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SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE DESIGNATION

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason

Senate Sponsor: Daniel W. Thatcher

LONG TITLE

Committee Note:

The Government Operations Interim Committee recommended this bill.

Legislative Vote: 14 voting for 0 voting against 2 absent

General Description:

This bill creates a support special group license plate to support the Live On suicide prevention campaign.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates a support special group license plate to support the Live On suicide prevention campaign;
- ▶ requires that an individual requesting the license plate make a donation to the Governor's Suicide Prevention Fund to support the Live On campaign; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

41-1a-418, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 219, 280, and 378



28 [41-1a-422](#), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 219, 280, and 378

29 [62A-15-1103](#), as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 414



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;
- 67 (ix) an individual supporting commemoration and recognition of women's suffrage;
- 68 (x) an individual supporting a fraternal, initiatic order for those sharing moral and
69 metaphysical ideals, and designed to teach ethical and philosophical matters of brotherly love,
70 relief, and truth;
- 71 (xi) an individual supporting the Utah Wing of the Civil Air Patrol; or
- 72 (xii) an individual supporting the recognition and continuation of the work and life of
73 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; or
- 74 (e) support special group license plates, as for a contributor to an institution or cause,
75 which plates are issued for a contributor to:
- 76 (i) an institution's scholastic scholarship fund;
- 77 (ii) the Division of Wildlife Resources;
- 78 (iii) the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs;
- 79 (iv) the Division of State Parks or the Division of Recreation;
- 80 (v) the Department of Agriculture and Food;
- 81 (vi) the Guardian Ad Litem Services Account and the Children's Museum of Utah;
- 82 (vii) the Boy Scouts of America;
- 83 (viii) spay and neuter programs through No More Homeless Pets in Utah;
- 84 (ix) the Boys and Girls Clubs of America;
- 85 (x) Utah public education;
- 86 (xi) programs that provide support to organizations that create affordable housing for
87 those in severe need through the Division of Real Estate;
- 88 (xii) the Department of Public Safety;
- 89 (xiii) programs that support Zion National Park;

- 90 (xiv) beginning on July 1, 2009, programs that provide support to firefighter
- 91 organizations;
- 92 (xv) programs that promote bicycle operation and safety awareness;
- 93 (xvi) programs that conduct or support cancer research;
- 94 (xvii) programs that create or support autism awareness;
- 95 (xviii) programs that create or support humanitarian service and educational and
- 96 cultural exchanges;
- 97 (xix) until September 30, 2017, programs that conduct or support prostate cancer
- 98 awareness, screening, detection, or prevention;
- 99 (xx) programs that support and promote adoptions;
- 100 (xxi) programs that support issues affecting women and children through an
- 101 organization affiliated with a national professional men's basketball organization;
- 102 (xxii) programs that strengthen youth soccer, build communities, and promote
- 103 environmental sustainability through an organization affiliated with a professional men's soccer
- 104 organization;
- 105 (xxiii) programs that support children with heart disease;
- 106 (xxiv) programs that support the operation and maintenance of the Utah Law
- 107 Enforcement Memorial;
- 108 (xxv) programs that provide assistance to children with cancer;
- 109 (xxvi) programs that promote leadership and career development through agricultural
- 110 education;
- 111 (xxvii) the Utah State Historical Society;
- 112 (xxviii) programs to transport veterans to visit memorials honoring the service and
- 113 sacrifices of veterans;
- 114 (xxix) programs that promote motorcycle safety awareness;
- 115 (xxx) organizations that promote clean air through partnership, education, and
- 116 awareness;
- 117 (xxxii) programs dedicated to strengthening the state's Latino community through
- 118 education, mentoring, and leadership opportunities;
- 119 (xxxii) organizations dedicated to facilitating, connecting, registering, and advocating
- 120 for organ donors and donor families; [or]

121 (xxxiii) public education on behalf of the Kiwanis International clubs[-]; or
122 (xxxiv) the Live On suicide prevention campaign.

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

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

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

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

134 (b) (i) Beginning on January 1, 2012, each participating organization shall collect and
135 hold applications for support special group license plates or decals authorized in Section
136 41-1a-422 on or after January 1, 2012, until it has received at least 500 applications.

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

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

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

147 (c) (i) Beginning on July 1, 2009, the division may not renew a motor vehicle
148 registration of a motor vehicle that has been issued a firefighter recognition special group
149 license plate unless the applicant is a contributor as defined in Subsection
150 41-1a-422(1)(a)(ii)(D) to the Firefighter Support Restricted Account.

