

SPECIAL GROUP LICENSE PLATE AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates a recognition special group license plate to recognize a fraternal, initiatic order for those sharing moral and metaphysical ideals, and designed to teach ethical and philosophical matters of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

Highlighted Provisions:

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Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

41-1a-418, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapters 39, 99, and 260

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

Section 1. Section **41-1a-418** is amended to read:

41-1a-418. Authorized special group license plates.

(1) The division shall only issue special group license plates in accordance with this section through Section **41-1a-422** to a person who is specified under this section within the

30 categories listed as follows:

31 (a) disability special group license plates issued in accordance with Section 41-1a-420;

32 (b) honor special group license plates, as in a war hero, which plates are issued for a:

33 (i) survivor of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor;

34 (ii) former prisoner of war;

35 (iii) recipient of a Purple Heart;

36 (iv) disabled veteran;

37 (v) recipient of a gold star award issued by the United States Secretary of Defense; or

38 (vi) recipient of a campaign or combat theater award determined by the Department of
39 Veterans and Military Affairs;

40 (c) unique vehicle type special group license plates, as for historical, collectors value,
41 or other unique vehicle type, which plates are issued for:

42 (i) a special interest vehicle;

43 (ii) a vintage vehicle;

44 (iii) a farm truck; or

45 (iv) (A) until Subsection (1)(c)(iv)(B) or (4) applies, a vehicle powered by clean fuel as
46 defined in Section 59-13-102; or

47 (B) beginning on the effective date of rules made by the Department of Transportation
48 authorized under Subsection 41-6a-702(5)(b) and until Subsection (4) applies, a vehicle
49 powered by clean fuel that meets the standards established by the Department of Transportation
50 in rules authorized under Subsection 41-6a-702(5)(b);

51 (d) recognition special group license plates, which plates are issued for:

52 (i) a current member of the Legislature;

53 (ii) a current member of the United States Congress;

54 (iii) a current member of the National Guard;

55 (iv) a licensed amateur radio operator;

56 (v) a currently employed, volunteer, or retired firefighter until June 30, 2009;

57 (vi) an emergency medical technician;

- 58 (vii) a current member of a search and rescue team;
- 59 (viii) a current honorary consulate designated by the United States Department of
- 60 State; [or]
- 61 (ix) an individual supporting commemoration and recognition of women's suffrage; or
- 62 (x) an individual supporting a fraternal, initiatic order for those sharing moral and
- 63 metaphysical ideals, and designed to teach ethical and philosophical matters of brotherly love,
- 64 relief, and truth; or
- 65 (e) support special group license plates, as for a contributor to an institution or cause,
- 66 which plates are issued for a contributor to:
 - 67 (i) an institution's scholastic scholarship fund;
 - 68 (ii) the Division of Wildlife Resources;
 - 69 (iii) the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs;
 - 70 (iv) the Division of Parks and Recreation;
 - 71 (v) the Department of Agriculture and Food;
 - 72 (vi) the Guardian Ad Litem Services Account and the Children's Museum of Utah;
 - 73 (vii) the Boy Scouts of America;
 - 74 (viii) spay and neuter programs through No More Homeless Pets in Utah;
 - 75 (ix) the Boys and Girls Clubs of America;
 - 76 (x) Utah public education;
 - 77 (xi) programs that provide support to organizations that create affordable housing for
 - 78 those in severe need through the Division of Real Estate;
 - 79 (xii) the Department of Public Safety;
 - 80 (xiii) programs that support Zion National Park;
 - 81 (xiv) beginning on July 1, 2009, programs that provide support to firefighter
 - 82 organizations;
 - 83 (xv) programs that promote bicycle operation and safety awareness;
 - 84 (xvi) programs that conduct or support cancer research;
 - 85 (xvii) programs that create or support autism awareness;

86 (xviii) programs that create or support humanitarian service and educational and
87 cultural exchanges;

88 (xix) until September 30, 2017, programs that conduct or support prostate cancer
89 awareness, screening, detection, or prevention;

