

**SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE DESIGNATION**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill creates a support special group license plate to support the Live On suicide prevention campaign.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ creates a support special group license plate to support the Live On suicide prevention campaign;
- ▶ requires that an individual requesting the license plate make a donation to the Governor's Suicide Prevention Fund to support the Live On campaign; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**41-1a-418**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 219, 280, and 378

**41-1a-422**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 219, 280, and 378

**62A-15-1103**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 414

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **41-1a-418** is amended to read:

30 **41-1a-418. Authorized special group license plates.**

31 (1) The division shall only issue special group license plates in accordance with this  
32 section through Section 41-1a-422 to a person who is specified under this section within the  
33 categories listed as follows:

34 (a) disability special group license plates issued in accordance with Section 41-1a-420;

35 (b) honor special group license plates, as in a war hero, which plates are issued for a:

36 (i) survivor of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor;

37 (ii) former prisoner of war;

38 (iii) recipient of a Purple Heart;

39 (iv) disabled veteran;

40 (v) recipient of a gold star award issued by the United States Secretary of Defense; or

41 (vi) recipient of a campaign or combat theater award determined by the Department of  
42 Veterans and Military Affairs;

43 (c) unique vehicle type special group license plates, as for historical, collectors value,  
44 or other unique vehicle type, which plates are issued for:

45 (i) a special interest vehicle;

46 (ii) a vintage vehicle;

47 (iii) a farm truck; or

48 (iv) (A) until Subsection (1)(c)(iv)(B) or (4) applies, a vehicle powered by clean fuel as  
49 defined in Section 59-13-102; or

50 (B) beginning on the effective date of rules made by the Department of Transportation  
51 authorized under Subsection 41-6a-702(5)(b) and until Subsection (4) applies, a vehicle  
52 powered by clean fuel that meets the standards established by the Department of Transportation  
53 in rules authorized under Subsection 41-6a-702(5)(b);

54 (d) recognition special group license plates, which plates are issued for:

55 (i) a current member of the Legislature;

56 (ii) a current member of the United States Congress;

57 (iii) a current member of the National Guard;

- 58 (iv) a licensed amateur radio operator;
- 59 (v) a currently employed, volunteer, or retired firefighter until June 30, 2009;
- 60 (vi) an emergency medical technician;
- 61 (vii) a current member of a search and rescue team;
- 62 (viii) a current honorary consulate designated by the United States Department of
- 63 State;
- 64 (ix) an individual supporting commemoration and recognition of women's suffrage;
- 65 (x) an individual supporting a fraternal, initiatic order for those sharing moral and
- 66 metaphysical ideals, and designed to teach ethical and philosophical matters of brotherly love,
- 67 relief, and truth;
- 68 (xi) an individual supporting the Utah Wing of the Civil Air Patrol; or
- 69 (xii) an individual supporting the recognition and continuation of the work and life of
- 70 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; or
- 71 (e) support special group license plates, as for a contributor to an institution or cause,
- 72 which plates are issued for a contributor to:
- 73 (i) an institution's scholastic scholarship fund;
- 74 (ii) the Division of Wildlife Resources;
- 75 (iii) the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs;
- 76 (iv) the Division of State Parks or the Division of Recreation;
- 77 (v) the Department of Agriculture and Food;
- 78 (vi) the Guardian Ad Litem Services Account and the Children's Museum of Utah;
- 79 (vii) the Boy Scouts of America;
- 80 (viii) spay and neuter programs through No More Homeless Pets in Utah;
- 81 (ix) the Boys and Girls Clubs of America;
- 82 (x) Utah public education;
- 83 (xi) programs that provide support to organizations that create affordable housing for
- 84 those in severe need through the Division of Real Estate;
- 85 (xii) the Department of Public Safety;

