

1 **SHB 2192** - H AMD to H AMD (H-3327.2/97) **762**

2 By Representative Carlson

3 On page 26, after line 34 of the striking amendment, 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 participates in  
8 sporting events, and receives more than one hundred thousand dollars in  
9 total annual compensation for such participation. "Professional  
10 athlete" does not include a student athlete.

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

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

20 (2) An annual fee is imposed on each professional athlete for the  
21 privilege of engaging in any sporting event in this state. The fee is  
22 five hundred dollars, and shall be paid to the director of licensing  
23 not later than the day of the first sporting event in which the athlete  
24 participates during the year. Fees collected under this section shall  
25 be deposited in the permanent common school fund.

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

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

**EFFECT:** Adds an annual fee of \$500 on each professional athlete  
with an annual income over \$100,000. Fees are deposited in the  
permanent common school fund.