151 (ii) A registered owner of a vehicle that has been issued a firefighter recognition

152 special group license plate prior to July 1, 2009, upon renewal of the owner's motor vehicle
153 registration shall:

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

156 (B) replace the firefighter recognition special group license plate with a new license
157 plate.

158 (3) Beginning on July 1, 2011, if a support special group license plate or decal type
159 authorized in Section 41-1a-422 and issued on or after January 1, 2012, has fewer than 500
160 license plates issued each year for a three consecutive year time period that begins on July 1,
161 the division may not issue that type of support special group license plate or decal to a new
162 applicant beginning on January 1 of the following calendar year after the three consecutive year
163 time period for which that type of support special group license plate or decal has fewer than
164 500 license plates issued each year.

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

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

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

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

173 **41-1a-422. Support special group license plates -- Contributor -- Voluntary**
174 **contribution collection procedures.**

175 (1) As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

- 183 (D) the Department of Agriculture and Food for the benefit of conservation districts;
- 184 (E) the Division of Recreation for the benefit of snowmobile programs;
- 185 (F) the Guardian Ad Litem Services Account and the Children's Museum of Utah, with
186 the donation evenly divided between the two;
- 187 (G) the Boy Scouts of America for the benefit of a Utah Boy Scouts of America
188 council as specified by the contributor;
- 189 (H) No More Homeless Pets in Utah for distribution to organizations or individuals
190 that provide spay and neuter programs that subsidize the sterilization of domestic animals;
- 191 (I) the Utah Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc. to provide and enhance youth
192 development programs;
- 193 (J) the Utah Association of Public School Foundations to support public education;
- 194 (K) the Utah Housing Opportunity Restricted Account created in Section 61-2-204 to
195 assist people who have severe housing needs;
- 196 (L) the Public Safety Honoring Heroes Restricted Account created in Section 53-1-118
197 to support the families of fallen Utah Highway Patrol troopers and other Department of Public
198 Safety employees;
- 199 (M) the Division of State Parks for distribution to organizations that provide support
200 for Zion National Park;
- 201 (N) the Firefighter Support Restricted Account created in Section 53-7-109 to support
202 firefighter organizations;
- 203 (O) the Share the Road Bicycle Support Restricted Account created in Section
204 72-2-127 to support bicycle operation and safety awareness programs;
- 205 (P) the Cancer Research Restricted Account created in Section 26-21a-302 to support
206 cancer research programs;
- 207 (Q) Autism Awareness Restricted Account created in Section 53F-9-401 to support
208 autism awareness programs;
- 209 (R) Humanitarian Service and Educational and Cultural Exchange Restricted Account
210 created in Section 9-17-102 to support humanitarian service and educational and cultural
211 programs;
- 212 (S) Upon renewal of a prostate cancer support special group license plate, to the Cancer
213 Research Restricted Account created in Section 26-21a-302 to support cancer research

214 programs;

215 (T) the Choose Life Adoption Support Restricted Account created in Section

216 [62A-4a-608](#) to support programs that promote adoption;

217 (U) the National Professional Men's Basketball Team Support of Women and Children

218 Issues Restricted Account created in Section [62A-1-202](#);

219 (V) the Utah Law Enforcement Memorial Support Restricted Account created in

220 Section [53-1-120](#);

221 (W) the Children with Cancer Support Restricted Account created in Section

222 [26-21a-304](#) for programs that provide assistance to children with cancer;

223 (X) the National Professional Men's Soccer Team Support of Building Communities

224 Restricted Account created in Section [9-19-102](#);

225 (Y) the Children with Heart Disease Support Restricted Account created in Section

226 [26-58-102](#);

227 (Z) the Utah Intracurricular Student Organization Support for Agricultural Education

228 and Leadership Restricted Account created in Section [4-42-102](#);

229 (AA) the Division of Wildlife Resources for the Support for State-Owned Shooting

230 Ranges Restricted Account created in Section [23-14-13.5](#), for the creation of new, and

231 operation and maintenance of existing, state-owned firearm shooting ranges;

232 (BB) the Utah State Historical Society to further the mission and purpose of the Utah

233 State Historical Society;

234 (CC) the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Support Restricted Account created in Section

235 [72-2-130](#);

236 (DD) the Transportation of Veterans to Memorials Support Restricted Account created

237 in Section [71-14-102](#);

238 (EE) clean air support causes, with half of the donation deposited into the Clean Air

239 Support Restricted Account created in Section [19-1-109](#), and half of the donation deposited

240 into the Clean Air Fund created in Section [59-10-1319](#);

241 (FF) the Latino Community Support Restricted Account created in Section [13-1-16](#);

242 (GG) the Allyson Gamble Organ Donation Contribution Fund created in Section

243 [26-18b-101](#); [or]

244 (HH) public education on behalf of the Kiwanis International clubs, with the amount of

245 the donation required to cover the costs of issuing, ordering, or reordering Kiwanis support
246 special group plates, as determined by the State Tax Commission, deposited into the Kiwanis
247 Education Support Fund created in Section [53F-9-403](#), and all remaining donation amounts
248 deposited into the Education Fund~~[-]; or~~

249 (II) the Governor's Suicide Prevention Fund created in Section [62A-15-1103](#) to support
250 the Live On suicide prevention campaign administered by the Division of Substance Abuse and
251 Mental Health.

