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provides that a vintage vehicle is not required to make the voluntary contribution to obtain the historical support special group license plate;

20 ▶ allows contributions for collegiate special group license plates to be used for the institution's compensation to student athletes for the use of the student athlete's name, image, or likeness;

17 ▶ amends the definition of a vintage vehicle to exclude the requirement regarding the type of license plate to be displayed; {and}

25 ▶ requires the State Tax Commission to provide a report regarding special group license plates; and

19 ▶ makes technical changes.

28 Money Appropriated in this Bill:

29 ▶ This bill appropriates \$3,500,000 in expendable funds and accounts for fiscal year 2026, all
30 of which is from the General Fund.

31 Other Special Clauses:

32 This bill provides a special effective date.

34 AMENDS:

35 41-1a-401 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 251 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 251

36 41-1a-418 , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33 , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33

37 41-1a-1601 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33

38 41-1a-1602 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33

39 41-1a-1603 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 251 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 251

40 41-1a-1605 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 251 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 251

41 41-1a-1606 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33

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41-1a-1608 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33

43 **41-21-1** , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 22, 219 , as last amended by Laws of
Utah 2023, Chapters 22, 219

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

46 Section 1. Section **41-1a-401** is amended to read:

47 **41-1a-401. License plates -- Number of plates -- Reflectorization -- Indicia of registration in
lieu of or used with plates.**

49 (1)

(a) Except as provided in Subsections (1)(c), (d), and (e), the division upon registering a vehicle shall issue to the owner:

51 (i) one license plate for a motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer;

52 (ii) one registration decal for a park model recreational vehicle, in lieu of a license plate, which shall be attached in plain sight to the rear of the park model recreational vehicle;

55 (iii) one registration decal for a camper, in lieu of a license plate, which shall be attached in plain sight to the rear of the camper; and

57 (iv) one license plate for every other vehicle.

58 (b) The license plate or registration decal issued under Subsection (1)(a) is for the particular vehicle registered and may not be removed during the term for which the license plate or registration decal is issued or used upon any other vehicle than the registered vehicle.

62 (c)

(i) Notwithstanding Subsections (1)(a) and (b) and except as provided in Subsection (1)(c)(ii), the division, upon registering a motor vehicle that has been sold, traded, or the ownership of which has been otherwise released, shall transfer the license plate issued to the person applying to register the vehicle if:

66 (A) the previous registered owner has included the license plate as part of the sale, trade, or ownership release; and

68 (B) the person applying to register the vehicle applies to transfer the license plate to the new registered owner of the vehicle.

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(ii) The division may not transfer a personalized or special group license plate to a new registered owner under this Subsection (1)(c) if the new registered owner does not meet the qualification or eligibility requirements for that personalized or special group license plate under this part or Part 16, Sponsored Special Group License Plates.

75 (d)

(i) For a vehicle described in Section 41-1a-301, the division upon registering a vehicle shall issue a license plate or set of license plates as provided in that section.

77 (ii) For any commercial vehicle that operates intrastate, at the request of the registrant, the division upon registering a vehicle may issue two license plates, for display on both the front and rear of the intrastate commercial vehicle.

80 (e)

(i) The division upon registering a vehicle may, until inventory of license plate sets is exhausted, but no later than December 31, 2025, issue a set of two plates.

82 (ii) Upon payment of a fee equal to the cost of a replacement as described in Subsection 41-1a-1211(6)(a), and upon submission of an application as prescribed by the division, an individual may request and the division shall issue a set of two license plates.

86 (f) The division shall ensure that license plates are distributed from a central location as soon as practicable, but no later than July 1, 2025.

88 (2) The division may receive applications for registration renewal, renew registration, and issue a new license plate or registration decal at any time prior to the expiration of registration.

91 (3)

(a)

(i) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(a)(ii), all license plates to be manufactured and issued by the division shall be treated with a fully reflective material on the plate face that provides effective and dependable reflective brightness during the service period of the license plate.

95 (ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(a)(i), a historical support special group license plate may be treated with a place face that is partially reflective and provides effective and dependable reflective brightness during the service period of the license plate.

99 (b) The division shall prescribe all license plate material specifications and establish and implement procedures for conforming to the specifications.

