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1 AN ACT Relating to providing funding for the hunter education
2 training program operated by the department of fish and wildlife
3 through the issuance of national rifle association special license
4 plates; amending RCW 46.68.425 and 77.15.425; reenacting and amending
5 RCW 46.18.200, 46.17.220, and 46.18.060; adding a new section to
6 chapter 46.04 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

8 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.18.200 and 2014 c 77 s 1 and 2014 c 6 s 1 are
9 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

10 (1) Special license plate series reviewed and approved by the
11 department:

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

15 (b) Must be issued under terms and conditions established by the
16 department;

17 (c) Must not be issued for vehicles registered under chapter
18 46.87 RCW; and

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

20 (2) The department approves and shall issue the following special
21 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	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.
	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.
	<u>National rifle association</u>	<u>Displays the national rifle association logo.</u>

1	Professional firefighters and	Recognizes professional
2	paramedics	firefighters and paramedics who
3		are members of the Washington
4		state council of firefighters.
5	Seattle Seahawks	Displays the "Seattle Seahawks"
6		logo.
7	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders
8		FC" logo.
9	Seattle University	Recognizes Seattle University.
10	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that
11		promotes bicycle safety and
12		awareness education.
13	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington
14		snowsports industry.
15	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state
16		flower.
17	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
18	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that
19		supports selected Washington
20		state lighthouses and provides
21		environmental education
22		programs.
23	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state
24		parks as premier destinations of
25		uncommon quality that preserve
26		significant natural, cultural,
27		historical, and recreational
28		resources.
29	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's
30		national parks and supports
31		priority park programs and
32		projects in Washington's national
33		parks, such as enhancing visitor

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

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

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

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 "National rifle association license plates" means special license
4 plates issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display the "National Rifle
5 Association" logo.

6 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.17.220 and 2014 c 77 s 2 and 2014 c 6 s 2 are
7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 (1) 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
(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
(f) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
(g) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430
(h) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
(i) Gonzaga University alumni association	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
(j) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
(k) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
(l) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
(m) Law enforcement memorial	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
(n) Military affiliate radio system	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
(o) Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
(p) <u>National rifle association</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.425</u>

1	(q) Professional firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	and paramedics			
3	((q)) (r) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
4	((s)) (s) Seattle Seahawks	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
5	((t)) (t) Seattle Sounders	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	FC			
7	((u)) (u) Seattle University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
8	((v)) (v) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
9	((w)) (w) Ski & ride	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
10	Washington			
11	((x)) (x) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
12	((y)) (y) State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
13	((z)) (z) Volunteer	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
14	firefighters			
15	((aa)) (aa) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
16	lighthouses			
17	((ab)) (bb) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
18	state parks			
19	((bc)) (cc) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
20	national parks			
21	((de)) (dd) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
22	wildlife collection			
23	((ef)) (ee) We love our	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
24	pets			
25	((fg)) (ff) Wild on	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
26	Washington			

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

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.68.425 and 2014 c 77 s 3 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) The department shall:

4 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW
5 46.17.220;

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

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

11 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
12 vehicle fund until the department determines that the state has been
13 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.
14 Upon determination by the department that the state has been
15 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special
16 license plate fees to the following accounts by special license plate
17 type:

SPECIAL LICENSE	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR
PLATE TYPE		USE OF FUNDS
Armed forces	RCW 43.60A.140	N/A
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
Endangered wildlife	RCW 77.12.170	Must be used only for the department of fish and wildlife's endangered wildlife program activities
Keep kids safe	RCW 43.121.100	As specified in RCW 43.121.100

1	<u>National rifle</u>	<u>RCW 77.15.425</u>	<u>For the enhanced</u>
2	<u>association</u>		<u>support of firearm safety</u>
3			<u>and education as part of</u>
4			<u>the hunter education</u>
5			<u>training program under</u>
6			<u>RCW 77.32.155</u>
7	Washington state parks	RCW 79A.05.059	Provide public
8			educational
9			opportunities and
10			enhancement of
11			Washington state parks
12	Washington's wildlife	RCW 77.12.170	Only for the department
13	collection		of fish and wildlife's
14			game species
15			management activities
16	Wild on Washington	RCW 77.12.170	Dedicated to the
17			department of fish and
18			wildlife's watchable
19			wildlife activities, as
20			defined in RCW
21			77.32.560

