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1 AN ACT Relating to creating Patches pal special license plates;  
2 reenacting and amending RCW 46.18.200, 46.17.220, and 46.68.420;  
3 adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW; and providing an effective  
4 date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.18.200 and 2017 c 25 s 1 and 2017 c 11 s 2 are  
7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 (1) Special license plate series reviewed and approved by the  
9 department:

10 (a) May be issued in lieu of standard issue or personalized  
11 license plates for vehicles required to display one and two license  
12 plates unless otherwise specified;

13 (b) Must be issued under terms and conditions established by the  
14 department;

15 (c) Must not be issued for vehicles registered under chapter  
16 46.87 RCW; and

17 (d) Must display a symbol or artwork approved by the department.

18 (2) The department approves and shall issue the following special  
19 license plates:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36	LICENSE PLATE	DESCRIPTION, SYMBOL, OR ARTWORK
	4-H	Displays the "4-H" logo.
	Armed forces collection	Recognizes the contribution of veterans, active duty military personnel, reservists, and members of the national guard, and includes six separate designs, each containing a symbol representing a different branch of the armed forces to include army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard, and national guard.
	Breast cancer awareness	Displays a pink ribbon symbolizing breast cancer awareness.
	Endangered wildlife	Displays a symbol or artwork symbolizing endangered wildlife in Washington state.
	Fred Hutch	Displays the Fred Hutch logo.
	Gonzaga University alumni association	Recognizes the Gonzaga University alumni association.
	Helping kids speak	Recognizes an organization that supports programs that provide no-cost speech pathology programs to children.
	Keep kids safe	Recognizes efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.
	Law enforcement memorial	Honors law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line of duty.
	Music matters	Displays the "Music Matters" logo.
	<u>Patches pal</u>	<u>Displays the likenesses of the J.P. Patches and Gertrude characters from the J.P. Patches show.</u>

1	Professional firefighters and	Recognizes professional
2	paramedics	firefighters and paramedics who
3		are members of the Washington
4		state council of firefighters.
5	Seattle Seahawks	Displays the "Seattle Seahawks"
6		logo.
7	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders
8		FC" logo.
9	Seattle University	Recognizes Seattle University.
10	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that
11		promotes bicycle safety and
12		awareness education.
13	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington
14		snowsports industry.
15	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state
16		flower.
17	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
18	Washington farmers and ranchers	Recognizes farmers and ranchers
19		in Washington state.
20	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that
21		supports selected Washington
22		state lighthouses and provides
23		environmental education
24		programs.
25	Washington state aviation	Displays a Stearman biplane in
26		the foreground with an image of
27		Mount Rainier in the background.
28	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state
29		parks as premier destinations of
30		uncommon quality that preserve
31		significant natural, cultural,
32		historical, and recreational
33		resources.
34	Washington state wrestling	Promotes and supports college
35		wrestling in the state of
36		Washington.

1	Washington tennis	Builds awareness and year-round
2		opportunities for tennis in
3		Washington state. Displays a
4		symbol or artwork recognizing
5		tennis in Washington state.
6	<u>Washington's fish collection</u>	<u>Recognizes Washington's fish.</u>
7	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's
8		national parks and supports
9		priority park programs and
10		projects in Washington's national
11		parks, such as enhancing visitor
12		experience, promoting
13		volunteerism, engaging
14		communities, and providing
15		educational opportunities related
16		to Washington's national parks.
17	<del>(Washington's fish collection</del>	<del>Recognizes Washington's fish.)</del>
18	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's
19		wildlife.
20	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that
21		assists local member agencies of
22		the federation of animal welfare
23		and control agencies to promote
24		and perform spay/neuter surgery
25		on Washington state pets to
26		reduce pet overpopulation.
27	Wild on Washington	Symbolizes wildlife viewing in
28		Washington state.

29 (3) Applicants for initial and renewal professional firefighters  
30 and paramedics special license plates must show proof of eligibility  
31 by providing a certificate of current membership from the Washington  
32 state council of firefighters.

