

1                   **SPECIAL GROUP LICENSE PLATE FOR MOTORCYCLE**  
2                                   **SAFETY AWARENESS**

3   2019 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Mark A. Wheatley**

6   Senate Sponsor: Luz Escamilla

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8                   **LONG TITLE**

9                   **General Description:**

10                   This bill creates a support special group license plate to promote and support  
11 motorcycle safety awareness.

12                   **Highlighted Provisions:**

13                   This bill:

- 14                   ▶ creates a support special group license plate to promote and support motorcycle  
15 safety awareness;
- 16                   ▶ creates the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Support Restricted Account;
- 17                   ▶ requires the Department of Transportation to manage and make distributions from  
18 the account to a qualifying organization; and
- 19                   ▶ makes technical changes.

20                   **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

21                   None

22                   **Other Special Clauses:**

23                   This bill provides a special effective date.

24                   **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25                   AMENDS:

26                   **41-1a-418**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapters 39, 99, and 260

27                   **41-1a-422**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapters 39, 260, and 415



28 ENACTS:

29 [72-2-130](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953



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) The division shall only issue special group license plates in accordance with this  
35 section through Section [41-1a-422](#) to a person who is specified under this section within the  
36 categories listed as follows:

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

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

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

40 (ii) former prisoner of war;

41 (iii) recipient of a Purple Heart;

42 (iv) disabled veteran;

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

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

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

48 (i) a special interest vehicle;

49 (ii) a vintage vehicle;

50 (iii) a farm truck; or

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

53 (B) beginning on the effective date of rules made by the Department of Transportation  
54 authorized under Subsection [41-6a-702](#)(5)(b) and until Subsection (4) applies, a vehicle  
55 powered by clean fuel that meets the standards established by the Department of Transportation  
56 in rules authorized under Subsection [41-6a-702](#)(5)(b);

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

58 (i) a current member of the Legislature;

- 59 (ii) a current member of the United States Congress;
- 60 (iii) a current member of the National Guard;
- 61 (iv) a licensed amateur radio operator;
- 62 (v) a currently employed, volunteer, or retired firefighter until June 30, 2009;
- 63 (vi) an emergency medical technician;
- 64 (vii) a current member of a search and rescue team;
- 65 (viii) a current honorary consulate designated by the United States Department of  
66 State; or
- 67 (ix) an individual supporting commemoration and recognition of women's suffrage; or
- 68 (e) support special group license plates, as for a contributor to an institution or cause,  
69 which plates are issued for a contributor to:
- 70 (i) an institution's scholastic scholarship fund;
- 71 (ii) the Division of Wildlife Resources;
- 72 (iii) the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs;
- 73 (iv) the Division of Parks and Recreation;
- 74 (v) the Department of Agriculture and Food;
- 75 (vi) the Guardian Ad Litem Services Account and the Children's Museum of Utah;
- 76 (vii) the Boy Scouts of America;
- 77 (viii) spay and neuter programs through No More Homeless Pets in Utah;
- 78 (ix) the Boys and Girls Clubs of America;
- 79 (x) Utah public education;
- 80 (xi) programs that provide support to organizations that create affordable housing for  
81 those in severe need through the Division of Real Estate;
- 82 (xii) the Department of Public Safety;
- 83 (xiii) programs that support Zion National Park;
- 84 (xiv) beginning on July 1, 2009, programs that provide support to firefighter  
85 organizations;
- 86 (xv) programs that promote bicycle operation and safety awareness;
- 87 (xvi) programs that conduct or support cancer research;
- 88 (xvii) programs that create or support autism awareness;
- 89 (xviii) programs that create or support humanitarian service and educational and

90 cultural exchanges;

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

93 (xx) programs that support and promote adoptions;

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

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

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

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

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

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

104 (xxvii) programs that promote leadership and career development through agricultural  
105 education; [or]

106 (xxviii) the Utah State Historical Society[-]; or

107 (xxix) programs that promote motorcycle safety awareness.

