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By Committee on Transportation

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 46.18.200 and 2010 c 161 s 611 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) (~~The legislature recognizes that the special license plate
6 review board established in RCW 46.16.705 reviews and approves
7 applications for special license plate series.~~

8 ~~(2))~~ Special license plate series reviewed and approved by the
9 (~~special license plate review board~~) department:

10 (a) May be issued in lieu of standard issue or personalized license
11 plates for vehicles required to display one and two license plates
12 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 46.87
16 RCW; and

17 (d) Must display a symbol or artwork approved by the (~~special
18 license plate review board~~) department.

19 (~~(3) The special license plate review board approves, and~~) (2)
20 The department approves and shall issue(~~(7)~~) the following special
21 license plates:

LICENSE PLATE	DESCRIPTION, SYMBOL, OR ARTWORK
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.

1	Endangered wildlife	Displays a symbol or artwork, approved by the special
2		license plate review board and the legislature.
3	Gonzaga University alumni <u>association</u>	Recognizes the Gonzaga University alumni association.
4	Helping kids speak	Recognizes an organization that supports programs that
5		provide no-cost speech pathology programs to children.
6	Keep kids safe	Recognizes efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.
7	Law enforcement memorial	Honors law enforcement officers in Washington killed in
8		the line of duty.
9	Professional firefighters and paramedics	Recognizes professional firefighters and paramedics who
10		are members of the Washington state council of
11		firefighters.
12	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that promotes bicycle safety
13		and awareness education.
14	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington snowsports industry.
15	<u>Volunteer firefighters</u>	<u>Recognizes volunteer firefighters.</u>
16	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that supports selected
17		Washington state lighthouses and provides environmental
18		education programs.
19	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state parks as premier destinations
20		of uncommon quality that preserve significant natural,
21		cultural, historical, and recreational resources.
22	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's national parks and
23		supports priority park programs and projects in
24		Washington's national parks, such as enhancing visitor
25		experience, promoting volunteerism, engaging
26		communities, and providing educational opportunities
27		related to Washington's national parks.
28	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's wildlife.
29	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that assists local member
30		agencies of the federation of animal welfare and control
31		agencies to promote and perform spay/neuter surgery on
32		Washington state pets to reduce pet overpopulation.
33	Wild on Washington	Symbolizes wildlife viewing in Washington state.

34 ((+4+)) (3) Applicants for initial and renewal professional
35 firefighters and paramedics special license plates must show proof
36 eligibility by providing a certificate of current membership from the
37 Washington state council of firefighters.

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

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.17.220 and 2010 c 161 s 521 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

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

23	PLATE TYPE	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE	DISTRIBUTED UNDER
24	(a) Amateur radio license	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
25	(b) Armed forces	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
26	(c) Baseball stadium	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	Subsection (2) of this
27				section
28	(d) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
29	(e) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430
30	(f) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
31	(g) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
32	<u>alumni association</u>			
33	(h) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
34	(i) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
35	(j) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425

1	(k) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	memorial			
3	(l) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
4	system			
5	(m) Professional firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	and paramedics			
7	(n) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
8	(o) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
9	(p) Ski and ride Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
10	(q) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
11	(r) <u>Volunteer firefighters</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>
12	(s) Washington lighthouses	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
13	((s)) (t) Washington state	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
14	parks			
15	((t)) (u) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
16	national parks			
17	((u)) (v) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
18	wildlife collection			
19	((v)) (w) We love our pets	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
20	((w)) (x) Wild on	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
21	Washington			

22 (2) After deducting administration and collection expenses for the
23 sale of baseball stadium license plates, the remaining proceeds must be
24 distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and
25 interest payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball
26 stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
27 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
28 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
29 to the state general fund.

30 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.68.420 and 2010 c 161 s 809 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 (1) The department shall:

33 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW
34 46.17.220 (~~that were approved by the special license plate review~~
35 ~~board under RCW 46.18.200~~);

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

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

6 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
7 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has been
8 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.
9 Upon determination by the department that the state has been
10 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special
11 license plate fee amounts for each special license plate to the
12 following appropriate account as created in this section in the custody
13 of the state treasurer:

ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF FUNDS
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
Share the road	Promote bicycle safety and awareness education in communities throughout Washington
Ski & ride Washington	Promote winter snowsports, such as skiing and snowboarding, and related programs, such as ski and ride safety programs, underprivileged youth ski and ride programs, and active, healthy lifestyle programs

