

HOUSE BILL 2489

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By Representatives Orcutt, Donaghy, and Schmidt

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating several new special license plates;
2 reenacting and amending RCW 46.17.220, 46.18.200, 46.68.420, and
3 46.68.425; adding new sections to chapter 46.04 RCW; and providing an
4 effective date.

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

6 Sec. 1. RCW 46.17.220 and 2022 c 239 s 1 and 2022 c 117 s 1 are
7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 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.

Table with 5 columns: PLATE TYPE, INITIAL FEE, RENEWAL FEE, DISTRIBUTED UNDER, and RCW reference. Rows include (1) 4-H, (2) Amateur radio license, (3) Armed forces, (4) Breast cancer awareness, (5) Collector vehicle, and (6) Collegiate.

1	(7) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
2	(8) Fred Hutch	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
3	(9) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	alumni association			
5	(10) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	(11) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
7	(12) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
8	(13) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
9	memorial			
10	(14) <u>LeMay-America's Car</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>
11	<u>Museum</u>			
12	(15) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
13	system			
14	((15)) (16) <u>Mount St.</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>
15	<u>Helens</u>			
16	(17) Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
17	((16)) (18) Patches pal, or	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
18	alternative name as			
19	designated by the			
20	department under			
21	RCW 46.04.383			
22	((17)) (19) Professional	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
23	firefighters and			
24	paramedics			
25	((18)) (20) Purple Heart	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
26	((19)) (21) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
27	((20)) (22) San Juan	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
28	Islands			
29	((21)) (23) Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
30	Mariners			
31	((22)) (24) Seattle NHL	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
32	hockey			
33	((23)) (25) Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
34	Seahawks			

1	((24)) <u>(26)</u> Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	Sounders FC			
3	((25)) <u>(27)</u> Seattle Storm	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	((26)) <u>(28)</u> Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
5	University			
6	((27)) <u>(29)</u> Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
7	((28)) <u>(30)</u> Ski & ride	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
8	Washington			
9	((29)) <u>(31)</u> Smokey Bear	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.425</u>
10	<u>(32)</u> Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
11	((30)) <u>(33)</u> State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
12	((31)) <u>(34)</u> Volunteer	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
13	firefighters			
14	((32)) <u>(35)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
15	apples			
16	((33)) <u>(36)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
17	farmers and ranchers			
18	((34)) <u>(37)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
19	lighthouses			
20	((35)) <u>(38)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
21	state aviation			
22	((36)) <u>(39)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
23	state parks			
24	((37)) <u>(40)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
25	state wrestling			
26	((38)) <u>(41)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
27	tennis			
28	((39)) <u>(42)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
29	wine			
30	((40)) <u>(43)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
31	fish collection			
32	((41)) <u>(44)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
33	national parks			
34	((42)) <u>(45)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
35	wildlife collection			

1	((43)) (46) We love our	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	pets			
3	((44)) (47) Wild on	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
4	Washington			
5	(48) Working forests	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.18.200 and 2022 c 239 s 2 and 2022 c 117 s 2 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, subject to subsection (5) of this section:

20	LICENSE PLATE	DESCRIPTION, SYMBOL, OR
21		ARTWORK
22	4-H	Displays the "4-H" logo.
23	Armed forces collection	Recognizes the contribution of
24		veterans, active duty military
25		personnel, reservists, and
26		members of the national guard,
27		and includes six separate designs,
28		each containing a symbol
29		representing a different branch of
30		the armed forces to include army,
31		navy, air force, marine corps,
32		coast guard, and national guard.
33	Breast cancer awareness	Displays a pink ribbon
34		symbolizing breast cancer
35		awareness.

1	Endangered wildlife	Displays a symbol or artwork
2		symbolizing endangered wildlife
3		in Washington state.
4	Fred Hutch	Displays the Fred Hutch logo.
5	Gonzaga University alumni	Recognizes the Gonzaga
6	association	University alumni association.
7	Helping kids speak	Recognizes an organization that
8		supports programs that provide
9		no-cost speech pathology
10		programs to children.
11	Keep kids safe	Recognizes efforts to prevent
12		child abuse and neglect.
13	Law enforcement memorial	Honors law enforcement officers
14		in Washington killed in the line of
15		duty.
16	<u>LeMay-America's Car Museum</u>	<u>Displays a style homage to classic</u>
17		<u>Washington automobile plates.</u>
18	<u>Mount St. Helens</u>	<u>Displays an image of Mount St.</u>
19		<u>Helens.</u>
20	Music matters	Displays the "Music Matters"
21		logo.
22	Patches pal, or alternative name	Displays the likenesses of the J.P.
23	as designated by the department	Patches and Gertrude characters
24	under RCW 46.04.383	from the J.P. Patches show, or
25		characters otherwise identified in
26		accordance with RCW 46.04.383.
27	Professional firefighters and	Recognizes professional
28	paramedics	firefighters and paramedics who
29		are members of the Washington
30		state council of firefighters.
31	San Juan Islands	Displays a symbol or artwork
32		recognizing the San Juan Islands.
33	Seattle Mariners	Displays the "Seattle Mariners"
34		logo.
35	Seattle NHL hockey	Displays the logo of the Seattle
36		NHL hockey team.