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

110 (i) (A) a private donation for the start-up fee established under Section 63J-1-504 for  
111 the production and administrative costs of providing the new special group license plates or  
112 decals; or

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

115 (ii) beginning on January 1, 2012, and for the issuance of a support special group  
116 license plate authorized in Section 41-1a-422, at least 500 completed applications for the new  
117 type of support special group license plate or decal to be issued with all fees required under this  
118 part for the support special group license plate or decal issuance paid by each applicant.

119 (b) (i) Beginning on January 1, 2012, each participating organization shall collect and  
120 hold applications for support special group license plates or decals authorized in Section

121 41-1a-422 on or after January 1, 2012, until it has received at least 500 applications.

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

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

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

132 (c) (i) Beginning on July 1, 2009, the division may not renew a motor vehicle  
133 registration of a motor vehicle that has been issued a firefighter recognition special group  
134 license plate unless the applicant is a contributor as defined in Subsection  
135 41-1a-422(1)(a)(ii)(D) to the Firefighter Support Restricted Account.

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

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

141 (B) replace the firefighter recognition special group license plate with a new license  
142 plate.

143 (3) Beginning on July 1, 2011, if a support special group license plate or decal type  
144 authorized in Section 41-1a-422 and issued on or after January 1, 2012, has fewer than 500  
145 license plates issued each year for a three consecutive year time period that begins on July 1,  
146 the division may not issue that type of support special group license plate or decal to a new  
147 applicant beginning on January 1 of the following calendar year after the three consecutive year  
148 time period for which that type of support special group license plate or decal has fewer than  
149 500 license plates issued each year.

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

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

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

157 Section 2. Section 41-1a-422 is amended to read:

158 **41-1a-422. Support special group license plates -- Contributor -- Voluntary**  
159 **contribution collection procedures.**

160 (1) As used in this section:

161 (a) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(a)(ii), "contributor" means a person who  
162 has donated or in whose name at least \$25 has been donated to:

163 (A) a scholastic scholarship fund of a single named institution;

164 (B) the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs for veterans programs;

165 (C) the Division of Wildlife Resources for the Wildlife Resources Account created in  
166 Section 23-14-13, for conservation of wildlife and the enhancement, preservation, protection,  
167 access, and management of wildlife habitat;

168 (D) the Department of Agriculture and Food for the benefit of conservation districts;

169 (E) the Division of Parks and Recreation for the benefit of snowmobile programs;

170 (F) the Guardian Ad Litem Services Account and the Children's Museum of Utah, with  
171 the donation evenly divided between the two;

172 (G) the Boy Scouts of America for the benefit of a Utah Boy Scouts of America  
173 council as specified by the contributor;

174 (H) No More Homeless Pets in Utah for distribution to organizations or individuals  
175 that provide spay and neuter programs that subsidize the sterilization of domestic animals;

176 (I) the Utah Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc. to provide and enhance youth  
177 development programs;

178 (J) the Utah Association of Public School Foundations to support public education;

179 (K) the Utah Housing Opportunity Restricted Account created in Section 61-2-204 to  
180 assist people who have severe housing needs;

181 (L) the Public Safety Honoring Heroes Restricted Account created in Section 53-1-118  
182 to support the families of fallen Utah Highway Patrol troopers and other Department of Public

183 Safety employees;

184 (M) the Division of Parks and Recreation for distribution to organizations that provide  
185 support for Zion National Park;

186 (N) the Firefighter Support Restricted Account created in Section 53-7-109 to support  
187 firefighter organizations;

188 (O) the Share the Road Bicycle Support Restricted Account created in Section  
189 72-2-127 to support bicycle operation and safety awareness programs;

190 (P) the Cancer Research Restricted Account created in Section 26-21a-302 to support  
191 cancer research programs;

192 (Q) Autism Awareness Restricted Account created in Section 53F-9-401 to support  
193 autism awareness programs;

194 (R) Humanitarian Service and Educational and Cultural Exchange Restricted Account  
195 created in Section 9-17-102 to support humanitarian service and educational and cultural  
196 programs;

