

28 (ii) vintage vehicle;
29 (iii) farm truck; or
30 (iv) vehicle powered by clean fuel and for which a current clean special fuel certificate
31 is maintained as provided in Section 59-13-304;

32 (d) recognition special group license plates, as in a public official or an emergency
33 service giver, which plates are issued for a:

- 34 (i) current member of the Legislature;
- 35 (ii) current member of the United States Congress;
- 36 (iii) current member of the National Guard;
- 37 (iv) licensed amateur radio operator;
- 38 (v) currently employed, volunteer, or retired firefighter;
- 39 (vi) emergency medical technician; or
- 40 (vii) current member of a search and rescue team; and

41 (e) support special group license plates, as for a contributor to an institution or cause,
42 which plates are issued for a contributor to:

- 43 (i) an institution's scholastic scholarship fund;
- 44 (ii) the Division of Wildlife Resources;
- 45 (iii) the Office of Veterans' Affairs;
- 46 (iv) the Division of Parks and Recreation;
- 47 (v) the Department of Agriculture and Food;
- 48 (vi) the Guardian Ad Litem Services Account and the Children's Museum of Utah;
- 49 (vii) the Boy Scouts of America; [or]
- 50 (viii) spay and neuter programs through No More Homeless Pets in Utah[-]; or
- 51 (ix) Utah public education.

52 (2) Beginning January 1, 2003, the division may not issue a new type of special group
53 license plate unless the division receives:

- 54 (a) a start-up fee established under Section 63-38-3.2 for production and administrative
55 costs for providing the new special group license plates; or
- 56 (b) a legislative appropriation for the start-up fee provided under Subsection (2)(a).

57 (3) (a) A sponsoring organization that qualifies for tax-exempt status under Internal
58 Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) may request the commission to authorize a new type of

59 special group license plate for the sponsoring organization. The sponsoring organization shall:

60 (i) collect a minimum of 200 applications; and

61 (ii) pay a start-up fee established under Section 63-38-3.2 for production and
62 administrative costs for providing the new type of special group license plates.

63 (b) If the provisions of Subsection (3)(a) are met, the commission shall approve the
64 request and the division shall:

65 (i) design a license plate in accordance with Section 41-1a-419; and

66 (ii) issue the new type of special group license plates.

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

68 **41-1a-422. Support special group license plates -- Contributor -- Voluntary**
69 **contribution collection procedures.**

70 (1) As used in this section:

71 (a) "Contributor" means a person who has donated or in whose name at least \$25 has
72 been donated to:

73 (i) a scholastic scholarship fund of a single named institution;

74 (ii) the Division of Veterans' Affairs in the Utah National Guard for veterans'
75 programs;

76 (iii) the Division of Wildlife Resources for the Wildlife Resources Account created in
77 Section 23-14-13, for conservation of wildlife and the enhancement, preservation, protection,
78 access, and management of wildlife habitat;

79 (iv) the Department of Agriculture and Food for the benefit of soil conservation
80 districts;

81 (v) the Division of Parks and Recreation for the benefit of snowmobile programs;

82 (vi) the Guardian Ad Litem Services Account and the Children's Museum of Utah,
83 with the donation evenly divided between the two;

84 (vii) the Boy Scouts of America for the benefit of a Utah Boy Scouts of America
85 council as specified by the contributor; [or]

86 (viii) No More Homeless Pets in Utah for distribution to organizations or individuals
87 that provide spay and neuter programs that subsidize the sterilization of domestic animals[-]; or

88 (ix) the Utah Association of Public School Foundations to support public education.

89 (b) "Institution" means a state institution of higher education as defined under Section

90 53B-3-102 or a private institution of higher education in the state accredited by a regional or
91 national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

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

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

98 (i) the name of the contributor;

99 (ii) the institution to which a donation was made;

100 (iii) the date of the donation; and

101 (iv) an attestation that the donation was for a scholastic scholarship.

102 (c) The state auditor may audit each institution to verify that the moneys collected by
103 the institutions from contributors are used for scholastic scholarships.

104 (d) After an applicant has been issued collegiate license plates or renewal decals, the
105 commission shall charge the institution whose plate was issued, a fee determined in accordance
106 with Section 63-38-3.2 for management and administrative expenses incurred in issuing and
107 renewing the collegiate license plates.

108 (e) If the contribution is made at the time of application, the contribution shall be
109 collected, treated, and deposited as provided under Subsection (3).

110 (3) (a) Except as provided under Subsection (3)(d), an applicant for original or renewal
111 support special group license plates under this section must be an annual contributor to the
112 entity or named institution associated with the license plate.

113 (b) This contribution shall be:

114 (i) unless collected by the named institution under Subsection (2), collected by the
115 division;

116 (ii) treated as a voluntary contribution for the funding of the activities specified under
117 this section and not as a motor vehicle registration fee; and

118 (iii) deposited into the appropriate account less actual administrative costs associated
119 with issuing the license plates.

120 (c) Except as provided under Subsection (3)(d), the donation described in Subsection

- 121 (1)(a) must be made in the 12 months prior to registration or renewal of registration.
- 122 (d) The donation described in Subsection (1)(a) shall be a one-time donation made to
- 123 the division when issuing original:
- 124 (i) veterans' license plates;
- 125 (ii) snowmobile license plates; or
- 126 (iii) soil conservation license plates.
- 127 (4) Veterans' license plates shall display one of the symbols representing the Army,
- 128 Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, or American Legion.

129 **Section 3. Effective date.**

130 This act takes effect on October 1, 2003.

131 **Section 4. Coordination clause.**

132 If this bill and H.B. 330, Veterans Group License Plate Revisions, both pass, it is the

133 intent of the Legislature that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel in

134 preparing the Utah Code for publication shall amend Subsection 41-1a-422(1)(a)(ix) of this bill

135 by inserting, "\$25 annually to" after "(ix)".

Legislative Review Note

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This legislation requires a contribution of at least \$25 annually to the Utah Association of Public School Foundations, a private, non-profit entity, in order to qualify for a Utah public education license plate. Article VI, Section 26 of the Utah Constitution prohibits special legislation. The Utah Supreme Court has defined special legislation as legislation that classifies its objects unreasonably, by selecting from a class of particular persons, places, or things for the purpose of conferring privileges or imposing burdens. It is unclear whether a court would determine that requiring a contribution of at least \$25 annually to the Utah Association of Public School Foundations is unconstitutional special legislation. If a court finds that the classification is reasonable, that general legislation is unable to cover the same issues that the special legislation covers, and that the special legislation accomplishes a public purpose, a court would likely uphold the Legislature's action.

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State Impact

One-time start-up costs vary from \$4,300 to \$32,000 depending on the type and quantity of licenses ordered. These expenses would come from Dedicated Credits to the Tax Commission. The bill has a Constitutional note. If the bill is challenged, the state could bear the costs to defend the suit.

	<u>FY 04 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 05 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 04 Revenue</u>	<u>FY 05 Revenue</u>
Dedicated Credits Revenue	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Individual and Business Impact

People ordering these plates will be required to make a \$25 annual contributin to the Utah Association of Public School Foundations.

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