

**VETERANS SPECIAL GROUP LICENSE**

**PLATE AMENDMENTS**

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the Motor Vehicles Code by amending special group license plate provisions.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ provides that a contributor to the Office of Veteran's Affairs shall make an annual donation of \$10 for a veterans' special group license plate after the initial \$25 donation required at the time of application; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill takes effect on October 1, 2004.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**41-1a-422**, as last amended by Chapters 74 and 141, Laws of Utah 2003

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

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

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

(1) As used in this section:

(a) (i) [~~"Contributor"~~] Except as provided in Subsection (1)(a)(ii), "contributor" means a person who has donated or in whose name at least \$25 has been donated to:

[(~~i~~)] (A) a scholastic scholarship fund of a single named institution;

[(~~ii~~)] (B) the Division of Veterans' Affairs in the Utah National Guard for veterans' programs;

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

[(~~iv~~)] (D) the Department of Agriculture and Food for the benefit of soil conservation districts;

[(~~v~~)] (E) the Division of Parks and Recreation for the benefit of snowmobile programs;

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

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

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

[(~~ix~~)] (I) the Utah Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc. to provide and enhance youth development programs; or

[(~~x~~)] (J) the Utah Association of Public School Foundations to support public education.

(ii) For a veterans' special group license plate, "contributor" means a person who has donated or in whose name at least a \$25 donation at the time of application and \$10 annual donation thereafter has been made.

(b) "Institution" means a state institution of higher education as defined under Section 53B-3-102 or a private institution of higher education in the state accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

(2) (a) An applicant for original or renewal collegiate special group license plates under

Subsection (1)(a)(i) must be a contributor to the institution named in the application and present the original contribution verification form under Subsection (2)(b) or make a contribution to the division at the time of application under Subsection (3).

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

- (i) the name of the contributor;
- (ii) the institution to which a donation was made;
- (iii) the date of the donation; and
- (iv) an attestation that the donation was for a scholastic scholarship.

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

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

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

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

(b) This contribution shall be:

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

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

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

(c) ~~[Except as provided under Subsection (3)(d), the]~~ The donation described in

Subsection (1)(a) must be made in the 12 months prior to registration or renewal of registration.

(d) The donation described in Subsection (1)(a) shall be a one-time donation made to the division when issuing original:

~~[(i) veterans' license plates;]~~

~~[(ii)]~~ (i) snowmobile license plates; or

~~[(iii)]~~ (ii) soil conservation license plates.

(4) Veterans' license plates shall display one of the symbols representing the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, or American Legion.

Section 2. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on October 1, 2004.