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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 1136** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Eddy, Armstrong, Morris, Kristiansen, Chandler, Pearson, and Kenney)

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1 AN ACT Relating to volunteer firefighter special license plates;
2 amending RCW 46.18.200, 46.17.220, and 46.68.420; reenacting and
3 amending RCW 46.18.060; and providing an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.18.200 and 2010 c 161 s 611 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

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

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

12 (a) May be issued in lieu of standard issue or personalized license
13 plates for vehicles required to display one and two license plates
14 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 46.87
18 RCW; and

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

3 (~~(3) The special license plate review board approves, and~~) (2)
4 The department approves and shall issue(~~(7)~~) the following special
5 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.
Endangered wildlife	Displays a symbol or artwork, approved by the special license plate review board and the legislature.
<u>Gonzaga University alumni association</u>	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.
Professional firefighters and paramedics	Recognizes professional firefighters and paramedics who are members of the Washington state council of firefighters.
Share the road	Recognizes an organization that promotes bicycle safety and awareness education.
Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington snowsports industry.
<u>Volunteer firefighters</u>	<u>Recognizes volunteer firefighters.</u>
Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that supports selected Washington state lighthouses and provides environmental education programs.
Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state parks as premier destinations of uncommon quality that preserve significant natural, cultural, historical, and recreational resources.

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

13 ~~((4))~~ (3) Applicants for initial and renewal professional
14 firefighters and paramedics special license plates must show proof
15 eligibility by providing a certificate of current membership from the
16 Washington state council of firefighters.

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

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

35 (1) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon

1 application for a vehicle registration in chapter (~~46.16~~) 46.16A RCW,
 2 the holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate special
 3 license plate fee as listed in this section.

4	PLATE TYPE	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE	DISTRIBUTED UNDER
5	(a) Amateur radio license	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
6	(b) Armed forces	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
7	(c) Baseball stadium	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	Subsection (2) of this
8				section
9	(d) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
10	(e) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430
11	(f) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
12	(g) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
13	alumni association			
14	(h) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
15	(i) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
16	(j) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
17	(k) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
18	memorial			
19	(l) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
20	system			
21	(m) Professional firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
22	and paramedics			
23	(n) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
24	(o) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
25	(p) Ski and ride Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
26	(q) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
27	(r) <u>Volunteer firefighters</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>
28	(s) Washington lighthouses	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
29	((t)) (t) Washington state	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
30	parks			
31	((u)) (u) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
32	national parks			
33	((v)) (v) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
34	wildlife collection			
35	((w)) (w) We love our pets	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420

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3 (2) After deducting administration and collection expenses for the
4 sale of baseball stadium license plates, the remaining proceeds must be
5 distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and
6 interest payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball
7 stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
8 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
9 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
10 to the state general fund.

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

13 (1) The department shall:

14 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW
15 46.17.220 (~~that were approved by the special license plate review~~
16 ~~board under RCW 46.18.200~~);

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

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

22 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
23 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has been
24 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.
25 Upon determination by the department that the state has been
26 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special
27 license plate fee amounts for each special license plate to the
28 following appropriate account as created in this section in the custody
29 of the state treasurer:

30	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF FUNDS
31	Gonzaga University alumni association	Scholarship funds to needy and qualified students
32		attending or planning to attend Gonzaga University

1	Helping kids speak	Provide free diagnostic and therapeutic services to families
2		of children who suffer from a delay in language or speech
3		development
4	Law enforcement memorial	Provide support and assistance to survivors and families of
5		law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line
6		of duty and to organize, finance, fund, construct, utilize,
7		and maintain a memorial on the state capitol grounds to
8		honor those fallen officers
9	Lighthouse environmental programs	Support selected Washington state lighthouses that are
10		accessible to the public and staffed by volunteers; provide
11		environmental education programs; provide grants for
12		other Washington lighthouses to assist in funding
13		infrastructure preservation and restoration; encourage and
14		support interpretive programs by lighthouse docents
15	Share the road	Promote bicycle safety and awareness education in
16		communities throughout Washington
17	Ski & ride Washington	Promote winter snowsports, such as skiing and
18		snowboarding, and related programs, such as ski and ride
19		safety programs, underprivileged youth ski and ride
20		programs, and active, healthy lifestyle programs
21	<u>Volunteer firefighters</u>	<u>Receive and disseminate funds for purposes on behalf of</u>
22		<u>volunteer firefighters, their families, and others deemed in</u>
23		<u>need</u>
24	Washington state council of firefighters benevolent fund	Receive and disseminate funds for charitable purposes on
25		behalf of members of the Washington state council of
26		firefighters, their families, and others deemed in need
27	Washington's national park fund	Build awareness of Washington's national parks and
28		support priority park programs and projects in
29		Washington's national parks, such as enhancing visitor
30		experience, promoting volunteerism, engaging
31		communities, and providing educational opportunities
32		related to Washington's national parks
33	We love our pets	Support and enable the Washington federation of animal
34		welfare and control agencies to promote and perform
35		spay/neuter surgery of Washington state pets in order to
36		reduce pet population

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

6 (4) Funds in the special license plate accounts described in
7 subsection (2) of this section must be disbursed subject to the
8 conditions described in subsection (2) of this section and under
9 contract between the department and qualified nonprofit organizations
10 that provide the services described in subsection (2) of this section.

11 (5) For the purposes of this section, a "qualified nonprofit
12 organization" means a not-for-profit corporation operating in
13 Washington that has received a determination of tax exempt status under
14 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3). The qualified nonprofit organization must
15 meet all the requirements under RCW 46.18.100(1).

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

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

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

24 ~~((3))~~ (2) Duties of the ~~((board))~~ department include but are not
25 limited to the following:

26 (a) Review and approve the annual financial reports submitted by
27 sponsoring organizations with active special license plate series and
28 present those annual financial reports to the ~~((senate and house~~
29 ~~transportation committees))~~ joint transportation committee;

30 (b) Report annually to the ~~((senate and house of representatives~~
31 ~~transportation committees))~~ joint transportation committee on the
32 special license plate applications that were considered by the
33 ~~((board))~~ department;

34 (c) Issue approval and rejection notification letters to sponsoring
35 organizations, ~~((the department,))~~ the ~~((chairs of the senate and house~~
36 ~~of representatives transportation committees))~~ joint transportation

1 committee, and the legislative sponsors identified in each application.
2 The letters must be issued within seven days of making a determination
3 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 ((~~board~~))
6 department may submit a recommendation to discontinue a special plate
7 series to the ((~~chairs of the senate and house of representatives~~
8 ~~transportation committees; and~~

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

13 ((~~(4)~~)) (3) Except as provided in RCW 46.18.245, in order to assess
14 the effects and impact of the proliferation of special license plates,
15 the legislature declares a temporary moratorium on the issuance of any
16 additional plates until July 1, 2011. During this period of time,
17 ((~~the special license plate review board created in RCW 46.16.705 and~~))
18 the department ((~~are~~)) is prohibited from accepting, reviewing,
19 processing, or approving any applications. Additionally, a special
20 license plate may not be enacted by the legislature during the
21 moratorium, unless the proposed license plate has been approved by the
22 former special license plate review board before February 15, 2005.

23 (4) The volunteer firefighters license plates created under RCW
24 46.18.200 are exempt from the requirements of subsection (3) of this
25 section.

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