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LEGISLATIVE BILL 738

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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to license plates; to amend section
- 2 60-3,163.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to provide for
- 3 Honoring Women Veterans license plates; and to repeal the original
- 4 section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 60-3,163.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025,
2 is amended to read:

3 60-3,163.02 The department shall issue the following types of
4 alternate license plates pursuant to this section and sections 60-3,104,
5 60-3,163, and 60-3,163.01:

6 (1) Arbor Day Plates. The department shall design such license
7 plates in consultation with the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and a
8 nonprofit organization holding a certificate of exemption under section
9 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code with a mission to inspire people
10 to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. The design of such plates shall
11 represent the history and importance of Arbor Day in Nebraska. The
12 designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Arbor Day
13 Plates is the Home of Arbor Day Plate Cash Fund. A person may apply for
14 Arbor Day Plates beginning on January 1, 2026;

15 (2) Breast Cancer Awareness Plates. The department shall design such
16 license plates to include a pink ribbon and the words "early detection
17 saves lives" along the bottom of the license plate. The designated
18 recipient for alternate license plate fees for Breast Cancer Awareness
19 Plates is the University of Nebraska Medical Center for the breast cancer
20 navigator program;

21 (3) Choose Life License Plates. The department shall design such
22 license plates to reflect support for the protection of Nebraska's
23 children. The designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for
24 Choose Life License Plates is the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to
25 supplement federal funds available to the Department of Health and Human
26 Services for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, 42
27 U.S.C. 601 et seq.;

28 (4) Czech Heritage Plates. The department, in consultation with the
29 Czech Honorary Consul of Nebraska, shall design such license plates to
30 reflect Czech heritage in Nebraska. The designated recipient for
31 alternate license plate fees for Czech Heritage Plates is the Department

1 of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund;

2 (5) Donate Life Plates. The department shall design such license
3 plates to reflect support for organ and tissue donation, registration as
4 a donor on the Donor Registry of Nebraska, and the federally designated
5 organ procurement organization for Nebraska. The designated recipient for
6 alternate license plate fees for Donate Life Plates is the Organ and
7 Tissue Donor Awareness and Education Fund;

8 (6) Down Syndrome Awareness Plates. The department shall design such
9 license plates to include the words "Down syndrome awareness" inside a
10 heart-shaped yellow and blue ribbon. The designated recipient for
11 alternate license plate fees for Down Syndrome Awareness Plates is the
12 University of Nebraska Medical Center for the Down Syndrome Clinic;

13 (7) Honoring Women Veterans. The department shall design such
14 license plates, in consultation with a nongovernment organization that
15 provides support to veterans, to depict a woman soldier and to include
16 the words "women veterans" along the top of the license plates and
17 "honoring her service" along the bottom of the license plates. The
18 designated recipient for Honoring Women Veterans license plates is the
19 Women Veterans Cash Fund.

20 (8) {7} Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates. The department
21 shall design such license plates to include a blue background with the
22 head of an otter surfacing above water surrounded by the words "Josh the
23 Otter-Be Safe Around Water". The designated recipient for alternate
24 license plate fees for Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates is the
25 Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Cash Fund;

26 (9) {8} Mountain Lion Conservation Plates. The department shall
27 design such license plates to reflect support for the conservation of the
28 mountain lion population. The designated recipient for alternate license
29 plate fees for Mountain Lion Conservation Plates is the Game and Parks
30 Commission Educational Fund;

31 (10) {9} Native American Cultural Awareness and History Plates. The

1 department, in consultation with the Commission on Indian Affairs, shall
2 design license plates that reflect the unique culture and history of
3 Native American tribes historically and currently located in Nebraska.
4 The designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Native
5 American Cultural Awareness and History Plates is the Native American
6 Scholarship and Leadership Fund;

7 (11)(a) ~~(10)(a)~~ Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates. The department
8 shall design such license plates to (i) include the word "Cornhuskers" or
9 "Huskers" prominently in the design, (ii) use scarlet and cream colors in
10 the design or such other similar colors as the department determines to
11 best represent the official team colors of the University of Nebraska
12 Cornhuskers athletic programs and to provide suitable reflection and
13 contrast, (iii) use cream or a similar color for the background of the
14 design and scarlet or a similar color for the printing, and (iv) create a
15 design reflecting support for the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers
16 athletic programs in consultation with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
17 Athletic Department.

