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SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2017

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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2017** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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State of Washington**

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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Klippert, Cody, Blake, Dent, Hayes, Fagan, and Kretz)

READ FIRST TIME 02/27/15.

1 AN ACT Relating to Washington farmers and ranchers special
2 license plates; amending RCW 46.68.420; reenacting and amending RCW
3 46.18.200, 46.17.220, and 46.18.060; 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 46.18.200 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 |
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| | 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. |

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| 1 | Seattle Seahawks | Displays the "Seattle Seahawks" |
| 2 | | logo. |
| 3 | Seattle Sounders FC | Displays the "Seattle Sounders |
| 4 | | FC" logo. |
| 5 | Seattle University | Recognizes Seattle University. |
| 6 | Share the road | Recognizes an organization that |
| 7 | | promotes bicycle safety and |
| 8 | | awareness education. |
| 9 | Ski & ride Washington | Recognizes the Washington |
| 10 | | snowsports industry. |
| 11 | State flower | Recognizes the Washington state |
| 12 | | flower. |
| 13 | Volunteer firefighters | Recognizes volunteer firefighters. |
| 14 | <u>Washington farmers and ranchers</u> | <u>Recognizes farmers and ranchers</u> |
| 15 | | <u>in Washington state.</u> |
| 16 | Washington lighthouses | Recognizes an organization that |
| 17 | | supports selected Washington |
| 18 | | state lighthouses and provides |
| 19 | | environmental education |
| 20 | | programs. |
| 21 | Washington state parks | Recognizes Washington state |
| 22 | | parks as premier destinations of |
| 23 | | uncommon quality that preserve |
| 24 | | significant natural, cultural, |
| 25 | | historical, and recreational |
| 26 | | resources. |
| 27 | Washington's national park fund | Builds awareness of Washington's |
| 28 | | national parks and supports |
| 29 | | priority park programs and |
| 30 | | projects in Washington's national |
| 31 | | parks, such as enhancing visitor |
| 32 | | experience, promoting |
| 33 | | volunteerism, engaging |
| 34 | | communities, and providing |
| 35 | | educational opportunities related |
| 36 | | to Washington's national parks. |

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| 1 | Washington's wildlife collection | Recognizes Washington's |
| 2 | | wildlife. |
| 3 | We love our pets | Recognizes an organization that |
| 4 | | assists local member agencies of |
| 5 | | the federation of animal welfare |
| 6 | | and control agencies to promote |
| 7 | | and perform spay/neuter surgery |
| 8 | | on Washington state pets to |
| 9 | | reduce pet overpopulation. |
| 10 | Wild on Washington | Symbolizes wildlife viewing in |
| 11 | | Washington state. |

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

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

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

35 (1) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
36 application for a vehicle registration in chapter 46.16A RCW, the

1 holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate special
2 license plate fee as listed in this section.

| 3 | PLATE TYPE | INITIAL | RENEWAL | DISTRIBUTED |
|----|-------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------------|
| 4 | | FEE | FEE | UNDER |
| 5 | (a) 4-H | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |
| 6 | (b) Amateur radio license | \$ 5.00 | N/A | RCW 46.68.070 |
| 7 | (c) Armed forces | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.425 |
| 8 | (d) Baseball stadium | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | Subsection (2) of this |
| 9 | | | | section |
| 10 | (e) Breast cancer awareness | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.425 |
| 11 | (f) Collector vehicle | \$ 35.00 | N/A | RCW 46.68.030 |
| 12 | (g) Collegiate | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.430 |
| 13 | (h) Endangered wildlife | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.425 |
| 14 | (i) Gonzaga University | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |
| 15 | alumni association | | | |
| 16 | (j) Helping kids speak | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |
| 17 | (k) Horseless carriage | \$ 35.00 | N/A | RCW 46.68.030 |
| 18 | (l) Keep kids safe | \$ 45.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.425 |
| 19 | (m) Law enforcement | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |
| 20 | memorial | | | |
| 21 | (n) Military affiliate radio | \$ 5.00 | N/A | RCW 46.68.070 |
| 22 | system | | | |
| 23 | (o) Music matters | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |
| 24 | (p) Professional firefighters | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |
| 25 | and paramedics | | | |
| 26 | (q) Ride share | \$ 25.00 | N/A | RCW 46.68.030 |
| 27 | (r) Seattle Seahawks | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |
| 28 | (s) Seattle Sounders FC | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |
| 29 | (t) Seattle University | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |
| 30 | (u) Share the road | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |
| 31 | (v) Ski & ride Washington | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |
| 32 | (w) Square dancer | \$ 40.00 | N/A | RCW 46.68.070 |
| 33 | (x) State flower | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |
| 34 | (y) Volunteer firefighters | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |

