
HOUSE BILL 1136

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1 AN ACT Relating to volunteer firefighter special license plates;
2 amending RCW 46.18.200 and 46.17.220; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 46.68 RCW.

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.
Gonzaga University alumni <u>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 firefighter special license
18 plates must be a volunteer firefighter for one or more years and must
19 have documentation of service from the district of the appropriate fire
20 service. If the volunteer firefighter leaves firefighting service
21 between two and ten years after the license plates are issued, the
22 volunteer firefighter shall surrender the license plates to the
23 department on the registration renewal date. If the volunteer
24 firefighter stays in service for at least ten years and then leaves,
25 the license plate will be retained by the former volunteer firefighter
26 and the person will continue to pay the future registration renewals.
27 A qualifying volunteer firefighter may have no more than two sets of
28 license plates per vehicle for their personal vehicles. If the
29 volunteer firefighter is convicted of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or
30 a felony, the license plates must be surrendered upon conviction.

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

33 (1) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
34 application for a vehicle registration in chapter ~~((46.16))~~ 46.16A RCW,
35 the holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate special
36 license plate fee as listed in this section.

1	PLATE TYPE	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE	DISTRIBUTED UNDER
2	(a) Amateur radio license	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
3	(b) Armed forces	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
4	(c) Baseball stadium	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	Subsection (2) of this
5				section
6	(d) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
7	(e) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430
8	(f) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
9	(g) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
10	alumni <u>association</u>			
11	(h) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
12	(i) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
13	(j) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
14	(k) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
15	memorial			
16	(l) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
17	system			
18	(m) Professional firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
19	and paramedics			
20	(n) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
21	(o) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
22	(p) Ski and ride Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
23	(q) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
24	(r) <u>Volunteer firefighters</u>	<u>\$28.00</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>	<u>Section 3 of this act</u>
25	(s) Washington lighthouses	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
26	((s)) (t) Washington state	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
27	parks			
28	((t)) (u) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
29	national parks			
30	((u)) (v) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
31	wildlife collection			
32	((v)) (w) We love our pets	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
33	((w)) (x) Wild on	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
34	Washington			

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

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.68 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 The department shall collect special license plate fees under RCW
12 46.17.220(1)(r) and apply the fees towards administration and
13 collection expenses incurred by the department.

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