

Val L. Peterson proposes the following substitute bill:

**Special Group License Plate Amendments**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Val L. Peterson**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill changes the allocation of money from a historical support special group license plate.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- provides the allocation of money from the voluntary contribution for a historical support special group license plate, allocating revenue to the sponsoring agency and to the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005;
- requires the Motor Vehicle Division to provide notice regarding the allocation of the money from the historical support special group license plate;
- requires a one-time transfer of funds related to the support special group license plate;
- provides that a vintage vehicle is not required to make the voluntary contribution to obtain the historical support special group license plate;
- amends the definition of a vintage vehicle to exclude the requirement regarding the type of license plate to be displayed; 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-1603**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 251

29 **41-21-1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 22, 219

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

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

33 **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  
35 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  
42 unless the division receives:

43 (a) a private donation for the start-up fee established under Section 63J-1-504 for the  
44 production and administrative costs of providing the new special group license plate  
45 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  
48 contribution as defined in Section 41-1a-1601 for a special group license plate described  
49 in Subsection [~~(1)(a) or (b)~~] (1)(a), (1)(b)(i), or (1)(b)(ii).

50 Section 2. Section **41-1a-1603** is amended to read:

51 **41-1a-1603 . Application requirements -- Fees -- Contributions -- Rulemaking.**

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

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  
55 established under Subsection (4)(a)(i);

56 (c) the required contribution for the sponsored special group license plate, unless the  
57 applicant previously paid the required contribution as part of a preorder application  
58 described in Subsection [~~(4)~~] (3); and

59 (d) if the sponsoring organization elects to require verification as described in Section  
60 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  
62 group license plate shall submit to the division the required contribution to renew the

- 63 sponsored special group license plate.
- 64 (3)(a) An applicant who wishes to obtain a new type of sponsored special group license  
65 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  
67 sponsored special group license plate a complete preorder form created by the  
68 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  
71 sponsored special group license plate under Section 41-1a-1604, an applicant who  
72 submitted a preorder in accordance with Subsection (3)(a) may apply for the  
73 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  
76 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  
78 and administering a new type of sponsored special group license plate, in  
79 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  
81 least \$25, the minimum annual contribution amount an applicant is required to  
82 make to obtain or renew the sponsoring organization's sponsored special group  
83 license plate.
- 84 (b) A fee paid in accordance with Subsection (4)(a)(i) shall be deposited into the License  
85 Plate Restricted Account created in ~~[Subsection]~~ Section 41-1a-122.
- 86 (c) A sponsoring organization may establish a required contribution amount for the  
87 sponsoring organization's sponsored special group license plate that is greater than  
88 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  
90 organization's activities and not a motor vehicle registration fee.
- 91 (6) Beginning on July 1, 2025, an applicant's voluntary contribution described in  
92 Subsection (4)(a)(iii) for the historical support special group license plate described in  
93 Section 41-1a-419 is \$25 which the division shall allocate as follows:
- 94 (a) \$2 to the Utah State Historical Society as the sponsoring organization; and  
95 (b) \$23 into the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005 created in Section 72-2-124.
- 96 (7) For a fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025, only, the division shall transfer into the

97 General Fund \$3,500,000 from the Sponsored Special Group License Plate Fund created  
98 in Section 41-1a-1610 from funds generated by the historical support special group  
99 license plate.

100 (8) The division shall provide notice indicating the allocation of the voluntary contributions  
101 described in Subsection (6) for the historical support special group license plate as  
102 follows:

103 (a) on or before July 1, 2025, on the division website; and

104 (b) beginning on July 1, 2025, and until June 30, 2026, in any email notification of a  
105 registrant's pending vehicle registration expiration described in Section 41-1a-203.

106 (9) An applicant for a historical support special group license plate for a vehicle that is a  
107 vintage vehicle is not required to make the voluntary contribution to obtain the historical  
108 support special group license plate.

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

112 Section 3. Section **41-21-1** is amended to read:

113 **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  
117 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)(I) was manufactured after 1948 to resemble a vehicle that was  
122 manufactured in 1948 or before; and

123 (II)(Aa) has been altered from the manufacturer's original design; or

124 (Bb) has a body constructed from non-original materials; and

125 (ii) is primarily a collector's item that is used for:

126 (A) club activities;

127 (B) exhibitions;

128 (C) tours;

129 (D) parades;

130 (E) occasional transportation; and

- 131 (F) other similar uses.
- 132 (b) "Street rod" does not include a motor vehicle or motorcycle that is used for general,  
133 daily transportation.
- 134 (4)(a) "Vintage travel trailer" means a travel trailer, camping trailer, or fifth wheel trailer  
135 that is:
- 136 (i) 30 years old or older, from the current year; and  
137 (ii) primarily a collector's item that is used for:
- 138 (A) participation in club activities;  
139 (B) exhibitions;  
140 (C) tours;  
141 (D) parades;  
142 (E) occasional recreational or vacation use; and  
143 (F) other similar uses.
- 144 (b) "Vintage travel trailer" does not include a travel trailer, camping trailer, or fifth  
145 wheel trailer that is used for the general, daily transportation of persons or property.
- 146 (5)(a) "Vintage vehicle" means a motor vehicle or motorcycle that:
- 147 (i) is 30 years old or older from the current year; and  
148 [~~(ii) displays:~~]
- 149 [~~(A) a unique vehicle type special group license plate issued in accordance with~~  
150 ~~Section 41-1a-418;~~]  
151 [~~(B) for a vehicle that has a model year of 1982 or older, a historical support~~  
152 ~~special group plate; or]~~  
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  
162 general, daily transportation.
- 163 (c) "Vintage vehicle" includes a:  
164 (i) street rod; and

165 (ii) vintage travel trailer.

166 Section 4. **FY 2026 Appropriations.**

167 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
168 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for  
169 fiscal year 2026.

170 Subsection 4(a). **Expendable Funds and Accounts**

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

176 ITEM 1 To Department of Cultural and Community Engagement - Heritage and Arts  
177 Foundation Fund

178 From General Fund, One-time 3,500,000

179 Schedule of Programs:

180 Heritage and Arts Foundation Fund 3,500,000

181 Section 5. **Effective Date.**

182 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2025.