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SENATE BILL 5536

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By Senator Fortunato

1 AN ACT Relating to providing funding for the hunter education  
2 training program operated by the department of fish and wildlife  
3 through the issuance of national rifle association special license  
4 plates; amending RCW 77.15.425; reenacting and amending RCW  
5 46.18.200, 46.17.220, and 46.68.425; adding a new section to chapter  
6 46.04 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

8 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.18.200 and 2016 c 36 s 1, 2016 c 30 s 1, 2016 c  
9 16 s 1, and 2016 c 15 s 1 are each reenacted and amended to read as  
10 follows:

11 (1) Special license plate series reviewed and approved by the  
12 department:

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

16 (b) Must be issued under terms and conditions established by the  
17 department;

18 (c) Must not be issued for vehicles registered under chapter  
19 46.87 RCW; and

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

1 (2) The department approves and shall issue the following special  
2 license plates:

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.
<u>National rifle association</u>	<u>Displays the national rifle association logo.</u>

1	Professional firefighters and	Recognizes professional
2	paramedics	firefighters and paramedics who
3		are members of the Washington
4		state council of firefighters.
5	Seattle Seahawks	Displays the "Seattle Seahawks"
6		logo.
7	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders
8		FC" logo.
9	Seattle University	Recognizes Seattle University.
10	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that
11		promotes bicycle safety and
12		awareness education.
13	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington
14		snowsports industry.
15	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state
16		flower.
17	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
18	Washington farmers and ranchers	Recognizes farmers and ranchers
19		in Washington state.
20	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that
21		supports selected Washington
22		state lighthouses and provides
23		environmental education
24		programs.
25	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state
26		parks as premier destinations of
27		uncommon quality that preserve
28		significant natural, cultural,
29		historical, and recreational
30		resources.
31	Washington state wrestling	Promotes and supports college
32		wrestling in the state of
33		Washington.

1	Washington tennis	Builds awareness and year-round
2		opportunities for tennis in
3		Washington state. Displays a
4		symbol or artwork recognizing
5		tennis in Washington state.
6	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's
7		national parks and supports
8		priority park programs and
9		projects in Washington's national
10		parks, such as enhancing visitor
11		experience, promoting
12		volunteerism, engaging
13		communities, and providing
14		educational opportunities related
15		to Washington's national parks.
16	Washington's fish collection	Recognizes Washington's fish.
17	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's
18		wildlife.
19	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that
20		assists local member agencies of
21		the federation of animal welfare
22		and control agencies to promote
23		and perform spay/neuter surgery
24		on Washington state pets to
25		reduce pet overpopulation.
26	Wild on Washington	Symbolizes wildlife viewing in
27		Washington state.

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

32 (4) Applicants for initial volunteer firefighters special license  
33 plates must (a) have been a volunteer firefighter for at least ten  
34 years or be a volunteer firefighter for one or more years and (b)  
35 have documentation of service from the district of the appropriate  
36 fire service. If the volunteer firefighter leaves firefighting  
37 service before ten years of service have been completed, the  
38 volunteer firefighter shall surrender the license plates to the

1 department on the registration renewal date. If the volunteer  
 2 firefighter stays in service for at least ten years and then leaves,  
 3 the license plate may be retained by the former volunteer firefighter  
 4 and as long as the license plate is retained for use the person will  
 5 continue to pay the future registration renewals. A qualifying  
 6 volunteer firefighter may have no more than one set of license plates  
 7 per vehicle, and a maximum of two sets per applicant, for their  
 8 personal vehicles. If the volunteer firefighter is convicted of a  
 9 violation of RCW 46.61.502 or a felony, the license plates must be  
 10 surrendered upon conviction.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.17.220 and 2016 c 36 s 2, 2016 c 31 s 2, 2016 c  
 12 30 s 3, 2016 c 16 s 2, and 2016 c 15 s 2 are each reenacted and  
 13 amended to read as follows:

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

18	PLATE TYPE	INITIAL	RENEWAL	DISTRIBUTED
19		FEE	FEE	UNDER
20	(a) 4-H	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
21	(b) Amateur radio license	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
22	(c) Armed forces	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
23	(d) Baseball stadium	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	Subsection (2) of this
24				section
25	(e) Breast cancer awareness	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
26	(f) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
27	(g) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430
28	(h) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
29	(i) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
30	alumni association			
31	(j) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
32	(k) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
33	(l) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
34	(m) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
35	memorial			

