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1 AN ACT Relating to Purple Heart license plates; amending RCW  
2 46.18.280, 46.68.425, and 43.60A.140; and reenacting and amending RCW  
3 46.17.220.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.18.280 and 2011 c 332 s 8 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) A registered owner who has been awarded a Purple Heart medal  
8 by any branch of the United States armed forces, including the  
9 merchant marines and the women's air forces service pilots may apply  
10 to the department for special license plates for use on (~~only one~~)  
11 a motor vehicle required to display one or two license plates,  
12 excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and  
13 conditions established by the department, and owned by the qualified  
14 applicant. The applicant must:

15 (a) Be a resident of this state;

16 (b) Have been wounded during one of this nation's wars or  
17 conflicts identified in RCW 41.04.005;

18 (c) Have received an honorable discharge from the United States  
19 armed forces;

20 (d) Provide a copy of the armed forces document showing the  
21 recipient was awarded the Purple Heart medal;

1 (e) Be recorded as the registered owner of the motor vehicle on  
2 which the Purple Heart (~~survivor~~) license plate or plates will be  
3 displayed; and

4 (f) Pay all fees and taxes required by law for registering the  
5 motor vehicle.

6 (2) Purple Heart license plates must be issued without the  
7 payment of any special license plate fee for the first motor vehicle.  
8 For other motor vehicles, qualified applicants may purchase Purple  
9 Heart license plates for the fee required under RCW 46.17.220(1)(p).

10 (3) Purple Heart license plates may be issued to the surviving  
11 spouse or domestic partner of a Purple Heart recipient who met the  
12 requirements in subsection (1) of this section. The surviving spouse  
13 or domestic partner must be a resident of this state. If the  
14 surviving spouse remarries or the surviving domestic partner marries  
15 or enters into a new domestic partnership, he or she must return the  
16 special license plates to the department within fifteen days and  
17 apply for regular license plates or another type of special license  
18 plate.

19 (4) A Purple Heart license plate or plates may be transferred  
20 from one motor vehicle to another motor vehicle owned by the Purple  
21 Heart recipient or the surviving spouse or domestic partner as  
22 described in subsection (3) of this section upon application to the  
23 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by  
24 the director.

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

27 (1) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
28 application for a vehicle registration in chapter 46.16A RCW, the  
29 holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate special  
30 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

1	(e) Breast cancer awareness	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
2	(f) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
3	(g) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430
4	(h) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
5	(i) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	alumni association			
7	(j) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
8	(k) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
9	(l) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
10	(m) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
11	memorial			
12	(n) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
13	system			
14	(o) Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
15	(p) <u>Purple Heart</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.425</u>
16	(q) Professional firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
17	and paramedics			
18	((q)) (r) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
19	((r)) (s) Seattle Seahawks	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
20	((s)) (t) Seattle Sounders	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
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22	((t)) (u) Seattle University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
23	((u)) (v) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
24	((v)) (w) Ski & ride	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
25	Washington			
26	((w)) (x) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
27	((x)) (y) State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
28	((y)) (z) Volunteer	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
29	firefighters			
30	((z)) (aa) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
31	lighthouses			
32	((aa)) (bb) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
33	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 46.68.425 and 2014 c 77 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 fund until the department determines that the state has been  
29 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.  
30 Upon determination by the department that the state has been  
31 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special  
32 license plate fees to the following accounts by special license plate  
33 type:

34	SPECIAL LICENSE	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR
35	PLATE TYPE		USE OF FUNDS

1	Armed forces	RCW 43.60A.140	((N/A)) <u>As specified in</u>
2			<u>RCW 43.60A.140(4)</u>
3	Breast cancer awareness	RCW 43.70.327	Must be used only by the
4			department of health for
5			efforts consistent with
6			the breast, cervical, and
7			colon health program
8	Endangered wildlife	RCW 77.12.170	Must be used only for
9			the department of fish
10			and wildlife's
11			endangered wildlife
12			program activities
13	Keep kids safe	RCW 43.121.100	As specified in RCW
14			43.121.100
15	<u>Purple Heart</u>	<u>RCW 43.60A.140</u>	<u>As specified in RCW</u>
16			<u>43.60A.140(4)</u>
17	Washington state parks	RCW 79A.05.059	Provide public
18			educational
19			opportunities and
20			enhancement of
21			Washington state parks
22	Washington's wildlife	RCW 77.12.170	Only for the department
23	collection		of fish and wildlife's
24			game species
25			management activities
26	Wild on Washington	RCW 77.12.170	Dedicated to the
27			department of fish and
28			wildlife's watchable
29			wildlife activities, as
30			defined in RCW
31			77.32.560

32       **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.60A.140 and 2010 c 161 s 1106 are each amended to  
33 read as follows:

34       (1) The veterans stewardship account is created in the custody of  
35 the state treasurer. Disbursements of funds must be on the  
36 authorization of the director or the director's designee, and only  
37 for the purposes stated in subsection (4) of this section. In order

1 to maintain an effective expenditure and revenue control, funds are  
2 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is  
3 required to permit expenditure of the funds.

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

8 (3) All receipts from the sale of armed forces license plates and  
9 Purple Heart license plates as required under RCW ((~~46.17.220(1)(b)~~)  
10 46.68.425(2)) must be deposited into the veterans stewardship account.

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

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