

1 **SHB 2192** - H AMD to H AMD (H3263.2)702

2 By Representative Carlson

3 On page 26 of the striking amendment, after line 34, insert:

4 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 223.** A new section is added to chapter 67.24
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The definitions in this subsection apply to this section.

7 (a) "Professional athlete" means a person who is employed or
8 otherwise compensated to participate in a sporting event.
9 "Professional athlete" does not include a student athlete.

10 (b) "Sporting event" means any game, contest, exhibition, or
11 program of baseball, football, hockey, polo, tennis, horse race,
12 basketball, golf, or similar activity.

13 (c) "Student athlete" means a person who engages in, is eligible
14 to engage in, or may be eligible to engage in any intercollegiate
15 sporting event. The term also includes an individual who has applied
16 for enrollment to an institution of higher education. A person ceases
17 to be a "student athlete" as soon as his or her collegiate eligibility
18 in the sport has expired.

19 (2) An annual fee is imposed on each professional athlete for the
20 privilege of engaging in any sporting event in this state. The fee is
21 five hundred dollars, and shall be paid to the director of licensing by
22 January 1 of each year. Fees collected under this section shall be
23 deposited in the stadium and exhibition center account under section
24 213 of this act.

25 (3) It is a gross misdemeanor punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW
26 for a professional athlete to participate in a sporting event in this
27 state without having paid the fee required under this section for the
28 year in which the sporting event occurs."

29 Renumber sections consecutively, correct any internal references
30 accordingly, and correct the title.

EFFECT: Adds an annual fee of \$500 on each professional athlete.