90 (xx) programs that support and promote adoptions;

91 (xxi) programs that create or support civil rights education and awareness;

92 (xxii) programs that support issues affecting women and children through an
93 organization affiliated with a national professional men's basketball organization;

94 (xxiii) programs that strengthen youth soccer, build communities, and promote
95 environmental sustainability through an organization affiliated with a professional men's soccer
96 organization;

97 (xxiv) programs that support children with heart disease;

98 (xxv) programs that support the operation and maintenance of the Utah Law
99 Enforcement Memorial;

100 (xxvi) programs that provide assistance to children with cancer;

101 (xxvii) programs that promote leadership and career development through agricultural
102 education; or

103 (xxviii) the Utah State Historical Society.

104 (2) (a) The division may not issue a new type of special group license plate or decal
105 unless the division receives:

106 (i) (A) a private donation for the start-up fee established under Section [63J-1-504](#) for
107 the production and administrative costs of providing the new special group license plates or
108 decals; or

109 (B) a legislative appropriation for the start-up fee provided under Subsection
110 (2)(a)(i)(A); and

111 (ii) beginning on January 1, 2012, and for the issuance of a support special group
112 license plate authorized in Section [41-1a-422](#), at least 500 completed applications for the new
113 type of support special group license plate or decal to be issued with all fees required under this

114 part for the support special group license plate or decal issuance paid by each applicant.

115 (b) (i) Beginning on January 1, 2012, each participating organization shall collect and
116 hold applications for support special group license plates or decals authorized in Section
117 41-1a-422 on or after January 1, 2012, until it has received at least 500 applications.

118 (ii) Once a participating organization has received at least 500 applications, it shall
119 submit the applications, along with the necessary fees, to the division for the division to begin
120 working on the design and issuance of the new type of support special group license plate or
121 decal to be issued.

122 (iii) Beginning on January 1, 2012, the division may not work on the issuance or design
123 of a new support special group license plate or decal authorized in Section 41-1a-422 until the
124 applications and fees required under this Subsection (2) have been received by the division.

125 (iv) The division shall begin issuance of a new support special group license plate or
126 decal authorized in Section 41-1a-422 on or after January 1, 2012, no later than six months
127 after receiving the applications and fees required under this Subsection (2).

128 (c) (i) Beginning on July 1, 2009, the division may not renew a motor vehicle
129 registration of a motor vehicle that has been issued a firefighter recognition special group
130 license plate unless the applicant is a contributor as defined in Subsection
131 41-1a-422(1)(a)(ii)(D) to the Firefighter Support Restricted Account.

132 (ii) A registered owner of a vehicle that has been issued a firefighter recognition
133 special group license plate prior to July 1, 2009, upon renewal of the owner's motor vehicle
134 registration shall:

135 (A) be a contributor to the Firefighter Support Restricted Account as required under
136 Subsection (2)(c)(i); or

137 (B) replace the firefighter recognition special group license plate with a new license
138 plate.

139 (3) Beginning on July 1, 2011, if a support special group license plate or decal type
140 authorized in Section 41-1a-422 and issued on or after January 1, 2012, has fewer than 500
141 license plates issued each year for a three consecutive year time period that begins on July 1,

142 the division may not issue that type of support special group license plate or decal to a new
143 applicant beginning on January 1 of the following calendar year after the three consecutive year
144 time period for which that type of support special group license plate or decal has fewer than
145 500 license plates issued each year.

146 (4) Beginning on July 1, 2011, the division may not issue to an applicant a unique
147 vehicle type license plate for a vehicle powered by clean fuel under Subsection (1)(c)(iv).

148 (5) (a) Beginning on October 1, 2017, the division may not issue a new prostate cancer
149 support special group license plate.

150 (b) A registered owner of a vehicle that has been issued a prostate cancer support
151 special group license plate before October 1, 2017, may renew the owner's motor vehicle
152 registration, with the contribution allocated as described in Section [41-1a-422](#).

153 **Section 2. Effective date.**

154 This bill takes effect on October 1, 2019.