- 86 (xiii) programs that support Zion National Park;
- 87 (xiv) beginning on July 1, 2009, programs that provide support to firefighter
- 88 organizations;
- 89 (xv) programs that promote bicycle operation and safety awareness;
- 90 (xvi) programs that conduct or support cancer research;
- 91 (xvii) programs that create or support autism awareness;
- 92 (xviii) programs that create or support humanitarian service and educational and
- 93 cultural exchanges;
- 94 (xix) until September 30, 2017, programs that conduct or support prostate cancer
- 95 awareness, screening, detection, or prevention;
- 96 (xx) programs that support and promote adoptions;
- 97 (xxi) programs that support issues affecting women and children through an
- 98 organization affiliated with a national professional men's basketball organization;
- 99 (xxii) programs that strengthen youth soccer, build communities, and promote
- 100 environmental sustainability through an organization affiliated with a professional men's soccer
- 101 organization;
- 102 (xxiii) programs that support children with heart disease;
- 103 (xxiv) programs that support the operation and maintenance of the Utah Law
- 104 Enforcement Memorial;
- 105 (xxv) programs that provide assistance to children with cancer;
- 106 (xxvi) programs that promote leadership and career development through agricultural
- 107 education;
- 108 (xxvii) the Utah State Historical Society;
- 109 (xxviii) programs to transport veterans to visit memorials honoring the service and
- 110 sacrifices of veterans;
- 111 (xxix) programs that promote motorcycle safety awareness;
- 112 (xxx) organizations that promote clean air through partnership, education, and
- 113 awareness;

114 (xxxix) programs dedicated to strengthening the state's Latino community through  
115 education, mentoring, and leadership opportunities;

116 (xxxix) organizations dedicated to facilitating, connecting, registering, and advocating  
117 for organ donors and donor families; [or]

118 (xxxix) public education on behalf of the Kiwanis International clubs[-]; or

119 (xxxix) the Live On suicide prevention campaign.

120 (2) (a) The division may not issue a new type of special group license plate or decal  
121 unless the division receives:

122 (i) (A) a private donation for the start-up fee established under Section 63J-1-504 for  
123 the production and administrative costs of providing the new special group license plates or  
124 decals; or

125 (B) a legislative appropriation for the start-up fee provided under Subsection  
126 (2)(a)(i)(A); and

127 (ii) beginning on January 1, 2012, and for the issuance of a support special group  
128 license plate authorized in Section 41-1a-422, at least 500 completed applications for the new  
129 type of support special group license plate or decal to be issued with all fees required under this  
130 part for the support special group license plate or decal issuance paid by each applicant.

131 (b) (i) Beginning on January 1, 2012, each participating organization shall collect and  
132 hold applications for support special group license plates or decals authorized in Section  
133 41-1a-422 on or after January 1, 2012, until it has received at least 500 applications.

134 (ii) Once a participating organization has received at least 500 applications, it shall  
135 submit the applications, along with the necessary fees, to the division for the division to begin  
136 working on the design and issuance of the new type of support special group license plate or  
137 decal to be issued.

138 (iii) Beginning on January 1, 2012, the division may not work on the issuance or design  
139 of a new support special group license plate or decal authorized in Section 41-1a-422 until the  
140 applications and fees required under this Subsection (2) have been received by the division.

141 (iv) The division shall begin issuance of a new support special group license plate or

142 decal authorized in Section 41-1a-422 on or after January 1, 2012, no later than six months  
143 after receiving the applications and fees required under this Subsection (2).

144 (c) (i) Beginning on July 1, 2009, the division may not renew a motor vehicle  
145 registration of a motor vehicle that has been issued a firefighter recognition special group  
146 license plate unless the applicant is a contributor as defined in Subsection  
147 41-1a-422(1)(a)(ii)(D) to the Firefighter Support Restricted Account.

148 (ii) A registered owner of a vehicle that has been issued a firefighter recognition  
149 special group license plate prior to July 1, 2009, upon renewal of the owner's motor vehicle  
150 registration shall:

151 (A) be a contributor to the Firefighter Support Restricted Account as required under  
152 Subsection (2)(c)(i); or

153 (B) replace the firefighter recognition special group license plate with a new license  
154 plate.