1	Seattle Seahawks	Displays the "Seattle Seahawks"
2		logo.
3	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders
4		FC" logo.
5	Seattle Storm	Displays the "Seattle Storm" logo.
6	Seattle University	Recognizes Seattle University.
7	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that
8		promotes bicycle safety and
9		awareness education.
10	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington
11		snowsports industry.
12	<u>Smokey Bear</u>	<u>Displays the name, image, and</u>
13		<u>likeness of Smokey Bear and</u>
14		<u>messages for wildfire prevention.</u>
15	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state
16		flower.
17	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
18	Washington apples	Displays the Washington apple
19		logo that recognizes the state's
20		apple industry, the growers and
21		shippers who produce and pack
22		the world famous apples, and the
23		tree fruit community.
24	Washington farmers and ranchers	Recognizes farmers and ranchers
25		in Washington state.
26	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that
27		supports selected Washington
28		state lighthouses and provides
29		environmental education
30		programs.
31	Washington state aviation	Displays a Stearman biplane in
32		the foreground with an image of
33		Mount Rainier in the background.

1	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state
2		parks as premier destinations of
3		uncommon quality that preserve
4		significant natural, cultural,
5		historical, and recreational
6		resources.
7	Washington state wrestling	Promotes and supports college
8		wrestling in the state of
9		Washington.
10	Washington tennis	Builds awareness and year-round
11		opportunities for tennis in
12		Washington state. Displays a
13		symbol or artwork recognizing
14		tennis in Washington state.
15	Washington wine	Displays a landscape of
16		Washington's wine regions.
17	Washington's fish collection	Recognizes Washington's fish.
18	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's
19		national parks and supports
20		priority park programs and
21		projects in Washington's national
22		parks, such as enhancing visitor
23		experience, promoting
24		volunteerism, engaging
25		communities, and providing
26		educational opportunities related
27		to Washington's national parks.
28	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's
29		wildlife.
30	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that
31		assists local member agencies of
32		the federation of animal welfare
33		and control agencies to promote
34		and perform spay/neuter surgery
35		on Washington state pets to
36		reduce pet overpopulation.
37	Wild on Washington	Symbolizes wildlife viewing in
38		Washington state.

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

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

(5) The department shall not issue the Seattle NHL hockey special license plate until the department receives signature sheets satisfying the requirements identified in RCW 46.18.110(2)(f).

Sec. 3. RCW 46.68.420 and 2022 c 239 s 3, 2022 c 117 s 3, and 2022 c 96 s 4 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) The department shall:

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

(b) Deduct an amount not to exceed ~~((twelve dollars))~~ \$12 for initial issue and two dollars for renewal issue for administration and collection expenses incurred by it; and

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

(2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor vehicle fund until the department determines that the state has been

1 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.
2 Upon determination by the department that the state has been
3 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special
4 license plate fee amounts for each special license plate to the
5 following appropriate account as created in this section in the
6 custody of the state treasurer:

7	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF
8		FUNDS
9	4-H programs	Support Washington 4-H
10		programs
11	Fred Hutch	Support cancer research at the
12		Fred Hutchinson cancer research
13		center
14	Gonzaga University alumni	Scholarship funds to needy and
15	association	qualified students attending or
16		planning to attend Gonzaga
17		University
18	Helping kids speak	Provide free diagnostic and
19		therapeutic services to families of
20		children who suffer from a delay
21		in language or speech
22		development
23	Law enforcement memorial	Provide support and assistance to
24		survivors and families of law
25		enforcement officers in
26		Washington killed in the line of
27		duty and to organize, finance,
28		fund, construct, utilize, and
29		maintain a memorial on the state
30		capitol grounds to honor those
31		fallen officers

