

Val L. Peterson proposes the following substitute bill:

Special Group License Plate Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Val L. Peterson

Senate Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill imposes a cap on the amount of money from a special group license plate that is allowed to be disbursed to a sponsoring state agency.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- imposes a cap of \$500,000 that may be distributed to a sponsoring state agency from each respective special group license plate fees;
- requires any revenue in excess of the \$500,000 cap be deposited into the Transportation Fund;
- requires a transfer of certain support special group license plate revenues to the General Fund; and
- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

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

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

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

41-1a-1610, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33

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.

- 29 (1) In accordance with this chapter, the division shall issue to an eligible applicant a special
 30 group license plate in one of the following categories:
- 31 (a) a disability special group license plate issued in accordance with Section 41-1a-420;
- 32 (b) a special group license plate issued for a:
- 33 (i) vintage vehicle;
- 34 (ii) farm truck; or
- 35 (iii) special group license plate described in Section 41-1a-1602.
- 36 (2) The division may not issue a new type of special group license plate or symbol decal
 37 unless the division receives:
- 38 (a) a private donation for the start-up fee established under Section 63J-1-504 for the
 39 production and administrative costs of providing the new special group license plate
 40 or symbol decal; or
- 41 (b) a legislative appropriation for the start-up fee described in Subsection (2)(a).
- 42 (3) Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, the division may not require a
 43 contribution as defined in Section 41-1a-1601 for a special group license plate described
 44 in Subsection ~~[(1)(a) or (b)]~~ (1)(a), (1)(b)(i), or (1)(b)(ii).

45 Section 2. Section **41-1a-1610** is amended to read:

46 **41-1a-1610 . Sponsored Special Group License Plate Fund.**

- 47 (1) As used in this section, "fund" means the Sponsored Special Group License Plate Fund
 48 created in Subsection (2).
- 49 (2) There is created an expendable special revenue fund known as the "Sponsored Special
 50 Group License Plate Fund."
- 51 (3) The fund consists of all required contributions the division collects under this part.
- 52 (4)(a) For each collegiate special group license plate or private nonprofit special group
 53 license plate, the division shall, at least annually for each fiscal year, disburse from
 54 the fund to the sponsoring organization any money generated from fees under this
 55 part, less any fees or actual administrative costs associated with issuing the
 56 sponsoring organization's sponsored special group license plate.
- 57 (b) For a state agency support special group license plate, the division shall, at least
 58 annually for each fiscal year, disburse from the fund, less any fees or actual
 59 administrative costs associated with issuing a sponsoring organization's sponsored
 60 special group license plate:
- 61 (i) to each sponsoring organization, the lesser of:
- 62 (A) \$500,000; and

63 (B) any money generated from fees under this part; and
 64 (ii) into the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005 created in Section 72-2-124, any
 65 money in excess of \$500,000 generated from fees under this part.

66 (c) For a fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025, only, the division shall transfer up to
 67 \$3,500,000 into the General Fund from funds generated by the highest-earning state
 68 agency support special group license plate.

69 [~~4) The division shall, at least annually, disburse to each sponsoring organization any~~
 70 ~~money, less any fees or actual administrative costs associated with issuing a sponsoring~~
 71 ~~organization's sponsored special group license plate, from the fund.]~~

72 Section 3. **FY 2026 Appropriations.**

73 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
 74 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
 75 fiscal year 2026.

76 Subsection 3(a). **Expendable Funds and Accounts**

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

82 ITEM 1 To Department of Cultural and Community Engagement - Heritage and Arts
 83 Foundation Fund

From General Fund, One-time	3,500,000
Schedule of Programs:	
Heritage and Arts Foundation Fund	3,500,000

87 Section 4. **Effective Date.**

88 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2025.