22 **Sec. 5.** RCW 77.15.425 and 2014 c 48 s 17 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 The fish and wildlife enforcement reward account is created in
25 the custody of the state treasurer. Deposits to the account include:
26 Receipts from fish and shellfish overages as a result of a department
27 enforcement action; fees for hunter education deferral applications;
28 fees for master hunter applications and master hunter certification
29 renewals; fees for national rifle association license plates as
30 provided in RCW 46.68.425; all receipts from criminal wildlife
31 penalty assessments under RCW 77.15.370, 77.15.400, and 77.15.420;
32 all receipts of court-ordered restitution or donations associated
33 with any fish, shellfish, or wildlife enforcement action; and
34 proceeds from forfeitures and evidence pursuant to RCW 77.15.070 and
35 77.15.100. The department may accept money or personal property from
36 persons under conditions requiring the property or money to be used
37 consistent with the intent of expenditures from the fish and wildlife
38 enforcement reward account. Expenditures from the account may be used

1 only for investigation and prosecution of fish and wildlife offenses,
2 to provide rewards to persons informing the department about
3 violations of this title and rules adopted under this title, to
4 offset department-approved costs incurred to administer the hunter
5 education deferral program and the master hunter permit program, for
6 the enhanced support of firearm safety and education as part of the
7 hunter education training program under RCW 77.32.155, and for other
8 valid enforcement uses as determined by the commission. Only the
9 director or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from
10 the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under
11 chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for
12 expenditures.

13 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.18.060 and 2014 c 77 s 5 and 2014 c 6 s 4 are
14 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

15 (1) The department must review and either approve or reject
16 special license plate applications submitted by sponsoring
17 organizations.

18 (2) Duties of the department include, but are not limited to, the
19 following:

20 (a) Review and approve the annual financial reports submitted by
21 sponsoring organizations with active special license plate series and
22 present those annual financial reports to the joint transportation
23 committee;

24 (b) Report annually to the joint transportation committee on the
25 special license plate applications that were considered by the
26 department;

27 (c) Issue approval and rejection notification letters to
28 sponsoring organizations, the executive committee of the joint
29 transportation committee, and the legislative sponsors identified in
30 each application. The letters must be issued within seven days of
31 making a determination on the status of an application; and

32 (d) Review annually the number of plates sold for each special
33 license plate series created after January 1, 2003. The department
34 may submit a recommendation to discontinue a special plate series to
35 the executive committee of the joint transportation committee.

36 (3) In order to assess the effects and impact of the
37 proliferation of special license plates, the legislature declares a
38 temporary moratorium on the issuance of any additional plates until
39 July 1, 2015. During this period of time, the department is

1 prohibited from accepting, reviewing, processing, or approving any
2 applications. Additionally, a special license plate may not be
3 enacted by the legislature during the moratorium, unless the proposed
4 license plate has been approved by the former special license plate
5 review board before February 15, 2005.

6 (4) The limitations under subsection (3) of this section do not
7 apply to the following special license plates:

8 (a) 4-H license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;

9 (b) Breast cancer awareness license plates created under RCW
10 46.18.200;

11 (c) Gold star license plates created under RCW 46.18.245;

12 (d) Music Matters license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;

13 (e) National rifle association license plates created under RCW
14 46.18.200;

15 (f) Seattle Seahawks license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;

16 ~~((f))~~ (g) Seattle Sounders FC license plates created under RCW
17 46.18.200;

18 ~~((g))~~ (h) Seattle University license plates created under RCW
19 46.18.200;

20 ~~((h))~~ (i) State flower license plates created under RCW
21 46.18.200;

22 ~~((i))~~ (j) Volunteer firefighter license plates created under
23 RCW 46.18.200.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** This act takes effect January 1, 2016.

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