1	<u>LeMay-America's Car Museum</u>	<u>Provide funds to promote,</u>
2		<u>encourage, and inspire students</u>
3		<u>and the community to understand</u>
4		<u>the role of automobiles in our</u>
5		<u>culture and economy through</u>
6		<u>education, interpretive programs,</u>
7		<u>and job training; to open doors to</u>
8		<u>learning through science,</u>
9		<u>technology, engineering, the arts,</u>
10		<u>and math (STEAM); and to</u>
11		<u>inspire a new generation of skilled</u>
12		<u>trade workers, engineers,</u>
13		<u>designers, artists, and enthusiasts</u>
14	Lighthouse environmental	Support selected Washington state
15	programs	lighthouses that are accessible to
16		the public and staffed by
17		volunteers; provide environmental
18		education programs; provide
19		grants for other Washington
20		lighthouses to assist in funding
21		infrastructure preservation and
22		restoration; encourage and support
23		interpretive programs by
24		lighthouse docents
25	<u>Mount St. Helens</u>	<u>Promote education, stewardship,</u>
26		<u>and science at Mount St. Helens</u>
27		<u>through the Mount St. Helens</u>
28		<u>institute</u>
29	Music matters awareness	Promote music education in
30		schools throughout Washington
31	Patches pal, or alternative name	Provide funds to the Seattle
32	as designated by the department	children's hospital strong against
33	under RCW 46.04.383	cancer program
34	San Juan Islands programs	Provide funds to the Madrona
35		institute

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Seattle Mariners

Provide funds to the sports mentoring program and to support the Washington world fellows program in the following manner: (a) ~~((Seventy-five))~~ 75 percent to the Washington state leadership board solely to administer the sports mentoring program established under RCW 43.388.040, to encourage youth who have economic needs or face adversities to experience spectator sports or get involved in youth sports, and (b) up to ~~((twenty-five))~~ 25 percent to the Washington state leadership board solely to administer the Washington world fellows program, an equity focused program

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Seattle NHL hockey

Provide funds to the NHL Seattle foundation and to support the boundless Washington program in the following manner: (a) ~~((Fifty))~~ 50 percent to the NHL Seattle foundation, or its successor organization, to help marginalized youth succeed in life through increased access to sports and other opportunities; (b) ~~((twenty-five))~~ 25 percent to the Washington state leadership board solely to administer the boundless Washington program to facilitate opportunities for young people with physical and sensory disabilities to enjoy and experience the outdoors; and (c) ~~((twenty-five))~~ 25 percent to the NHL Seattle foundation, or its successor organization, for providing financial support to allow youth to participate in hockey

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Seattle Seahawks

Provide funds to InvestED and to support the Washington world fellows program in the following manner: (a) ~~((Seventy-five))~~ 75 percent, to InvestED, to encourage secondary students who have economic needs to stay in school, return to school, or get involved within their learning community; and (b) ~~((twenty-five))~~ 25 percent to the Washington state leadership board solely to administer the Washington world fellows program, including the provision of fellowships

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Seattle Sounders FC

Provide funds to Washington state mentors and the Washington state leadership board in the following manner: (a) ~~((Seventy))~~ 70 percent and the remaining proceeds, if any, to Washington state mentors, to increase the number of mentors in the state by offering mentoring grants throughout Washington state that foster positive youth development and academic success, with up to ~~((twenty))~~ 20 percent of these proceeds authorized for program administration costs; and (b) up to ~~((thirty))~~ 30 percent, not to exceed ~~((forty thousand dollars))~~ \$40,000 annually as adjusted for inflation by the office of financial management, to the Washington state leadership board, to develop Washington state educational, veterans, international relations, and civics projects and to recognize the outstanding public service of individuals or groups in the state of Washington

1	Seattle Storm	Provide funds to the Washington
2		state legislative youth advisory
3		council and the Washington state
4		leadership board in the following
5		manner: (Twenty-five thousand
6		dollars) <u>\$25,000</u> per year of the
7		net proceeds to the legislative
8		youth advisory council, or its
9		successor organization; and the
10		remaining net proceeds on an
11		annual basis, to the Washington
12		state leadership board for the
13		purpose of providing grants to
14		support and enhance athletic,
15		recreational, and other
16		opportunities for women and girls,
17		and especially those with
18		disabilities
19	Seattle University	Fund scholarships for students
20		attending or planning to attend
21		Seattle University
22	Share the road	Promote bicycle safety and
23		awareness education in
24		communities throughout
25		Washington
26	Ski & ride Washington	Promote winter snowsports, such
27		as skiing and snowboarding, and
28		related programs, such as ski and
29		ride safety programs,
30		underprivileged youth ski and ride
31		programs, and active, healthy
32		lifestyle programs
33	State flower	Support Meerkerk Rhododendron
34		Gardens and provide for grants to
35		other qualified nonprofit
36		organizations' efforts to preserve
37		rhododendrons