197 (S) Prostate Cancer Support Restricted Account created in Section 26-21a-303 for  
198 programs that conduct or support prostate cancer awareness, screening, detection, or prevention  
199 until September 30, 2017, and beginning on October 1, 2017, upon renewal of a prostate cancer  
200 support special group license plate, to the Cancer Research Restricted Account created in  
201 Section 26-21a-302 to support cancer research programs;

202 (T) the Choose Life Adoption Support Restricted Account created in Section  
203 62A-4a-608 to support programs that promote adoption;

204 (U) the Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Support Restricted Account created in  
205 Section 9-18-102;

206 (V) the National Professional Men's Basketball Team Support of Women and Children  
207 Issues Restricted Account created in Section 62A-1-202;

208 (W) the Utah Law Enforcement Memorial Support Restricted Account created in  
209 Section 53-1-120;

210 (X) the Children with Cancer Support Restricted Account created in Section  
211 26-21a-304 for programs that provide assistance to children with cancer;

212 (Y) the National Professional Men's Soccer Team Support of Building Communities  
213 Restricted Account created in Section 9-19-102;

214 (Z) the Children with Heart Disease Support Restricted Account created in Section  
215 [26-58-102](#);

216 (AA) the Utah Intracurricular Student Organization Support for Agricultural Education  
217 and Leadership Restricted Account created in Section [4-42-102](#);

218 (BB) the Division of Wildlife Resources for the Support for State-Owned Shooting  
219 Ranges Restricted Account created in Section [23-14-13.5](#), for the creation of new, and  
220 operation and maintenance of existing, state-owned firearm shooting ranges; [or]

221 (CC) the Utah State Historical Society to further the mission and purpose of the Utah  
222 State Historical Society[-]; or

223 (DD) the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Support Restricted Account created in Section  
224 [72-2-130](#).

225 (ii) (A) For a veterans special group license plate, "contributor" means a person who  
226 has donated or in whose name at least a \$25 donation at the time of application and \$10 annual  
227 donation thereafter has been made.

228 (B) For a Utah Housing Opportunity special group license plate, "contributor" means a  
229 person who:

230 (I) has donated or in whose name at least \$30 has been donated at the time of  
231 application and annually after the time of application; and

232 (II) is a member of a trade organization for real estate licensees that has more than  
233 15,000 Utah members.

234 (C) For an Honoring Heroes special group license plate, "contributor" means a person  
235 who has donated or in whose name at least \$35 has been donated at the time of application and  
236 annually thereafter.

237 (D) For a firefighter support special group license plate, "contributor" means a person  
238 who:

239 (I) has donated or in whose name at least \$15 has been donated at the time of  
240 application and annually after the time of application; and

241 (II) is a currently employed, volunteer, or retired firefighter.

242 (E) For a cancer research special group license plate, "contributor" means a person who  
243 has donated or in whose name at least \$35 has been donated at the time of application and  
244 annually after the time of application.



245 (F) For a Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Support special group license plate,  
246 "contributor" means a person who has donated or in whose name at least \$35 has been donated  
247 at the time of application and annually thereafter.

248 (G) For a Utah Law Enforcement Memorial Support special group license plate,  
249 "contributor" means a person who has donated or in whose name at least \$35 has been donated  
250 at the time of application and annually thereafter.

251 (b) "Institution" means a state institution of higher education as defined under Section  
252 [53B-3-102](#) or a private institution of higher education in the state accredited by a regional or  
253 national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

254 (2) (a) An applicant for original or renewal collegiate special group license plates under  
255 Subsection (1)(a)(i) must be a contributor to the institution named in the application and  
256 present the original contribution verification form under Subsection (2)(b) or make a  
257 contribution to the division at the time of application under Subsection (3).

258 (b) An institution with a support special group license plate shall issue to a contributor  
259 a verification form designed by the commission containing:

- 260 (i) the name of the contributor;
- 261 (ii) the institution to which a donation was made;
- 262 (iii) the date of the donation; and
- 263 (iv) an attestation that the donation was for a scholastic scholarship.