1	(n) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
2	system			
3	(o) Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	(p) <u>National rifle association</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.425</u>
5	(q) Purple Heart	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
6	((q)) (r) Professional	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
7	firefighters and			
8	paramedics			
9	((r)) (s) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
10	((s)) (t) Seattle Seahawks	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
11	((t)) (u) Seattle Sounders	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
12	FC			
13	((u)) (v) Seattle University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
14	((v)) (w) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
15	((w)) (x) Ski & ride	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
16	Washington			
17	((x)) (y) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
18	((y)) (z) State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
19	((z)) (aa) Volunteer	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
20	firefighters			
21	((aa)) (bb) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
22	farmers and ranchers			
23	((bb)) (cc) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
24	lighthouses			
25	((cc)) (dd) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
26	state parks			
27	((dd)) (ee) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
28	state wrestling			
29	((ee)) (ff) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
30	tennis			
31	((ff)) (gg) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
32	fish collection			
33	((gg)) (hh) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
34	national parks			

1	((hh)) (ii) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
2	wildlife collection			
3	((ii)) (jj) We love our pets	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	((jj)) (kk) Wild on	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
5	Washington			

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

14       **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.68.425 and 2016 c 31 s 3 and 2016 c 30 s 4 are  
15 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

16       (1) The department shall:

17       (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW  
18 46.17.220;

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

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

24       (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor  
25 vehicle fund until the department determines that the state has been  
26 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.  
27 Upon determination by the department that the state has been  
28 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special  
29 license plate fees to the following accounts by special license plate  
30 type:

31	SPECIAL LICENSE	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR
32	PLATE TYPE		USE OF FUNDS
33	Armed forces	RCW 43.60A.140	As specified in RCW
34			43.60A.140(4)

1	Breast cancer awareness	RCW 43.70.327	Must be used only by the
2			department of health for
3			efforts consistent with
4			the breast, cervical, and
5			colon health program
6	Endangered wildlife	RCW 77.12.170	Must be used only for
7			the department of fish
8			and wildlife's
9			endangered wildlife
10			program activities
11	Keep kids safe	RCW 43.121.100	As specified in RCW
12			43.121.100
13	<u>National rifle</u>	<u>RCW 77.15.425</u>	<u>For the enhanced</u>
14	<u>association</u>		<u>support of firearm safety</u>
15			<u>and education as part of</u>
16			<u>the hunter education</u>
17			<u>training program under</u>
18			<u>RCW 77.32.155</u>
19	Purple Heart	RCW 43.60A.140	As specified in RCW
20			43.60A.140(4)
21	Washington state parks	RCW 79A.05.059	Provide public
22			educational
23			opportunities and
24			enhancement of
25			Washington state parks
26	Washington's fish	RCW 77.12.170	Only for the department
27	collection		of fish and wildlife's use
28			to support steelhead
29			species management
30			activities including, but
31			not limited to, activities
32			supporting conservation,
33			recovery, and research to
34			promote healthy,
35			fishable steelhead



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. 4.** RCW 77.15.425 and 2016 c 2 s 6 (Initiative Measure No.  
12 1401) are each amended to read as follows:

13       The fish and wildlife enforcement reward account is created in  
14 the custody of the state treasurer. Deposits to the account include:  
15 Receipts from fish and shellfish overages as a result of a department  
16 enforcement action; fees for hunter education deferral applications;  
17 fees for master hunter applications and master hunter certification  
18 renewals; fees for national rifle association license plates as  
19 provided in RCW 46.68.425; all receipts from criminal wildlife  
20 penalty assessments under this chapter; all receipts of court-ordered  
21 restitution or donations associated with any fish, shellfish, or  
22 wildlife enforcement action; and proceeds from forfeitures and  
23 evidence pursuant to RCW 77.15.070 and 77.15.100. The department may  
24 accept money or personal property from persons under conditions  
25 requiring the property or money to be used consistent with the intent  
26 of expenditures from the fish and wildlife enforcement reward  
27 account. Expenditures from the account may be used only for  
28 investigation and prosecution of fish and wildlife offenses, to  
29 provide rewards to persons informing the department about violations  
30 of this title and rules adopted under this title, to offset  
31 department-approved costs incurred to administer the hunter education  
32 deferral program and the master hunter permit program, for the  
33 enhanced support of firearm safety and education as part of the  
34 hunter education training program under RCW 77.32.155, and for other  
35 valid enforcement uses as determined by the commission. Only the  
36 director or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from  
37 the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under

1 chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for  
2 expenditures.

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

5 "National rifle association license plates" means special license  
6 plates issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display the "National Rifle  
7 Association" logo.

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

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