department of
3			fish and wildlife's
4			endangered wildlife
5			program activities
6	Keep kids safe	RCW 43.121.100	As specified in RCW
7			43.121.100
8	Purple Heart	RCW 43.60A.140	As specified in RCW
9			43.60A.140(4)
10	<u>United States Naval</u>	<u>RCW 43.60A.140</u>	<u>As specified in RCW</u>
11	<u>Academy</u>		<u>43.60A.140(4)</u>
12	Washington state	RCW 79A.05.059	Provide public
13	parks		educational
14			opportunities and
15			enhancement of
16			Washington state
17			parks
18	Washington's fish	RCW 77.12.170	Only for the
19	collection		department of fish
20			and wildlife's use to
21			support steelhead
22			species management
23			activities including,
24			but not limited to,
25			activities supporting
26			conservation,
27			recovery, and
28			research to promote
29			healthy, fishable
30			steelhead
31	Washington's	RCW 77.12.170	Only for the
32	wildlife collection		department of fish
33			and wildlife's game
34			species management
35			activities

Dedicated to the  
department of fish  
and wildlife's  
watchable wildlife  
activities, as defined  
in RCW 77.32.560

**Sec. 4.** RCW 43.60A.140 and 2023 c 327 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The veterans stewardship account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. Disbursements of funds must be on the authorization of the director or the director's designee, and only for the purposes stated in subsection (4) of this section. In order to maintain an effective expenditure and revenue control, funds are subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required to permit expenditure of the funds.

(2) The department may request and accept nondedicated contributions, grants, or gifts in cash or otherwise, including funds generated by the issuance of the armed forces license plate collection and the United States Naval Academy license plate under chapter 46.18 RCW.

(3) All receipts from the sale of armed forces license plates, United States Naval Academy license plates, and Purple Heart license plates as required under RCW 46.68.425(2) must be deposited into the veterans stewardship account.

(4) All moneys deposited into the veterans stewardship account must be used by the department for activities that benefit veterans or their families, including but not limited to, providing programs and services for homeless veterans; establishing memorials honoring veterans; and maintaining state veterans' cemeteries. Funds from the account may not be used to supplant existing funds received by the department.

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

"United States Naval Academy license plates" means special license plates issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display a design related to the United States Naval Academy.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**    This act takes effect November 1, 2025.

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