Senator Wayne A. Harper proposes the following substitute bill:

PERSONAL LICENSE PLATE AMENDMENTS

2020 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor:  Luz Escamilla
House Sponsor:  Marc K. Roberts

LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill prohibits the issuance of new personalized license plates.

Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:

- prohibits the issuance of new personalized license plates;
- allows an individual to keep current personalized license plates; and
- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None

Other Special Clauses:
None

Utah Code Sections Affected:
AMENDS:
41-1a-411, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 49

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
Section 1.  Section 41-1a-411 is amended to read:
41-1a-411. Application for personalized plates -- Refusal authorized.
Subject to Subsection (2), an applicant for personalized license plates or renewal of the plates shall file an application for the plates in the form and by the date the division requires, indicating the combination of letters, numbers, or both requested as a registration number.

(2) (a) Beginning on July 1, 2020, the division may no longer accept applications or issue personalized license plates.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a), the division may accept an application for renewal of personalized license plates.

(3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(4), the division may refuse to issue or revoke any combination of letters, numbers, or both that may carry connotations offensive to good taste and decency or that would be misleading.

(b) The division may refuse to issue a combination of letters, numbers, or both as a registration number if that same combination is already in use as a registration number on an existing license plate.

(4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b) or (3)(b), the division may not refuse a combination of letters, numbers, or both as a registration number if:

(i) the license plate is an honor special group license plate as described in Section 41-1a-421; and

(ii) the combination of letters, numbers, or both refers to:

(A) a year related to military service;

(B) a military branch; or

(C) an official achievement, badge, or honor received for military service.

(b) If an applicant requests a combination containing only numbers, the division may refuse the combination if the combination includes less than four numerical digits.