

Val L. Peterson proposes the following substitute bill:

**Special Group License Plate Amendments**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill changes the allocation of money from a historical support special group license plate.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- provides the allocation of money from the voluntary contribution for a historical support special group license plate, allocating revenue to the sponsoring agency and to the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005;
- requires the Motor Vehicle Division to provide notice regarding the allocation of the money from the historical support special group license plate;
- provides that a vintage vehicle is not required to make the voluntary contribution to obtain the historical support special group license plate;
- amends the definition of a vintage vehicle to exclude the requirement regarding the type of license plate to be displayed; 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 renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33

**41-1a-1603**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 251

**41-21-1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 22, 219

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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) In accordance with this chapter, the division shall issue to an eligible applicant a special group license plate in one of the following categories:
  - (a) a disability special group license plate issued in accordance with Section 41-1a-420;
  - (b) a special group license plate issued for a:
    - (i) vintage vehicle;
    - (ii) farm truck; or
    - (iii) special group license plate described in Section 41-1a-1602.
- (2) The division may not issue a new type of special group license plate or symbol decal unless the division receives:
  - (a) a private donation for the start-up fee established under Section 63J-1-504 for the production and administrative costs of providing the new special group license plate or symbol decal; or
  - (b) a legislative appropriation for the start-up fee described in Subsection (2)(a).
- (3) Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, the division may not require a contribution as defined in Section 41-1a-1601 for a special group license plate described in Subsection ~~[(1)(a) or (b)]~~ (1)(a), (1)(b)(i), or (1)(b)(ii).

Section 2. Section **41-1a-1603** is amended to read:

**41-1a-1603 . Application requirements -- Fees -- Contributions -- Rulemaking.**

- (1) An applicant for a sponsored special group license plate shall submit to the division:
  - (a) in a form and manner that the division prescribes, a complete application;
  - (b) payment of the fee for the issuance of the sponsored special group license plate established under Subsection (4)(a)(i);
  - (c) the required contribution for the sponsored special group license plate, unless the applicant previously paid the required contribution as part of a preorder application described in Subsection ~~[(4)]~~ (3); and
  - (d) if the sponsoring organization elects to require verification as described in Section 41-1a-1604, a verification form obtained from the sponsoring organization.
- (2) An applicant who owns a vehicle with the sponsoring organization's sponsored special group license plate shall submit to the division the required contribution to renew the sponsored special group license plate.
- (3)(a) An applicant who wishes to obtain a new type of sponsored special group license

plate may preorder the new type of sponsored special group license plate by:

(i) submitting to the sponsoring organization associated with the new type of sponsored special group license plate a complete preorder form created by the division; and

(ii) making the required contribution to the sponsoring organization.

(b) After the division approves the sponsoring organization's request for the new type of sponsored special group license plate under Section 41-1a-1604, an applicant who submitted a preorder in accordance with Subsection (3)(a) may apply for the sponsored special group license plate in accordance with Subsection (1).

(4)(a) The division shall, in accordance with Section 63J-1-504, establish:

(i) the fee to charge an applicant for the division's costs of issuing or renewing a sponsored special group license plate or symbol decal; ~~and~~

(ii) the fee to charge a sponsoring organization for the division's costs of designing and administering a new type of sponsored special group license plate, in accordance with Subsection 41-1a-1604(2)(c); and

(iii) subject to ~~[Subsection (4)(b)]~~ Subsections (4)(b) and (6), in an amount equal to at least \$25, the minimum annual contribution amount an applicant is required to make to obtain or renew the sponsoring organization's sponsored special group license plate.

(b) A fee paid in accordance with Subsection (4)(a)(i) shall be deposited into the License Plate Restricted Account created in ~~[Subsection]~~ Section 41-1a-122.

(c) A sponsoring organization may establish a required contribution amount for the sponsoring organization's sponsored special group license plate that is greater than the amount established by the division under Subsection (4)(a)(ii).

(5) An applicant's contribution is a voluntary contribution for funding the sponsoring organization's activities and not a motor vehicle registration fee.

(6) Beginning on July 1, 2025, an applicant's voluntary contribution described in Subsection (4)(a)(iii) for the historical support special group license plate described in Section 41-1a-419 is \$25 which the division shall allocate as follows:

(a) \$2 to the Utah State Historical Society as the sponsoring organization; and

(b) \$23 into the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005, created in Section 72-2-124.

(7) The division shall provide notice indicating the allocation of the voluntary contributions described in Subsection (6) for the historical support special group license plate as follows:

- (a) on or before July 1, 2025, on the division website; and  
(b) beginning on July 1, 2025, and until June 30, 2026, in any email notification of a  
registrant's pending vehicle registration expiration described in Section 41-1a-203.

(8) An applicant for a historical support special group license plate for a vehicle that is a  
vintage vehicle is not required to make the voluntary contribution to obtain the historical  
support special group license plate.

[~~(6)~~] (9) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
commission may make rules to establish and administer the sponsored special group  
license plate program.

Section 3. Section **41-21-1** is amended to read:

**41-21-1 . Definitions.**

(1) "Autocycle" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-3-102.

(2) "Motorcycle" means:

- (a) a motor vehicle having a saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not  
more than three wheels in contact with the ground; or  
(b) an autocycle.

(3)(a) "Street rod" means a motor vehicle or motorcycle that:

(i)(A) was manufactured in 1948 or before; or

(B)(I) was manufactured after 1948 to resemble a vehicle that was  
manufactured in 1948 or before; and

(II)(Aa) has been altered from the manufacturer's original design; or

(Bb) has a body constructed from non-original materials; and

(ii) is primarily a collector's item that is used for:

(A) club activities;

(B) exhibitions;

(C) tours;

(D) parades;

(E) occasional transportation; and

(F) other similar uses.

(b) "Street rod" does not include a motor vehicle or motorcycle that is used for general,  
daily transportation.

(4)(a) "Vintage travel trailer" means a travel trailer, camping trailer, or fifth wheel trailer  
that is:

(i) 30 years old or older, from the current year; and

(ii) primarily a collector's item that is used for:

(A) participation in club activities;

(B) exhibitions;

(C) tours;

(D) parades;

(E) occasional recreational or vacation use; and

(F) other similar uses.

(b) "Vintage travel trailer" does not include a travel trailer, camping trailer, or fifth wheel trailer that is used for the general, daily transportation of persons or property.

(5)(a) "Vintage vehicle" means a motor vehicle or motorcycle that:

(i) is 30 years old or older from the current year; and

~~[(ii) displays:]~~

~~[(A) a unique vehicle type special group license plate issued in accordance with Section 41-1a-418;]~~

~~[(B) for a vehicle that has a model year of 1982 or older, a historical support special group plate; or]~~

~~[(C) an original issue license plate in accordance with Section 41-1a-416; and]~~

~~[(iii)]~~ (ii) is primarily a collector's item that is used for:

(A) participation in club activities;

(B) exhibitions;

(C) tours;

(D) parades;

(E) occasional transportation; and

(F) other similar uses.

(b) "Vintage vehicle" does not include a motor vehicle or motorcycle that is used for general, daily transportation.

(c) "Vintage vehicle" includes a:

(i) street rod; and

(ii) vintage travel trailer.

#### Section 4. **Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2025.