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**SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE DESIGNATION**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Jen Plumb**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill creates the Great Salt Lake Preservation support special group license plate.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ creates the Great Salt Lake Preservation support special group license plate;
- ▶ directs revenue generated by the support special group license plate to be deposited into the Sovereign Lands Management Account to enhance preservation of the Great Salt Lake watershed and ecosystem; 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 2022, Chapters 19, 48, 68, and 451

**41-1a-422**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 19, 48, 68, 255, 259, 335, 451, and 456

**65A-5-1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 54



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

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

30 **41-1a-418. Authorized special group license plates.**

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

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

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

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

37 (ii) former prisoner of war;

38 (iii) recipient of a Purple Heart;

39 (iv) disabled veteran;

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

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

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

45 (i) a special interest vehicle;

46 (ii) a vintage vehicle;

47 (iii) a farm truck; or

48 (iv) (A) until Subsection (1)(c)(iv)(B) or (4) applies, a vehicle powered by clean fuel as  
49 defined in Section **59-13-102**; or

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

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

55 (i) a current member of the Legislature;

56 (ii) a current member of the United States Congress;

57 (iii) a current member of the National Guard;

58 (iv) a licensed amateur radio operator;

- 59 (v) a currently employed, volunteer, or retired firefighter until June 30, 2009;
- 60 (vi) an emergency medical technician;
- 61 (vii) a current member of a search and rescue team;
- 62 (viii) a current honorary consulate designated by the United States Department of  
63 State;
- 64 (ix) an individual supporting commemoration and recognition of women's suffrage;
- 65 (x) an individual supporting a fraternal, initiatic order for those sharing moral and  
66 metaphysical ideals, and designed to teach ethical and philosophical matters of brotherly love,  
67 relief, and truth;
- 68 (xi) an individual supporting the Utah Wing of the Civil Air Patrol; or
- 69 (xii) an individual supporting the recognition and continuation of the work and life of  
70 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; or
- 71 (e) support special group license plates, as for a contributor to an institution or cause,  
72 which plates are issued for a contributor to:
  - 73 (i) an institution's scholastic scholarship fund;
  - 74 (ii) the Division of Wildlife Resources;
  - 75 (iii) the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs;
  - 76 (iv) the Division of Outdoor Recreation;
  - 77 (v) the Department of Agriculture and Food;
  - 78 (vi) the Guardian Ad Litem Services Account and the Children's Museum of Utah;
  - 79 (vii) the Boy Scouts of America;
  - 80 (viii) spay and neuter programs through No More Homeless Pets in Utah;
  - 81 (ix) the Boys and Girls Clubs of America;
  - 82 (x) Utah public education;
  - 83 (xi) programs that provide support to organizations that create affordable housing for  
84 those in severe need through the Division of Real Estate;
  - 85 (xii) the Department of Public Safety;
  - 86 (xiii) programs that support Zion National Park;
  - 87 (xiv) beginning on July 1, 2009, programs that provide support to firefighter  
88 organizations;
  - 89 (xv) programs that promote bicycle operation and safety awareness;

- 90 (xvi) programs that conduct or support cancer research;
- 91 (xvii) programs that create or support autism awareness;
- 92 (xviii) programs that create or support humanitarian service and educational and
- 93 cultural exchanges;
- 94 (xix) until September 30, 2017, programs that conduct or support prostate cancer
- 95 awareness, screening, detection, or prevention;
- 96 (xx) programs that support and promote adoptions;
- 97 (xxi) programs that support issues affecting women and children through an
- 98 organization affiliated with a national professional men's basketball organization;
- 99 (xxii) programs that strengthen youth soccer, build communities, and promote
- 100 environmental sustainability through an organization affiliated with a professional men's soccer
- 101 organization;
- 102 (xxiii) programs that support children with heart disease;
- 103 (xxiv) programs that support the operation and maintenance of the Utah Law
- 104 Enforcement Memorial;
- 105 (xxv) programs that provide assistance to children with cancer;
- 106 (xxvi) programs that promote leadership and career development through agricultural
- 107 education;
- 108 (xxvii) the Utah State Historical Society;
- 109 (xxviii) programs that promote motorcycle safety awareness;
- 110 (xxix) organizations that promote clean air through partnership, education, and
- 111 awareness;
- 112 (xxx) programs dedicated to strengthening the state's Latino community through
- 113 education, mentoring, and leadership opportunities;
- 114 (xxxii) organizations dedicated to facilitating, connecting, registering, and advocating
- 115 for organ donors and donor families;
- 116 (xxxiii) public education on behalf of the Kiwanis International clubs;
- 117 (xxxiiii) the Live On suicide prevention campaign; [or]
- 118 (xxxv) the Division of State Parks to advance the Utah State Parks dark sky
- 119 initiative[-]; or
- 120 (xxxvi) the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands to protect the Great Salt Lake.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

154 (B) replace the firefighter recognition special group license plate with a new license  
155 plate.

