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SENATE BILL 6200

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By Senators Hewitt and Rolfes; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing funding for steelhead conservation  
2 through the issuance of Washington's fish license plate collection;  
3 amending RCW 46.68.425; reenacting and amending RCW 46.18.200,  
4 46.17.220, and 77.12.170; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW;  
5 and providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (2) The department approves and shall issue the following special  
20 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	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.

1	Seattle Seahawks	Displays the "Seattle Seahawks"
2		logo.
3	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders
4		FC" logo.
5	Seattle University	Recognizes Seattle University.
6	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that
7		promotes bicycle safety and
8		awareness education.
9	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington
10		snowsports industry.
11	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state
12		flower.
13	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
14	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that
15		supports selected Washington
16		state lighthouses and provides
17		environmental education
18		programs.
19	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state
20		parks as premier destinations of
21		uncommon quality that preserve
22		significant natural, cultural,
23		historical, and recreational
24		resources.
25	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's
26		national parks and supports
27		priority park programs and
28		projects in Washington's national
29		parks, such as enhancing visitor
30		experience, promoting
31		volunteerism, engaging
32		communities, and providing
33		educational opportunities related
34		to Washington's national parks.
35	<u>Washington's fish collection</u>	<u>Recognizes Washington's fish.</u>
36	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's
37		wildlife.

1	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that
2		assists local member agencies of
3		the federation of animal welfare
4		and control agencies to promote
5		and perform spay/neuter surgery
6		on Washington state pets to
7		reduce pet overpopulation.
8	Wild on Washington	Symbolizes wildlife viewing in
9		Washington state.

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

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

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

33 "Washington's fish license plate collection" means the collection  
34 of fish license plate designs. Each license plate design displays a  
35 distinct symbol or artwork, to include steelhead, recognizing the  
36 fish of Washington.

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

3       (1) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
4 application for a vehicle registration in chapter 46.16A RCW, the  
5 holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate special  
6 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) Professional firefighters and paramedics	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
(q) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
(r) Seattle Seahawks	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
(s) Seattle Sounders FC	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
(t) Seattle University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
(u) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420

1	(v) Ski & ride Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	(w) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
3	(x) State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	(y) Volunteer firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
5	(z) Washington lighthouses	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	(aa) Washington state parks	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
7	(bb) <u>Washington's fish</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.425</u>
8	<u>collection</u>			
9	(cc) Washington's national	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
10	parks			
11	(( <del>ee</del> )) (dd) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
12	wildlife collection			
13	(( <del>dd</del> )) (ee) We love our	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
14	pets			
15	(( <del>ee</del> )) (ff) Wild on	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
16	Washington			

17 (2) After deducting administration and collection expenses for  
18 the sale of baseball stadium license plates, the remaining proceeds  
19 must be distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the  
20 principal and interest payments on bonds issued by the county to  
21 construct a baseball stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including  
22 reasonably necessary preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being  
23 collected under RCW 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer  
24 shall credit the funds to the state general fund.

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

27 (1) The department shall:

28 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW  
29 46.17.220;

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

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

1 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor  
 2 vehicle fund until the department determines that the state has been  
 3 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.  
 4 Upon determination by the department that the state has been  
 5 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special  
 6 license plate fees to the following accounts by special license plate  
 7 type:

8	SPECIAL LICENSE	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR
9	PLATE TYPE		USE OF FUNDS
10	Armed forces	RCW 43.60A.140	N/A
11	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
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16	Endangered wildlife	RCW 77.12.170	Must be used only for the department of fish and wildlife's endangered wildlife program activities
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21	Keep kids safe	RCW 43.121.100	As specified in RCW 43.121.100
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23	Washington state parks	RCW 79A.05.059	Provide public educational opportunities and enhancement of Washington state parks
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28	<u>Washington's fish</u>	<u>RCW 77.12.170</u>	<u>Only for the department of fish and wildlife's use to support steelhead species management activities including, but not limited to, activities supporting conservation, recovery, and research to promote healthy, fishable steelhead</u>
29	<u>collection</u>		
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1	Washington's wildlife	RCW 77.12.170	Only for the department
2	collection		of fish and wildlife's
3			game species
4			management activities
5	Wild on Washington	RCW 77.12.170	Dedicated to the
6			department of fish and
7			wildlife's watchable
8			wildlife activities, as
9			defined in RCW
10			77.32.560

11       **Sec. 5.** RCW 77.12.170 and 2011 c 339 s 3, 2011 c 320 s 23, and  
12 2011 c 171 s 112 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

13       (1) There is established in the state treasury the state wildlife  
14 account which consists of moneys received from:

- 15       (a) Rentals or concessions of the department;
- 16       (b) The sale of real or personal property held for department  
17 purposes, unless the property is seized or recovered through a fish,  
18 shellfish, or wildlife enforcement action;
- 19       (c) The assessment of administrative penalties;
- 20       (d) The sale of licenses, permits, tags, and stamps required by  
21 chapter 77.32 RCW, RCW 77.65.490, and application fees;
- 22       (e) Fees for informational materials published by the department;
- 23       (f) Fees for personalized vehicle, Wild on Washington, and  
24 Endangered Wildlife license plates (~~and~~), Washington's Wildlife  
25 license plate collection, and Washington's fish license plate  
26 collection as provided in chapter 46.17 RCW;
- 27       (g) Articles or wildlife sold by the director under this title;
- 28       (h) Compensation for damage to department property or wildlife  
29 losses or contributions, gifts, or grants received under RCW  
30 77.12.320. However, this excludes fish and shellfish overages, and  
31 court-ordered restitution or donations associated with any fish,  
32 shellfish, or wildlife enforcement action, as such moneys must be  
33 deposited pursuant to RCW 77.15.425;
- 34       (i) Excise tax on anadromous game fish collected under chapter  
35 82.27 RCW;
- 36       (j) The department's share of revenues from auctions and raffles  
37 authorized by the commission;



1 (k) The sale of watchable wildlife decals under RCW 77.32.560;  
2 ((and))

3 (1) Moneys received from the recreation access pass account  
4 created in RCW 79A.80.090 must be dedicated to stewardship,  
5 operations, and maintenance of department lands used for public  
6 recreation purposes; and

7 (m) Donations received by the director under RCW 77.12.039.

8 (2) State and county officers receiving any moneys listed in  
9 subsection (1) of this section shall deposit them in the state  
10 treasury to be credited to the state wildlife account.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act takes effect January 1, 2017.

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