18 (b) Alphanumeric Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates shall (i) be
19 consecutively numbered beginning with the number one and use numbers that
20 are a size that maximizes legibility, and (ii) not use a county
21 designation or any characters other than numbers on the spirit plates.

22 (c) Personalized message Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates shall be
23 issued subject to the same conditions specified for personalized message
24 license plates in subsection (2) of section 60-3,118. The characters used
25 shall consist only of letters, numerals, or a combination of letters and
26 numerals of the same size and design specified in section 60-3,100. A
27 maximum of seven characters may be used.

28 (d) Each application for initial issuance or renewal of Nebraska
29 Cornhusker Spirit Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of seventy
30 dollars. Fees collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be remitted to
31 the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit sixty percent of

1 the fee to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and forty percent
2 of the fee to the designated recipient for alternate license plate fees.

3 (e) The designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for
4 Nebraska Cornhusker Spirit Plates is the Highway Trust Fund;

5 (12) ~~(11)~~ Nebraska History Plates. The department shall design such
6 license plates in consultation with the Nebraska State Historical Society
7 to reflect the importance of historical preservation in Nebraska and the
8 value of our shared Nebraska history. The designated recipient for
9 alternate license plate fees for Nebraska History Plates is the Support
10 Nebraska History Cash Fund;

11 (13) ~~(12)~~ Pets for Vets Plates. The department shall design such
12 license plates to support veterans and companion or therapy pet animals.
13 The designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Pets for
14 Vets Plates is the Pets for Vets Cash Fund;

15 (14) ~~(13)~~ Prostate Cancer Awareness Plates. The department shall
16 design such license plates to include a light blue ribbon and the words
17 "early detection saves lives" along the bottom of the license plate. The
18 designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Prostate Cancer
19 Awareness Plates is the University of Nebraska Medical Center for the
20 Nebraska Prostate Cancer Research Program;

21 (15) ~~(14)~~ Sammy's Superheroes license plates for childhood cancer
22 awareness. The department shall design such license plates to include a
23 blue handprint over a yellow ribbon and the words "childhood cancer
24 awareness". The designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for
25 Sammy's Superheroes license plates for childhood cancer awareness is the
26 University of Nebraska Medical Center for pediatric cancer research;

27 (16) ~~(15)~~ Support the Arts Plates. The department shall design such
28 license plates in consultation with the Nebraska Arts Council to reflect
29 support for the arts in Nebraska. The designated recipient for alternate
30 license plate fees for Support the Arts Plates is the Support the Arts
31 Cash Fund;

1 ~~(17)(a)~~ ~~(16)(a)~~ Support Our Troops Plates. The department shall
2 design such license plates to reflect support for troops from all
3 branches of the armed forces. The designated recipient for alternate
4 license plate fees for Support Our Troops Plates is the Veterans
5 Employment Program Fund.

6 (b)(i) Each application for initial issuance or renewal of
7 alphanumeric Support Our Troops Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of
8 five dollars. The State Treasurer shall credit five dollars of the fee to
9 the designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for Support Our
10 Troops Plates.

11 (ii) Each application for initial issuance or renewal of
12 personalized message Support Our Troops Plates shall be accompanied by a
13 fee of seventy dollars. Twenty-five percent of such fee shall be credited
14 to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of
15 such fee shall be credited to the designated recipient for alternate
16 license plate fees for Support Our Troops Plates;

17 ~~(18)~~ ~~(17)~~ The Good Life Is Outside Plates. The department shall
18 design such license plates to reflect the importance of safe walking and
19 biking in Nebraska and the value of our recreational trails. The
20 designated recipient for alternate license plate fees for The Good Life
21 Is Outside Plates is the Game and Parks State Park Improvement and
22 Maintenance Fund for the purpose of trail improvement and maintenance;
23 and

24 ~~(19)~~ ~~(18)~~ Wildlife Conservation Plates. The department shall create
25 no more than three designs for such license plates to reflect support for
26 the conservation of Nebraska wildlife, including sandhill cranes, bighorn
27 sheep, and ornate box turtles. The designated recipient for alternate
28 license plate fees for Wildlife Conservation Plates is the Wildlife
29 Conservation Fund.

30 **Sec. 2.** The Women Veterans Cash Fund is created. The fund shall be
31 administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The fund shall

1 consist of money credited pursuant to section 60-3,163.02. The fund may
2 be used by the department for events that focus on women veterans. Any
3 money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
4 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
5 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

6 **Sec. 3.** Original section 60-3,163.02, Revised Statutes Supplement,
7 2025, is repealed.