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

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

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

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

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

171 **41-1a-422. Support special group license plates -- Contributor -- Voluntary**  
172 **contribution collection procedures.**

173 (1) As used in this section:

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

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

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

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

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

182 (E) the Division of Outdoor Recreation for the benefit of snowmobile programs;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

197 (M) the Division of Outdoor Recreation for distribution to organizations that provide  
198 support for Zion National Park;

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

201 (O) the Share the Road Bicycle Support Restricted Account created in Section  
202 72-2-127 to support bicycle operation and safety awareness programs;

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

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

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

210 (S) Upon renewal of a prostate cancer support special group license plate, to the  
211 Cancer Research Restricted Account created in Section 26-21a-302 to support cancer research  
212 programs;

213 (T) the Choose Life Adoption Support Restricted Account created in Section 80-2-502

214 to support programs that promote adoption;

215 (U) the National Professional Men's Basketball Team Support of Women and Children  
216 Issues Restricted Account created in Section 26B-1-302;

217 (V) the Utah Law Enforcement Memorial Support Restricted Account created in  
218 Section 53-1-120;

219 (W) the Children with Cancer Support Restricted Account created in Section  
220 26-21a-304 for programs that provide assistance to children with cancer;

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

223 (Y) the Children with Heart Disease Support Restricted Account created in Section  
224 26-58-102;

225 (Z) the Utah Intracurricular Student Organization Support for Agricultural Education  
226 and Leadership Restricted Account created in Section 4-42-102;

227 (AA) the Division of Wildlife Resources for the Support for State-Owned Shooting  
228 Ranges Restricted Account created in Section 23-14-13.5, for the creation of new, and  
229 operation and maintenance of existing, state-owned firearm shooting ranges;

230 (BB) the Utah State Historical Society to further the mission and purpose of the Utah  
231 State Historical Society;

232 (CC) the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Support Restricted Account created in Section  
233 72-2-130;

234 (DD) clean air support causes, with half of the donation deposited into the Clean Air  
235 Support Restricted Account created in Section 19-1-109, and half of the donation deposited  
236 into the Clean Air Fund created in Section 59-10-1319;

237 (EE) the Latino Community Support Restricted Account created in Section 13-1-16;

238 (FF) the Allyson Gamble Organ Donation Contribution Fund created in Section  
239 26-18b-101;

240 (GG) public education on behalf of the Kiwanis International clubs, with the amount of  
241 the donation required to cover the costs of issuing, ordering, or reordering Kiwanis support  
242 special group plates, as determined by the State Tax Commission, deposited into the Kiwanis  
243 Education Support Fund created in Section 53F-9-403, and all remaining donation amounts  
244 deposited into the Uniform School Fund;



245 (HH) the Governor's Suicide Prevention Fund created in Section 62A-15-1103 to  
246 support the Live On suicide prevention campaign administered by the Division of Integrated  
247 Healthcare; [or]

248 (II) the State Park Fees Restricted Account created in Section 79-4-402 to support the  
249 Division of State Parks' dark sky initiative[-]; or

250 (JJ) the Sovereign Lands Management Account created in Section 65A-5-1 to support  
251 the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands' efforts to benefit and conserve the Great Salt  
252 Lake watershed and ecosystem.

253 (ii) (A) For a veterans special group license plate described in Subsection (4) or  
254 41-1a-421(1)(a)(v), "contributor" means a person who has donated or in whose name at least a  
255 \$25 donation at the time of application and \$10 annual donation thereafter has 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) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(a)(ii), an applicant for original or  
298 renewal support special group license plates under this section must be a contributor to the  
299 sponsoring organization associated with the license plate.

300 (ii) An applicant for a historical special group license plate is not required to make a  
301 donation to the Utah State Historical Society if the historical special group license plate is for a  
302 vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1980 or older.

303 (b) This contribution shall be:

304 (i) unless collected by the named institution under Subsection (2), collected by the  
305 division;

306 (ii) considered a voluntary contribution for the funding of the activities specified under

307 this section and not a motor vehicle registration fee;

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

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

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

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

315 (c) The donation described in Subsection (1)(a) must be made in the 12 months before  
316 registration or renewal of registration.

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

319 (i) snowmobile license plates; or

320 (ii) conservation license plates.

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

323 Section 3. Section **65A-5-1** is amended to read:

324 **65A-5-1. Sovereign Lands Management Account.**

325 (1) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as the  
326 "Sovereign Lands Management Account."

327 (2) The Sovereign Lands Management Account shall consist of the following:

328 (a) the revenues derived from sovereign lands, except for revenues deposited into the  
329 Great Salt Lake Account under Section [65A-5-1.5](#);

330 (b) that portion of the revenues derived from mineral leases on other lands managed by  
331 the division necessary to recover management costs;

332 (c) revenues derived from the Great Salt Lake Preservation support special group  
333 license plate described in Sections [41-1a-418](#) and [41-1a-422](#);

334 [~~(c)~~] (d) fees deposited by the division; and

335 [~~(d)~~] (e) amounts deposited into the account in accordance with Section [59-23-4](#).

336 (3) (a) The expenditures of the division relating directly to the management of  
337 sovereign lands shall be funded by appropriation by the Legislature from the Sovereign Lands

338 Management Account or other sources.

339 (b) Money in the Sovereign Lands Management Account may be used only for the  
340 direct benefit of sovereign lands, including the management of sovereign lands.

341 (c) In appropriating money from the Sovereign Lands Management Account, the  
342 Legislature shall prefer appropriations that benefit the sovereign land from which the money is  
343 derived unless compelling circumstances require that money be appropriated for sovereign land  
344 other than the sovereign land from which the money is derived.

345 (4) The division shall use the amount deposited into the account under Subsection  
346 (2)(d) for the Great Salt Lake as described in Section [65A-10-8](#) as directed by the Great Salt  
347 Lake Advisory Council created in Section [73-30-201](#).

348 **Section 4. Effective date.**

349 This bill takes effect on November 1, 2023.