252 (ii) (A) For a veterans special group license plate described in Subsection
253 [41-1a-421\(1\)\(a\)\(v\)](#) or [41-1a-422\(4\)](#), "contributor" means a person who has donated or in whose
254 name at least a \$25 donation at the time of application and \$10 annual donation thereafter has
255 been made.

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

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

260 (II) is a member of a trade organization for real estate licensees that has more than
261 15,000 Utah members.

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

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

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

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

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

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

276 (b) "Institution" means a state institution of higher education as defined under Section
277 53B-3-102 or a private institution of higher education in the state accredited by a regional or
278 national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

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

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

- 285 (i) the name of the contributor;
- 286 (ii) the institution to which a donation was made;
- 287 (iii) the date of the donation; and
- 288 (iv) an attestation that the donation was for a scholastic scholarship.

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

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

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

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

300 (b) This contribution shall be:

- 301 (i) unless collected by the named institution under Subsection (2), collected by the
302 division;
- 303 (ii) considered a voluntary contribution for the funding of the activities specified under
304 this section and not a motor vehicle registration fee;
- 305 (iii) deposited into the appropriate account less actual administrative costs associated
306 with issuing the license plates; and

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

309 (A) the costs of reordering firefighter special group license plate decals; and

310 (B) the costs of replacing recognition special group license plates with new license
311 plates under Subsection [41-1a-1211](#)(13).

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

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

316 (i) snowmobile license plates; or

317 (ii) conservation license plates.

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

320 Section 3. Section **62A-15-1103** is amended to read:

321 **62A-15-1103. Governor's Suicide Prevention Fund.**

322 (1) There is created an expendable special revenue fund known as the Governor's
323 Suicide Prevention Fund.

324 (2) The fund shall consist of donations described in Section [41-1a-422](#), gifts, grants,
325 and bequests of real property or personal property made to the fund.

326 (3) A donor to the fund may designate a specific purpose for the use of the donor's
327 donation, if the designated purpose is described in Subsection (4) or [62A-15-1101](#)(3).

328 (4) Subject to Subsection (3), money in the fund shall be used for the following
329 activities:

330 (a) efforts to directly improve mental health crisis response;

331 (b) efforts that directly reduce risk factors associated with suicide; and

332 (c) efforts that directly enhance known protective factors associated with suicide
333 reduction.

334 (5) The division shall establish a grant application and review process for the
335 expenditure of money from the fund.

336 (6) The grant application and review process shall describe:

337 (a) requirements to complete a grant application;

- 338 (b) requirements to receive funding;
- 339 (c) criteria for the approval of a grant application;
- 340 (d) standards for evaluating the effectiveness of a project proposed in a grant
- 341 application; and
- 342 (e) support offered by the division to complete a grant application.
- 343 (7) The division shall:
- 344 (a) review a grant application for completeness;
- 345 (b) make a recommendation to the governor or the governor's designee regarding a
- 346 grant application;
- 347 (c) send a grant application to the governor or the governor's designee for evaluation
- 348 and approval or rejection;
- 349 (d) inform a grant applicant of the governor or the governor's designee's determination
- 350 regarding the grant application; and
- 351 (e) direct the fund administrator to release funding for grant applications approved by
- 352 the governor or the governor's designee.
- 353 (8) The state treasurer shall invest the money in the fund under Title 51, Chapter 7,
- 354 State Money Management Act, except that all interest or other earnings derived from money in
- 355 the fund shall be deposited into the fund.
- 356 (9) Money in the fund may not be used for the Office of the Governor's administrative
- 357 expenses that are normally provided for by legislative appropriation.
- 358 (10) The governor or the governor's designee may authorize the expenditure of fund
- 359 money in accordance with this section.
- 360 (11) The governor shall make an annual report to the Legislature regarding the status of
- 361 the fund, including a report on the contributions received, expenditures made, and programs
- 362 and services funded.

363 **Section 4. Effective date.**

364 This bill takes effect on October 15, 2022.