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| 1 | (z) <u>Washington farmers</u> | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | <u>RCW 46.68.420</u> |
| 2 | <u>and ranchers</u> | | | |
| 3 | (aa) <u>Washington</u> | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | <u>RCW 46.68.420</u> |
| 4 | <u>lighthouses</u> | | | |
| 5 | ((aa)) (bb) <u>Washington</u> | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | <u>RCW 46.68.425</u> |
| 6 | <u>state parks</u> | | | |
| 7 | ((bb)) (cc) <u>Washington's</u> | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | <u>RCW 46.68.420</u> |
| 8 | <u>national parks</u> | | | |
| 9 | ((cc)) (dd) <u>Washington's</u> | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | <u>RCW 46.68.425</u> |
| 10 | <u>wildlife collection</u> | | | |
| 11 | ((dd)) (ee) <u>We love our</u> | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | <u>RCW 46.68.420</u> |
| 12 | <u>pets</u> | | | |
| 13 | ((ee)) (ff) <u>Wild on</u> | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | <u>RCW 46.68.425</u> |
| 14 | <u>Washington</u> | | | |

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

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

25 (1) The department shall:

26 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW
27 46.17.220;

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

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

33 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
34 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has
35 been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license
36 plate. Upon determination by the department that the state has been
37 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special

1 license plate fee amounts for each special license plate to the
2 following appropriate account as created in this section in the
3 custody of the state treasurer:

| 4 | ACCOUNT | CONDITIONS FOR USE OF |
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| 5 | | FUNDS |
| 6 | 4-H programs | Support Washington 4-H |
| 7 | | programs |
| 8 | Gonzaga University alumni | Scholarship funds to needy and |
| 9 | association | qualified students attending or |
| 10 | | planning to attend Gonzaga |
| 11 | | University |
| 12 | Helping kids speak | Provide free diagnostic and |
| 13 | | therapeutic services to families of |
| 14 | | children who suffer from a delay |
| 15 | | in language or speech |
| 16 | | development |
| 17 | Law enforcement memorial | Provide support and assistance to |
| 18 | | survivors and families of law |
| 19 | | enforcement officers in |
| 20 | | Washington killed in the line of |
| 21 | | duty and to organize, finance, |
| 22 | | fund, construct, utilize, and |
| 23 | | maintain a memorial on the state |
| 24 | | capitol grounds to honor those |
| 25 | | fallen officers |
| 26 | Lighthouse environmental | Support selected Washington state |
| 27 | programs | lighthouses that are accessible to |
| 28 | | the public and staffed by |
| 29 | | volunteers; provide environmental |
| 30 | | education programs; provide |
| 31 | | grants for other Washington |
| 32 | | lighthouses to assist in funding |
| 33 | | infrastructure preservation and |
| 34 | | restoration; encourage and support |
| 35 | | interpretive programs by |
| 36 | | lighthouse docents |
| 37 | Music matters awareness | Promote music education in |
| 38 | | schools throughout Washington |

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

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| 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 ride |
| 10 | | programs, and active, healthy |
| 11 | | 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 for |
| 18 | | purposes on behalf of volunteer |
| 19 | | firefighters, their families, and |
| 20 | | others deemed in need |
| 21 | <u>Washington farmers and ranchers</u> | <u>Provide funds to the Washington</u> |
| 22 | | <u>FFA Foundation for educational</u> |
| 23 | | <u>programs in Washington state</u> |
| 24 | Washington state council of | Receive and disseminate funds for |
| 25 | firefighters benevolent fund | charitable purposes on behalf of |
| 26 | | members of the Washington state |
| 27 | | council of firefighters, their |
| 28 | | families, and others deemed in |
| 29 | | need |
| 30 | Washington's national park fund | Build awareness of Washington's |
| 31 | | national parks and support priority |
| 32 | | park programs and projects in |
| 33 | | Washington's national parks, such |
| 34 | | as enhancing visitor experience, |
| 35 | | promoting volunteerism, engaging |
| 36 | | communities, and providing |
| 37 | | educational opportunities related |
| 38 | | 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 farmers and ranchers license plates created under
33 RCW 46.18.200.

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

36 "Washington farmers and ranchers license plates" means special
37 license plates issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display a symbol or
38 artwork recognizing Washington farmers and ranchers.

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

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