264 (c) The state auditor may audit each institution to verify that the money collected by the  
265 institutions from contributors is used for scholastic scholarships.

266 (d) After an applicant has been issued collegiate license plates or renewal decals, the  
267 commission shall charge the institution whose plate was issued, a fee determined in accordance  
268 with Section [63J-1-504](#) for management and administrative expenses incurred in issuing and  
269 renewing the collegiate license plates.

270 (e) If the contribution is made at the time of application, the contribution shall be  
271 collected, treated, and deposited as provided under Subsection (3).

272 (3) (a) An applicant for original or renewal support special group license plates under  
273 this section must be a contributor to the sponsoring organization associated with the license  
274 plate.

275 (b) This contribution shall be:

276 (i) unless collected by the named institution under Subsection (2), collected by the  
277 division;

278 (ii) considered a voluntary contribution for the funding of the activities specified under  
279 this section and not a motor vehicle registration fee;

280 (iii) deposited into the appropriate account less actual administrative costs associated  
281 with issuing the license plates; and

282 (iv) for a firefighter special group license plate, deposited into the appropriate account  
283 less:

284 (A) the costs of reordering firefighter special group license plate decals; and  
285 (B) the costs of replacing recognition special group license plates with new license  
286 plates under Subsection [41-1a-1211](#)(13).

287 (c) The donation described in Subsection (1)(a) must be made in the 12 months prior to  
288 registration or renewal of registration.

289 (d) The donation described in Subsection (1)(a) shall be a one-time donation made to  
290 the division when issuing original:

291 (i) snowmobile license plates; or  
292 (ii) conservation license plates.

293 (4) Veterans license plates shall display one of the symbols representing the Army,  
294 Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, or American Legion.

295 Section 3. Section **72-2-130** is enacted to read:

296 **72-2-130. Motorcycle Safety Awareness Support Restricted Account.**

297 (1) There is created in the General Fund the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Support  
298 Restricted Account.

299 (2) The account shall be funded by:

300 (a) contributions deposited into the account in accordance with Section [41-1a-422](#);  
301 (b) appropriations to the account by the Legislature;  
302 (c) private contributions; and  
303 (d) donations or grants from public or private entities.

304 (3) The Legislature shall appropriate funds in the account to the department.

305 (4) The department may expend up to 5% of the money appropriated under Subsection  
306 (3) to administer account distributions in accordance with Subsections (5) and (6).

- 307 (5) The department shall distribute contributions in the account to one or more  
308 charitable organizations that:
- 309 (a) are exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
310 Revenue Code;
- 311 (b) have as part of their primary mission:
- 312 (i) the promotion of motorcycle safety and awareness;  
313 (ii) safe motor vehicle operation around motorcycles; and  
314 (iii) assistance to motorcycle riders who have been involved in an accident that resulted  
315 in hospitalization; and
- 316 (c) contribute to the start-up fee for the production and administrative costs for  
317 providing a Motorcycle Safety Awareness Support special group license plate in accordance  
318 with Subsection 41-1a-418(2)(a).
- 319 (6) (a) An organization described in Subsection (5) may apply to the department to  
320 receive a distribution in accordance with Subsection (5).
- 321 (b) An organization that receives a distribution from the department in accordance with  
322 Subsection (5) shall expend the distribution only to:
- 323 (i) pay the costs of reordering Motorcycle Safety Awareness Support special group  
324 license plate decals;
- 325 (ii) produce and distribute materials to educate motorcycle riders and motorists about  
326 motorcycle safety and awareness and obeying the law in Utah;
- 327 (iii) promote education on motorcycle safety;  
328 (iv) assist motorcycle riders and families of motorcycle riders who have been involved  
329 in a motorcycle accident resulting in hospitalization; and
- 330 (v) provide other programs that promote motorcycle and related traffic safety.
- 331 (c) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
332 department may make rules providing procedures and requirements for an organization to  
333 apply to the department to receive a distribution under Subsection (5).

334 **Section 4. Effective date.**

335 This bill takes effect on October 1, 2019.