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(c) The specifications for the materials used such as the aluminum plate substrate, the reflective sheeting, and glue shall be drawn in a manner so that at least two manufacturers may qualify as suppliers.

104 (d) The granting of contracts for the materials shall be by public bid.

105 (4)

(a) The commission may issue, adopt, and require the use of indicia of registration it considers advisable in lieu of or in conjunction with license plates as provided in this part.

108 (b) All provisions of this part relative to license plates apply to these indicia of registration, so far as the provisions are applicable.

110 (5) A violation of this section is an infraction.

111 Section 2. Section **41-1a-418** is amended to read:

112 **41-1a-418. Authorized special group license plates.**

34 (1) In accordance with this chapter, the division shall issue to an eligible applicant a special group license plate in one of the following categories:

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

37 (b) a special group license plate issued for a:

38 (i) vintage vehicle;

39 (ii) farm truck; or

40 (iii) special group license plate described in Section 41-1a-1602.

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

43 (a) a private donation for the start-up fee established under Section 63J-1-504 for the production and administrative costs of providing the new special group license plate or symbol decal; or

46 (b) a legislative appropriation for the start-up fee described in Subsection (2)(a).

47 (3) Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, the division may not require a contribution as defined in Section 41-1a-1601 for a special group license plate described in Subsection [~~(1)(a)~~ or ~~(b)~~] (1)(a), (1)(b)(i), or (1)(b)(ii).

129 Section 3. Section **41-1a-1601** is amended to read:

130 **41-1a-1601. Definitions.**

As used in this part:

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- (1) "Applicant" means a registered owner who submits an application to obtain or renew a sponsored special group license plate in accordance with this part.
- 134 (2)
- (a) "Charitable purpose" means:
- 135 (i) relief of the poor, the distressed, or the underprivileged;
- 136 (ii) advancement of religion;
- 137 (iii) advancement of education or science;
- 138 (iv) erecting or maintaining a public building, monument, or work;
- 139 (v) reducing the burdens of government;
- 140 (vi) reducing neighborhood tensions;
- 141 (vii) eliminating prejudice and discrimination;
- 142 (viii) defending human rights and civil rights secured by law; or
- 143 (ix) combating community deterioration and juvenile delinquency.
- 144 (b) "Charitable purpose" does not include providing, encouraging, or paying for the costs of obtaining an abortion.
- 146 (3) "Collegiate special group license plate" means a sponsored special group license plate issued to a contributor to an institution.
- 148 (4) "Contributor" means an applicant who contributes the required contribution to a sponsoring organization for a sponsored special group license plate.
- 150 (5) "Corporate brand sponsored special group license plate" means a sponsored special group license plate with a sponsoring organization that is a private business.
- 152 [~~(5)~~] (6)
- (a) "Existing special group license plate" means a special group license plate that the division issues before January 1, 2024.
- 154 (b) "Existing special group license plate" does not include a special group license plate described in Subsection 41-1a-418(1)(a) or (b).
- 156 [~~(6)~~] (7) "Existing state agency recognition special group license plate" means an existing special group license plate issued to a registered owner who:
- 158 (a) has a special license that supports or furthers a government purpose;
- 159 (b) has received an honor that supports or furthers a government purpose;
- 160 (c) has achieved an accomplishment that supports or furthers a government purpose; or

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- 161 (d) holds an elected office.
- 162 [~~(7)~~] (8) "Institution" means:
- 163 (a) a state institution of higher education as defined in Section 53B-3-102; or
- 164 (b) 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.
- 166 [~~(8)~~] (9)
- (a) "Private nonprofit organization" means a private nonprofit organization that:
- 167 (i) qualifies as being tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and
- 169 (ii) has a charitable purpose.
- 170 (b) "Private nonprofit organization" does not include an organization that provides, encourages, or pays for the costs of obtaining an abortion.
- 172 [~~(9)~~] (10) "Private nonprofit special group license plate" means a sponsored special group license plate issued to a contributor to a private nonprofit organization.
- 174 [~~(10)~~] (11) "Required contribution" means:
- 175 (a) the minimum annual contribution amount established under Subsection 41-1a-1603(4)(a)(iii); or
- 177 (b) if the sponsoring organization establishes a minimum annual contribution amount in accordance with Subsection 41-1a-1603(4)(b) that is greater than the minimum required contribution amount established under Subsection 41-1a-1603(4)(a)(iii), the amount the sponsoring organization establishes.
- 181 [~~(11)~~] (12) "Special group license plate" means:
- 182 (a) a collegiate special group license plate;
- 183 (b) a private nonprofit special group license plate;
- 184 (c) a corporate brand sponsored special group license plate;
- 185 [~~(e)~~] (d) a sponsored special group license plate;
- 186 [~~(d)~~] (e) a state agency recognition special group license plate; or
- 187 [~~(e)~~] (f) a state agency support special group license plate.
- 188 [~~(12)~~] (13) "Sponsored special group license plate" means a license plate:
- 189 (a) designed for and associated with a sponsoring organization; and
- 190 (b) issued to an applicant in accordance with this part.
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194 [(13)] (14) "Sponsoring organization" means an institution, a private nonprofit organization, a private
business, or a state agency that is or seeks to be associated with a sponsored special group license
plate created under this part.

