

**CLEAN FUEL SPECIAL GROUP LICENSE  
PLATE AMENDMENTS**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Todd E. Kiser**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**Committee Note:**

The Transportation Interim Committee recommended this bill.

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the Motor Vehicles Code by amending provisions relating to clean fuel special group license plates.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ changes the eligibility requirements for a clean fuel special group license plate from requiring a vehicle to maintain a clean special fuel tax certificate to requiring that the vehicle meet standards established by the Department of Transportation in administrative rules beginning on the effective date of the rules; and

- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**41-1a-418**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapters 173, 217, and 325



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*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 categories listed as follows:

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

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

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

(ii) former prisoner of war;

(iii) recipient of a Purple Heart;

(iv) disabled veteran; or

(v) recipient of a gold star award issued by the United States Secretary of Defense if the recipient is the spouse, parent, or sibling of a servicemember killed;

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

(i) a special interest vehicle;

(ii) a vintage vehicle;

(iii) a farm truck; or

(iv) (A) until Subsection (1)(c)(iv)(B) applies, a vehicle powered by clean fuel and for which a current clean special fuel certificate is maintained as provided in Section 59-13-304; or

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

(d) recognition special group license plates, as in a public official or an emergency service giver, which plates are issued for a:

(i) current member of the Legislature;

(ii) current member of the United States Congress;

(iii) current member of the National Guard;

- 59 (iv) licensed amateur radio operator;
- 60 (v) currently employed, volunteer, or retired firefighter;
- 61 (vi) emergency medical technician;
- 62 (vii) current member of a search and rescue team; or
- 63 (viii) current honorary consulate designated by the United States Department of State;

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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' 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; or
- 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 (2) Beginning January 1, 2003, the division may not issue a new type of special group  
80 license plate unless the division receives:

81 (a) a start-up fee established under Section 63-38-3.2 for production and administrative  
82 costs for providing the new special group license plates; or

83 (b) a legislative appropriation for the start-up fee provided under Subsection (2)(a).

84 (3) (a) A sponsoring organization that qualifies for tax-exempt status under Internal  
85 Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) may request the commission to authorize a new type of  
86 special group license plate for the sponsoring organization. The sponsoring organization shall:

87 (i) collect a minimum of 200 applications; and

88 (ii) pay a start-up fee established under Section 63-38-3.2 for production and  
89 administrative costs for providing the new type of special group license plates.

- 90 (b) If the provisions of Subsection (3)(a) are met, the commission shall approve the  
91 request and the division shall:
- 92 (i) design a license plate in accordance with Section 41-1a-419; and
  - 93 (ii) issue the new type of special group license plates.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**H.B. 62 - Clean Fuel Special Group License Plate Amendments**

**Fiscal Note**

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will change the eligibility requirement for a clean fuel special group license plate from the standards set forth for a clean special fuel tax certificate to standards established by the Department of Transportation. Approximately 1,000 owners will be required to buy new plates at \$5 per plate. Of the amount they pay, \$1 will be deposited into the Transportation Fund and \$4 into the Reflectorized Plate Fee dedicated credit account to cover the cost of replacement.

	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2010</u> <u>Revenue</u>
Transportation Fund, One-time	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Dedicated Credits	\$0	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Approximately 1,000 vehicles issued a special fuel tax certificate will not be eligible under the new federal regulations. Owners of such vehicles would be required to pay the replacement plate fee (\$5).