1	Volunteer firefighters	Receive and disseminate funds for
2		purposes on behalf of volunteer
3		firefighters, their families, and
4		others deemed in need
5	Washington apples	Provide scholarship funding to the
6		tree fruit industry's official
7		charity, the Washington apple
8		education foundation, which
9		provides financial support,
10		professional employment
11		preparedness training, and
12		mentorship to students with ties to
13		the apple industry pursuing a
14		higher education
15	Washington farmers and ranchers	Provide funds to the Washington
16		FFA Foundation for educational
17		programs in Washington state
18	Washington state aviation	Provide funds to the department
19		of transportation to support
20		infrastructure improvements at
21		public use airports in Washington
22		state
23	Washington state council of	Receive and disseminate funds for
24	firefighters benevolent fund	charitable purposes on behalf of
25		members of the Washington state
26		council of firefighters, their
27		families, and others deemed in
28		need
29	Washington state wrestling	Provide funds to the Washington
30		state wrestling foundation to fund
31		new and existing college
32		wrestling programs

1 Washington tennis Provide funds to cities to assist in
2 the construction and maintenance
3 of a public tennis facility with at
4 least four indoor tennis courts. A
5 city is eligible for construction
6 funds if the city does not already
7 have a public or private facility
8 with at least four indoor tennis
9 courts. Funds for construction
10 must first be made available to the
11 most populous eligible city,
12 according to the most recent
13 census, for a time period not to
14 exceed five years after January 1,
15 2017. After the five-year time
16 period, the funds for construction
17 must be made available to the
18 next most populous eligible city.
19 Funds for the maintenance of a
20 public tennis facility with at least
21 four indoor tennis courts must
22 first be made available to the first
23 eligible city that utilizes funds for
24 construction provided by chapter
25 16, Laws of 2016

26 Washington wine Provide funds to the state of
27 Washington tourism to promote
28 tourism throughout Washington
29 state

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 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.68.425 and 2016 c 31 s 3 and 2016 c 30 s 4 are
2 each reenacted and amended to read 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~~) \$12 for
7 initial issue and (~~two dollars~~) \$2 for renewal issue for
8 administration and 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 PLATE TYPE	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF FUNDS
Armed forces	RCW 43.60A.140	As specified in RCW 43.60A.140(4)
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
Purple Heart	RCW 43.60A.140	As specified in RCW 43.60A.140(4)

1	<u>Smokey Bear</u>	<u>RCW 76.04.511</u>	<u>Only for the</u>
2	<u>wildfire prevention</u>		<u>department of natural</u>
3			<u>resources to use for</u>
4			<u>wildfire prevention</u>
5			<u>programs</u>
6	Washington state	RCW 79A.05.059	Provide public
7	parks		educational
8			opportunities and
9			enhancement of
10			Washington state
11			parks
12	Washington's fish	RCW 77.12.170	Only for the
13	collection		department of fish
14			and wildlife's use to
15			support steelhead
16			species management
17			activities including,
18			but not limited to,
19			activities supporting
20			conservation,
21			recovery, and
22			research to promote
23			healthy, fishable
24			steelhead
25	Washington's	RCW 77.12.170	Only for the
26	wildlife collection		department of fish
27			and wildlife's game
28			species management
29			activities
30	Wild on Washington	RCW 77.12.170	Dedicated to the
31			department of fish
32			and wildlife's
33			watchable wildlife
34			activities, as defined
35			in RCW 77.32.560

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04
37 RCW to read as follows:

1 "LeMay-America's Car Museum license plates" means special license
2 plates issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display a style homage to
3 classic Washington automobile plates.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 "Mount St. Helens license plate" means special license plates
7 issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display an image of Mount St. Helens.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 "Smokey Bear license plates" means special license plates issued
11 under RCW 46.18.200 that display the name, image, and likeness of
12 Smokey Bear promoting wildfire prevention and the state department of
13 natural resources' wildland wildfire program.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 "Working forests license plates" means special license plates
17 issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display images embodying working
18 forests.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** This act takes effect November 1, 2025.

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