196 [(14)] (15) "State agency recognition special group license plate" means a sponsored special group
license plate issued to an applicant who:

197 (a) has a special license that supports or furthers a government purpose;

198 (b) has received an honor that supports or furthers a government purpose;

199 (c) has achieved an accomplishment that supports or furthers a government purpose; or

200 (d) holds an elected office.

201 [(15)] (16)

(a) "State agency support special group license plate" means:

202 (i) a sponsored special group license plate issued to a contributor to a state agency to support a
specific state agency program; or

203 (ii) an existing special group license plate issued for a special interest vehicle.

204 (b) "State agency support special group license plate" includes a cancer support license plate created by
an act of the Legislature before December 31, 2022.

205 Section 4. Section 41-1a-1602 is amended to read:

206 **41-1a-1602. Sponsored special group license plate program.**

207 (1) The division shall establish and administer a sponsored special group license plate program as
described in this part.

208 (2) The division shall issue to an applicant who satisfies the requirements of this part one of the
following:

209 (a) a collegiate special group license plate;

210 (b) a private nonprofit special group license plate;

211 (c) a corporate brand sponsored special group license plate;

212 [(e)] (d) a state agency support special group license plate; or

213 [(d)] (e) a state agency recognition special group license plate.

214 Section 5. Section 41-1a-1603 is amended to read:

215 **41-1a-1603. Application requirements -- Fees -- Contributions -- Rulemaking.** <compare
mode="add">(Compare Error)</compare>

52 (1) An applicant for a sponsored special group license plate shall submit to the division:

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- 53 (a) in a form and manner that the division prescribes, a complete application;
- 54 (b) payment of the fee for the issuance of the sponsored special group license plate established under
Subsection (4)(a)(i);
- 56 (c) the required contribution for the sponsored special group license plate, unless the applicant
previously paid the required contribution as part of a preorder application described in Subsection
[(4)] (3); and
- 59 (d) if the sponsoring organization elects to require verification as described in Section 41-1a-1604, a
verification form obtained from the sponsoring organization.
- 61 (2) An applicant who owns a vehicle with the sponsoring organization's sponsored special group license
plate shall submit to the division the required contribution to renew the sponsored special group
license plate.
- 64 (3)
- (a) An applicant who wishes to obtain a new type of sponsored special group license plate may preorder
the new type of sponsored special group license plate by:
- 66 (i) submitting to the sponsoring organization associated with the new type of sponsored special
group license plate a complete preorder form created by the division; and
- 69 (ii) making the required contribution to the sponsoring organization.
- 70 (b) After the division approves the sponsoring organization's request for the new type of sponsored
special group license plate under Section 41-1a-1604, an applicant who submitted a preorder in
accordance with Subsection (3)(a) may apply for the sponsored special group license plate in
accordance with Subsection (1).
- 74 (4)
- (a) The division shall, in accordance with Section 63J-1-504, establish:
- 75 (i) the fee to charge an applicant for the division's costs of issuing or renewing a sponsored special
group license plate or symbol decal;[-and]
- 77 (ii) the fee to charge a sponsoring organization for the division's costs of designing and
administering a new type of sponsored special group license plate, in accordance with
Subsection 41-1a-1604(2)(c); and
- 80 (iii) subject to [~~Subsection (4)(b)] Subsections (4)(b) and (6), in an amount equal to at least \$25, the
minimum annual contribution amount an applicant is required to make to obtain or renew the
sponsoring organization's sponsored special group license plate.~~

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84 (b) A fee paid in accordance with Subsection (4)(a)(i) shall be deposited into the License Plate
Restricted Account created in [~~Subsection~~] Section 41-1a-122.

