
SENATE BILL 5948

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1 AN ACT Relating to Washington state wrestling special license
2 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 37	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.
	Professional firefighters and paramedics	Recognizes professional firefighters and paramedics who are members of the Washington state council of firefighters.
	Seattle Seahawks	Displays the "Seattle Seahawks" logo.
	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders FC" logo.
	Seattle University	Recognizes Seattle University.

1	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that
2		promotes bicycle safety and
3		awareness education.
4	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington
5		snowsports industry.
6	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state
7		flower.
8	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
9	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that
10		supports selected Washington state
11		lighthouses and provides
12		environmental education programs.
13	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state parks
14		as premier destinations of uncommon
15		quality that preserve significant
16		natural, cultural, historical, and
17		recreational resources.
18	<u>Washington state wrestling</u>	<u>Promotes and supports college</u>
19		<u>wrestling in the state of Washington.</u>
20	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's
21		national parks and supports priority
22		park programs and projects in
23		Washington's national parks, such as
24		enhancing visitor experience,
25		promoting volunteerism, engaging
26		communities, and providing
27		educational opportunities related to
28		Washington's national parks.
29	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's wildlife.
30	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that
31		assists local member agencies of the
32		federation of animal welfare and
33		control agencies to promote and
34		perform spay/neuter surgery on
35		Washington state pets to reduce pet
36		overpopulation.

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Wild on Washington Symbolizes wildlife viewing in
Washington state.

(3) Applicants for initial and renewal professional firefighters and paramedics special license plates must show proof 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 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 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 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.

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

(1) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon application for a vehicle registration in chapter 46.16A RCW, the holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate special 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

1	(f) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
2	(g) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430
3	(h) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
4	(i) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
5	alumni association			
6	(j) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
7	(k) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
8	(l) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
9	(m) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
10	memorial			
11	(n) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
12	system			
13	(o) Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
14	(p) Professional firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
15	and paramedics			
16	(q) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
17	(r) Seattle Seahawks	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
18	(s) Seattle Sounders FC	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
19	(t) Seattle University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
20	(u) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
21	(v) Ski & ride Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
22	(w) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
23	(x) State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
24	(y) Volunteer firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
25	(z) Washington lighthouses	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
26	(aa) Washington state	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
27	parks			
28	(bb) <u>Washington state</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>
29	<u>wrestling</u>			
30	(cc) <u>Washington's national</u>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
31	parks			
32	((tee)) <u>(dd) Washington's</u>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
33	wildlife collection			

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

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

1	Ski & ride Washington	Promote winter snowsports, such
2		as skiing and snowboarding, and
3		related programs, such as ski and
4		ride safety programs,
5		underprivileged youth ski and ride
6		programs, and active, healthy
7		lifestyle programs
8	State flower	Support Meerkerk Rhododendron
9		Gardens and provide for grants to
10		other qualified nonprofit
11		organizations' efforts to preserve
12		rhododendrons
13	Volunteer firefighters	Receive and disseminate funds for
14		purposes on behalf of volunteer
15		firefighters, their families, and
16		others deemed in need
17	<u>Washington state wrestling</u>	<u>Provide funds to the Washington</u>
18		<u>state wrestling foundation to fund</u>
19		<u>new and existing college</u>
20		<u>wrestling programs</u>
21	Washington state council of	Receive and disseminate funds for
22	firefighters benevolent fund	charitable purposes on behalf of
23		members of the Washington state
24		council of firefighters, their
25		families, and others deemed in
26		need
27	Washington's national park fund	Build awareness of Washington's
28		national parks and support priority
29		park programs and projects in
30		Washington's national parks, such
31		as enhancing visitor experience,
32		promoting volunteerism, engaging
33		communities, and providing
34		educational opportunities related
35		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 state wrestling license plates created under RCW
33 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 state wrestling license plates" means special license
37 plates issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display a symbol or artwork
38 recognizing Washington state wrestling.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act takes effect January 1, 2018.

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