155 (3) Beginning on July 1, 2011, if a support special group license plate or decal type  
156 authorized in Section 41-1a-422 and issued on or after January 1, 2012, has fewer than 500  
157 license plates issued each year for a three consecutive year time period that begins on July 1,  
158 the division may not issue that type of support special group license plate or decal to a new  
159 applicant beginning on January 1 of the following calendar year after the three consecutive year  
160 time period for which that type of support special group license plate or decal has fewer than  
161 500 license plates issued each year.

162 (4) Beginning on July 1, 2011, the division may not issue to an applicant a unique  
163 vehicle type license plate for a vehicle powered by clean fuel under Subsection (1)(c)(iv).

164 (5) (a) Beginning on October 1, 2017, the division may not issue a new prostate cancer  
165 support special group license plate.

166 (b) A registered owner of a vehicle that has been issued a prostate cancer support  
167 special group license plate before October 1, 2017, may renew the owner's motor vehicle  
168 registration, with the contribution allocated as described in Section 41-1a-422.

169 Section 2. Section 41-1a-422 is amended to read:

170           **41-1a-422. Support special group license plates -- Contributor -- Voluntary**  
171 **contribution collection procedures.**

172           (1) As used in this section:

173           (a) (i) except as provided in Subsection (1)(a)(ii), "contributor" means a person who has  
174 donated or in whose name at least \$25 has been donated to:

175           (A) a scholastic scholarship fund of a single named institution;

176           (B) the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs for veterans programs;

177           (C) the Division of Wildlife Resources for the Wildlife Resources Account created in  
178 Section [23-14-13](#), for conservation of wildlife and the enhancement, preservation, protection,  
179 access, and management of wildlife habitat;

180           (D) the Department of Agriculture and Food for the benefit of conservation districts;

181           (E) the Division of Recreation for the benefit of snowmobile programs;

182           (F) the Guardian Ad Litem Services Account and the Children's Museum of Utah, with  
183 the donation evenly divided between the two;

184           (G) the Boy Scouts of America for the benefit of a Utah Boy Scouts of America  
185 council as specified by the contributor;

186           (H) No More Homeless Pets in Utah for distribution to organizations or individuals  
187 that provide spay and neuter programs that subsidize the sterilization of domestic animals;

188           (I) the Utah Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc. to provide and enhance youth  
189 development programs;

190           (J) the Utah Association of Public School Foundations to support public education;

191           (K) the Utah Housing Opportunity Restricted Account created in Section [61-2-204](#) to  
192 assist people who have severe housing needs;

193           (L) the Public Safety Honoring Heroes Restricted Account created in Section [53-1-118](#)  
194 to support the families of fallen Utah Highway Patrol troopers and other Department of Public  
195 Safety employees;

196           (M) the Division of State Parks for distribution to organizations that provide support  
197 for Zion National Park;

198 (N) the Firefighter Support Restricted Account created in Section 53-7-109 to support  
199 firefighter organizations;

200 (O) the Share the Road Bicycle Support Restricted Account created in Section  
201 72-2-127 to support bicycle operation and safety awareness programs;

202 (P) the Cancer Research Restricted Account created in Section 26-21a-302 to support  
203 cancer research programs;

204 (Q) Autism Awareness Restricted Account created in Section 53F-9-401 to support  
205 autism awareness programs;

206 (R) Humanitarian Service and Educational and Cultural Exchange Restricted Account  
207 created in Section 9-17-102 to support humanitarian service and educational and cultural  
208 programs;

209 (S) Upon renewal of a prostate cancer support special group license plate, to the Cancer  
210 Research Restricted Account created in Section 26-21a-302 to support cancer research  
211 programs;

212 (T) the Choose Life Adoption Support Restricted Account created in Section  
213 62A-4a-608 to support programs that promote adoption;

214 (U) the National Professional Men's Basketball Team Support of Women and Children  
215 Issues Restricted Account created in Section 62A-1-202;

216 (V) the Utah Law Enforcement Memorial Support Restricted Account created in  
217 Section 53-1-120;

218 (W) the Children with Cancer Support Restricted Account created in Section  
219 26-21a-304 for programs that provide assistance to children with cancer;

220 (X) the National Professional Men's Soccer Team Support of Building Communities  
221 Restricted Account created in Section 9-19-102;