86 (c) A sponsoring organization may establish a required contribution amount for the sponsoring
organization's sponsored special group license plate that is greater than the amount established by
the division under Subsection (4)(a)(ii).

89 (5) An applicant's contribution is a voluntary contribution for funding the sponsoring organization's
activities and not a motor vehicle registration fee.

106 ~~Ĥ~~ → [(9) ~~An applicant for a historical support special group license plate for a vehicle that is a~~
] ← ~~Ĥ~~ ~~Ĥ~~ → [~~vintage vehicle is not required to make the voluntary contribution to obtain the historical~~
] ← ~~Ĥ~~ ~~Ĥ~~ → [~~support special group license plate.~~] ← ~~Ĥ~~

109 [(6) ~~Ĥ~~ → (10)] (9) ← ~~Ĥ~~ In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
the commission may make rules to establish and administer the sponsored special group license
plate program.

275 Section 6. Section 41-1a-1605 is amended to read:

276 **41-1a-1605. Collegiate special group license plates.**

277 (1) A sponsoring organization that is an institution may use funds received through the sponsored
special group license plate program only for:

279 (a) the institution's academic scholarships[-] ; or

280 (b) the institution's intercollegiate athletics program for compensation for a student athlete's name,
image, or likeness as described in Title 53B, Chapter 16, Part 6, Use of Student Athlete's Name,
Image, and Likeness in Collegiate Athletics.

283 (2) The state auditor may audit each institution to verify that the money an institution collects from
contributors is used only for [~~academic scholarships~~] the uses described in Subsection (1).

286 (3) A sponsoring organization that is an institution may establish the contribution amount required to
obtain the institution's collegiate special group license plate.

288 Section 7. Section 41-1a-1606 is amended to read:

289 **41-1a-1606. Private nonprofit special group license plates and corporate brand sponsored
special group license plates.**

291 (1) A sponsoring organization that is a private nonprofit organization shall:

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- (a) only use funds received through the sponsored special group license plate program for the charitable purpose described in the private nonprofit organization's application submitted to the division under Section 41-1a-1603; and
- 295 (b) may not use funds received through the sponsored special group license plate program to pay the private nonprofit organization's employee salaries or benefits, administrative costs, or fundraising expenses.
- 298 (2) A private nonprofit organization may collect a contributor's personal information for the purposes of future fundraising and any required reporting, if the private nonprofit organization requires a verification form described in Section 41-1a-1604.
- 301 (3) The state auditor may audit each private nonprofit organization to verify that the money the private nonprofit organization collects from contributors is used for the private nonprofit organization's charitable purpose in accordance with this part.
- 304 (4) A sponsoring organization that is a private business for a corporate brand sponsored special group license plate may use funds received from the sponsored special group license plate program for any purpose.

307 Section 8. Section 41-1a-1608 is amended to read:

308 **41-1a-1608. Review -- Discontinuance -- Consolidation -- Report.**

- 309 (1) The division shall annually review each sponsored special group license plate to determine the number of registered vehicles with each type of sponsored special group license plate during the preceding calendar year.
- 312 (2)
- (a) The division shall discontinue a type of sponsored special group license plate if for three consecutive calendar years, the division's annual review shows that fewer than 500 registered vehicles have that type of sponsored special group license plate.
- 315 (b) The division shall discontinue a sponsored special group license plate under Subsection (2)(a) beginning January 1 of the calendar year following the year of the third annual review.
- 318 (3) If the division discontinues a type of sponsored special group license plate in accordance with this section, the division may not reinstate the sponsored special group license plate unless the sponsoring organization submits a request for the discontinued sponsored special group license plate in the same manner as a request for a new type of sponsored special group license plate under Section 41-1a-1604.