1	<u>Volunteer firefighters</u>	<u>Receive and disseminate funds for purposes on behalf of</u>
2		<u>volunteer firefighters, their families, and others deemed in</u>
3		<u>need</u>
4	Washington state council of firefighters benevolent fund	Receive and disseminate funds for charitable purposes on
5		behalf of members of the Washington state council of
6		firefighters, their families, and others deemed in need
7	Washington's national park fund	Build awareness of Washington's national parks and
8		support priority park programs and projects in
9		Washington's national parks, such as enhancing visitor
10		experience, promoting volunteerism, engaging
11		communities, and providing educational opportunities
12		related to Washington's national parks
13	We love our pets	Support and enable the Washington federation of animal
14		welfare and control agencies to promote and perform
15		spay/neuter surgery of Washington state pets in order to
16		reduce pet population

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

22 (4) Funds in the special license plate accounts described in
23 subsection (2) of this section must be disbursed subject to the
24 conditions described in subsection (2) of this section and under
25 contract between the department and qualified nonprofit organizations
26 that provide the services described in subsection (2) of this section.

27 (5) For the purposes of this section, a "qualified nonprofit
28 organization" means a not-for-profit corporation operating in
29 Washington that has received a determination of tax exempt status under
30 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3). The qualified nonprofit organization must
31 meet all the requirements under RCW 46.18.100(1).

32 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.18.060 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 94 and 2010 c 161
33 s 604 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

34 (1) ~~((The creation of the board does not in any way preclude the~~
35 ~~authority of the legislature to independently propose and enact special~~
36 ~~license plate legislation.~~

1 ~~(2))~~ The ~~((board))~~ department must review and either approve or
2 reject special license plate applications submitted by sponsoring
3 organizations.

4 ~~((3))~~ (2) Duties of the ~~((board))~~ department include but are not
5 limited to the following:

6 (a) Review and approve the annual financial reports submitted by
7 sponsoring organizations with active special license plate series and
8 present those annual financial reports to the ~~((senate and house
9 transportation committees))~~ joint transportation committee;

10 (b) Report annually to the ~~((senate and house of representatives
11 transportation committees))~~ joint transportation committee on the
12 special license plate applications that were considered by the
13 ~~((board))~~ department;

14 (c) Issue approval and rejection notification letters to sponsoring
15 organizations, ~~((the department,))~~ the ~~((chairs of the senate and house
16 of representatives transportation committees))~~ joint transportation
17 committee, and the legislative sponsors identified in each application.
18 The letters must be issued within seven days of making a determination
19 on the status of an application; and

20 (d) Review annually the number of plates sold for each special
21 license plate series created after January 1, 2003. The ~~((board))~~
22 department may submit a recommendation to discontinue a special plate
23 series to the ~~((chairs of the senate and house of representatives
24 transportation committees; and~~

25 ~~(e) Provide policy guidance and directions to the department
26 concerning the adoption of rules necessary to limit the number of
27 special license plates for which an organization or a governmental
28 entity may apply))~~ joint transportation committee.

29 ~~((4))~~ (3) Except as provided in RCW 46.18.245, in order to assess
30 the effects and impact of the proliferation of special license plates,
31 the legislature declares a temporary moratorium on the issuance of any
32 additional plates until July 1, 2011. During this period of time,
33 ~~((the special license plate review board created in RCW 46.16.705 and))~~
34 the department ~~((are))~~ is prohibited from accepting, reviewing,
35 processing, or approving any applications. Additionally, a special
36 license plate may not be enacted by the legislature during the
37 moratorium, unless the proposed license plate has been approved by the
38 former special license plate review board before February 15, 2005.

1 (4) The volunteer firefighters license plates created under RCW
2 46.18.200 are exempt from the requirements of subsection (3) of this
3 section.

4 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. This act takes effect January 1, 2012."

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5 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "plates;" strike the
6 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 46.18.200, 46.17.220,
7 and 46.68.420; reenacting and amending RCW 46.18.060; and providing an
8 effective date."

EFFECT: Allows certain past and current volunteer firefighters to qualify for volunteer firefighters plates. Clarifies the duration of time a volunteer firefighter must serve as a volunteer firefighter in order to retain volunteer firefighter special plates. Increases initial and renewal fees for these plates. Clarifies distribution of funds from initial and renewal fees for these plates. Clarifies that these plates are not subject to the current moratorium on special license plates. Requires DOL to report certain findings regarding special license plates to the joint transportation committee. Adds an effective date.

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