222 (Y) the Children with Heart Disease Support Restricted Account created in Section  
223 26-58-102;

224 (Z) the Utah Intracurricular Student Organization Support for Agricultural Education  
225 and Leadership Restricted Account created in Section 4-42-102;



226 (AA) the Division of Wildlife Resources for the Support for State-Owned Shooting  
227 Ranges Restricted Account created in Section 23-14-13.5, for the creation of new, and  
228 operation and maintenance of existing, state-owned firearm shooting ranges;

229 (BB) the Utah State Historical Society to further the mission and purpose of the Utah  
230 State Historical Society;

231 (CC) the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Support Restricted Account created in Section  
232 72-2-130;

233 (DD) the Transportation of Veterans to Memorials Support Restricted Account created  
234 in Section 71-14-102;

235 (EE) clean air support causes, with half of the donation deposited into the Clean Air  
236 Support Restricted Account created in Section 19-1-109, and half of the donation deposited  
237 into the Clean Air Fund created in Section 59-10-1319;

238 (FF) the Latino Community Support Restricted Account created in Section 13-1-16;

239 (GG) the Allyson Gamble Organ Donation Contribution Fund created in Section  
240 26-18b-101; [or]

241 (HH) public education on behalf of the Kiwanis International clubs, with the amount of  
242 the donation required to cover the costs of issuing, ordering, or reordering Kiwanis support  
243 special group plates, as determined by the State Tax Commission, deposited into the Kiwanis  
244 Education Support Fund created in Section 53F-9-403, and all remaining donation amounts  
245 deposited into the Education Fund[-]; or

246 (II) the Governor's Suicide Prevention Fund created in Section 62A-15-1103 to support  
247 the Live On suicide prevention campaign administered by the Division of Substance Abuse and  
248 Mental Health.

249 (ii) (A) For a veterans special group license plate described in Subsection  
250 41-1a-421(1)(a)(v) or 41-1a-422(4), "contributor" means a person who has donated or in whose  
251 name at least a \$25 donation at the time of application and \$10 annual donation thereafter has  
252 been made.

253 (B) For a Utah Housing Opportunity special group license plate, "contributor" means a

254 person who:

255 (I) has donated or in whose name at least \$30 has been donated at the time of  
256 application and annually after the time of application; and

257 (II) is a member of a trade organization for real estate licensees that has more than  
258 15,000 Utah members.

259 (C) For an Honoring Heroes special group license plate, "contributor" means a person  
260 who has donated or in whose name at least \$35 has been donated at the time of application and  
261 annually thereafter.

262 (D) For a firefighter support special group license plate, "contributor" means a person  
263 who:

264 (I) has donated or in whose name at least \$15 has been donated at the time of  
265 application and annually after the time of application; and

266 (II) is a currently employed, volunteer, or retired firefighter.

267 (E) For a cancer research special group license plate, "contributor" means a person who  
268 has donated or in whose name at least \$35 has been donated at the time of application and  
269 annually after the time of application.

270 (F) For a Utah Law Enforcement Memorial Support special group license plate,  
271 "contributor" means a person who has donated or in whose name at least \$35 has been donated  
272 at the time of application and annually thereafter.

273 (b) "Institution" means a state institution of higher education as defined under Section  
274 [53B-3-102](#) or a private institution of higher education in the state accredited by a regional or  
275 national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

276 (2) (a) An applicant for original or renewal collegiate special group license plates under  
277 Subsection (1)(a)(i) must be a contributor to the institution named in the application and  
278 present the original contribution verification form under Subsection (2)(b) or make a  
279 contribution to the division at the time of application under Subsection (3).