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- 323 (4)
- (a) A registered owner to whom the division issued an existing special group license plate or a sponsored special group license plate that the division discontinues in accordance with this section may continue to display the license plate upon renewing the motor vehicle's registration.
- 327 (b) A registered owner described in Subsection (4)(a) is not required to pay a required contribution to the sponsoring organization associated with the sponsored special group license plate.
- 330 (5) The division may not transfer to a new registered owner a special group license plate that is discontinued under this part.
- 332 (6) Subsection (2) does not apply to a state agency recognition special group license plate that is an existing special group license plate.
- 334 (7) If two or more special group license plates collect required contributions that are distributed to the same entity or fund, the sponsoring organization or organizations may request to consolidate the license plate types for purposes of meeting the minimum threshold described in this section.
- 338 (8) On or before November 1 of each year, the State Tax Commission shall provide a report to the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee, including:
- 340 (a) data on the amount of revenue allocated from each license plate issued under this part;
- 342 (b) the recipients of allocated revenue from each license plate, including the amount to each recipient;
- 344 (c) the number of each type of license plate in circulation; and
- 345 (d) any other information or data the State Tax Commission finds to be relevant.
- 346 Section 9. Section **41-21-1** is amended to read:
- 347 **41-21-1. Definitions.**
- 114 (1) "Autocycle" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-3-102.
- 115 (2) "Motorcycle" means:
- 116 (a) a motor vehicle having a saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground; or
- 118 (b) an autocycle.
- 119 (3)
- (a) "Street rod" means a motor vehicle or motorcycle that:
- 120 (i)
- (A) was manufactured in 1948 or before; or
- 121 (B)

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- 123 (I) was manufactured after 1948 to resemble a vehicle that was manufactured in 1948 or before; and
124 (II)
125 (Aa) has been altered from the manufacturer's original design; or
126 (Bb) has a body constructed from non-original materials; and
127 (ii) is primarily a collector's item that is used for:
128 (A) club activities;
129 (B) exhibitions;
130 (C) tours;
131 (D) parades;
132 (E) occasional transportation; and
133 (F) other similar uses.
134 (b) "Street rod" does not include a motor vehicle or motorcycle that is used for general, daily
135 transportation.
136 (4)
137 (a) "Vintage travel trailer" means a travel trailer, camping trailer, or fifth wheel trailer that is:
138 (i) 30 years old or older, from the current year; and
139 (ii) primarily a collector's item that is used for:
140 (A) participation in club activities;
141 (B) exhibitions;
142 (C) tours;
143 (D) parades;
144 (E) occasional recreational or vacation use; and
145 (F) other similar uses.
146 (b) "Vintage travel trailer" does not include a travel trailer, camping trailer, or fifth wheel trailer that is
147 used for the general, daily transportation of persons or property.
148 (5)
149 (a) "Vintage vehicle" means a motor vehicle or motorcycle that:
150 (i) is 30 years old or older from the current year; and
151 [(ii) displays:]
152 [(A) a unique vehicle type special group license plate issued in accordance with Section 41-1a-418;]
153 [(B) for a vehicle that has a model year of 1982 or older, a historical support special group plate; or]

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153 [~~(C)~~ an original issue license plate in accordance with Section 41-1a-416; and]

154 [~~(iii)~~] (ii) is primarily a collector's item that is used for:

155 (A) participation in club activities;

156 (B) exhibitions;

157 (C) tours;

158 (D) parades;

159 (E) occasional transportation; and

160 (F) other similar uses.

161 (b) "Vintage vehicle" does not include a motor vehicle or motorcycle that is used for general, daily transportation.

163 (c) "Vintage vehicle" includes a:

164 (i) street rod; and

165 (ii) vintage travel trailer.

400 Section 10. **FY 2026 Appropriations.**

401 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
402 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
403 fiscal year 2026.

404 Subsection 10(a). **Expendable Funds and Accounts**

405 The Legislature has reviewed the following expendable funds. The Legislature
406 authorizes the State Division of Finance to transfer amounts between funds and accounts as
407 indicated. Outlays and expenditures from the funds or accounts to which the money is
408 transferred may be made without further legislative action, in accordance with statutory
409 provisions relating to the funds or accounts.

410 ITEM 1 To Department of Cultural and Community Engagement - Heritage and Arts
411 Foundation Fund

412	From General Fund, One-time	3,500,000
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413 Schedule of Programs:

414	Heritage and Arts Foundation Fund	3,500,000
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415 Section 11. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2025.

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