280 (b) An institution with a support special group license plate shall issue to a contributor  
281 a verification form designed by the commission containing:

- 282 (i) the name of the contributor;
- 283 (ii) the institution to which a donation was made;
- 284 (iii) the date of the donation; and
- 285 (iv) an attestation that the donation was for a scholastic scholarship.
- 286 (c) The state auditor may audit each institution to verify that the money collected by the
- 287 institutions from contributors is used for scholastic scholarships.
- 288 (d) After an applicant has been issued collegiate license plates or renewal decals, the
- 289 commission shall charge the institution whose plate was issued, a fee determined in accordance
- 290 with Section 63J-1-504 for management and administrative expenses incurred in issuing and
- 291 renewing the collegiate license plates.
- 292 (e) If the contribution is made at the time of application, the contribution shall be
- 293 collected, treated, and deposited as provided under Subsection (3).
- 294 (3) (a) An applicant for original or renewal support special group license plates under
- 295 this section must be a contributor to the sponsoring organization associated with the license
- 296 plate.
- 297 (b) This contribution shall be:
- 298 (i) unless collected by the named institution under Subsection (2), collected by the
- 299 division;
- 300 (ii) considered a voluntary contribution for the funding of the activities specified under
- 301 this section and not a motor vehicle registration fee;
- 302 (iii) deposited into the appropriate account less actual administrative costs associated
- 303 with issuing the license plates; and
- 304 (iv) for a firefighter special group license plate, deposited into the appropriate account
- 305 less:
- 306 (A) the costs of reordering firefighter special group license plate decals; and
- 307 (B) the costs of replacing recognition special group license plates with new license
- 308 plates under Subsection 41-1a-1211(13).
- 309 (c) The donation described in Subsection (1)(a) must be made in the 12 months prior to

310 registration or renewal of registration.

311 (d) The donation described in Subsection (1)(a) shall be a one-time donation made to  
312 the division when issuing original:

313 (i) snowmobile license plates; or

314 (ii) conservation license plates.

315 (4) Veterans license plates shall display one of the symbols representing the Army,  
316 Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, or American Legion.

317 Section 3. Section **62A-15-1103** is amended to read:

318 **62A-15-1103. Governor's Suicide Prevention Fund.**

319 (1) There is created an expendable special revenue fund known as the Governor's  
320 Suicide Prevention Fund.

321 (2) The fund shall consist of donations described in Section [41-1a-422](#), gifts, grants,  
322 and bequests of real property or personal property made to the fund.

323 (3) A donor to the fund may designate a specific purpose for the use of the donor's  
324 donation, if the designated purpose is described in Subsection (4) or [62A-15-1101](#)(3).

325 (4) Subject to Subsection (3), money in the fund shall be used for the following  
326 activities:

327 (a) efforts to directly improve mental health crisis response;

328 (b) efforts that directly reduce risk factors associated with suicide; and

329 (c) efforts that directly enhance known protective factors associated with suicide  
330 reduction.

331 (5) The division shall establish a grant application and review process for the  
332 expenditure of money from the fund.

333 (6) The grant application and review process shall describe:

334 (a) requirements to complete a grant application;

335 (b) requirements to receive funding;

336 (c) criteria for the approval of a grant application;

337 (d) standards for evaluating the effectiveness of a project proposed in a grant

338 application; and

339 (e) support offered by the division to complete a grant application.

340 (7) The division shall:

341 (a) review a grant application for completeness;

342 (b) make a recommendation to the governor or the governor's designee regarding a  
343 grant application;

344 (c) send a grant application to the governor or the governor's designee for evaluation  
345 and approval or rejection;

346 (d) inform a grant applicant of the governor or the governor's designee's determination  
347 regarding the grant application; and

348 (e) direct the fund administrator to release funding for grant applications approved by  
349 the governor or the governor's designee.

350 (8) The state treasurer shall invest the money in the fund under Title 51, Chapter 7,  
351 State Money Management Act, except that all interest or other earnings derived from money in  
352 the fund shall be deposited into the fund.

353 (9) Money in the fund may not be used for the Office of the Governor's administrative  
354 expenses that are normally provided for by legislative appropriation.

355 (10) The governor or the governor's designee may authorize the expenditure of fund  
356 money in accordance with this section.

357 (11) The governor shall make an annual report to the Legislature regarding the status of  
358 the fund, including a report on the contributions received, expenditures made, and programs  
359 and services funded.

360 **Section 4. Effective date.**

361 This bill takes effect on October 15, 2022.