33 (4) Applicants for initial volunteer firefighters special license  
34 plates must (a) have been a volunteer firefighter for at least ten  
35 years or be a volunteer firefighter for one or more years and (b)  
36 have documentation of service from the district of the appropriate  
37 fire service. If the volunteer firefighter leaves firefighting  
38 service before ten years of service have been completed, the

1 volunteer firefighter shall surrender the license plates to the  
 2 department on the registration renewal date. If the volunteer  
 3 firefighter stays in service for at least ten years and then leaves,  
 4 the license plate may be retained by the former volunteer firefighter  
 5 and as long as the license plate is retained for use the person will  
 6 continue to pay the future registration renewals. A qualifying  
 7 volunteer firefighter may have no more than one set of license plates  
 8 per vehicle, and a maximum of two sets per applicant, for their  
 9 personal vehicles. If the volunteer firefighter is convicted of a  
 10 violation of RCW 46.61.502 or a felony, the license plates must be  
 11 surrendered upon conviction.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.17.220 and 2017 c 25 s 2 and 2017 c 11 s 3 are  
 13 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

14 (1) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
 15 application for a vehicle registration in chapter 46.16A RCW, the  
 16 holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate special  
 17 license plate fee as listed in this section.

18	PLATE TYPE	INITIAL	RENEWAL	DISTRIBUTED
19		FEE	FEE	UNDER
20	(a) 4-H	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
21	(b) Amateur radio license	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
22	(c) Armed forces	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
23	(d) Baseball stadium	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	Subsection (2) of this
24				section
25	(e) Breast cancer awareness	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
26	(f) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
27	(g) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430
28	(h) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
29	(i) Fred Hutch	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
30	(j) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
31	alumni association			
32	(k) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
33	(l) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
34	(m) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425

1	(n) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	memorial			
3	(o) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
4	system			
5	(p) Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	(q) <del>((Purple Heart</del>	<del>\$ 40.00</del>	<del>\$ 30.00</del>	<del>RCW 46.68.425</del>
7	<del>(+)) Patches pal</del>	<del>\$ 40.00</del>	<del>\$ 30.00</del>	<del>RCW 46.68.420</del>
8	(r) Professional firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
9	and paramedics			
10	(s) <u>Purple Heart</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.425</u>
11	(t) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
12	<del>((+)) (u) Seattle Seahawks</del>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
13	<del>((+)) (v) Seattle Sounders</del>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
14	FC			
15	<del>((+)) (w) Seattle</del>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
16	University			
17	<del>((+)) (x) Share the road</del>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
18	<del>((+)) (y) Ski &amp; ride</del>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
19	Washington			
20	<del>((+)) (z) Square dancer</del>	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
21	<del>((+)) (aa) State flower</del>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
22	<del>((+)) (bb) Volunteer</del>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
23	firefighters			
24	<del>((+)) (cc) Washington</del>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
25	farmers and ranchers			
26	<del>((+)) (dd) Washington</del>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
27	lighthouses			
28	<del>((+)) (ee) Washington</del>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
29	state aviation			
30	<del>((+)) (ff) Washington</del>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
31	state parks			
32	<del>((+)) (gg) Washington</del>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
33	state wrestling			
34	<del>((+)) (hh) Washington</del>	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
35	tennis			

1	<del>((hh))</del> (ii) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
2	fish collection			
3	<del>((ii))</del> (jj) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	national parks			
5	<del>((jj))</del> (kk) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
6	wildlife collection			
7	<del>((kk))</del> (ll) We love our	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
8	pets			
9	<del>((ll))</del> (mm) Wild on	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
10	Washington			

11 (2) After deducting administration and collection expenses for  
12 the sale of baseball stadium license plates, the remaining proceeds  
13 must be distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the  
14 principal and interest payments on bonds issued by the county to  
15 construct a baseball stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including  
16 reasonably necessary preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being  
17 collected under RCW 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer  
18 shall credit the funds to the state general fund.

19 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.68.420 and 2017 c 25 s 3 and 2017 c 11 s 4 are  
20 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

- 21 (1) The department shall:
- 22 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW  
23 46.17.220;
- 24 (b) Deduct an amount not to exceed twelve dollars for initial  
25 issue and two dollars for renewal issue for administration and  
26 collection expenses incurred by it; and
- 27 (c) Remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the state  
28 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report.
- 29 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor  
30 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has  
31 been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license  
32 plate. Upon determination by the department that the state has been  
33 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special  
34 license plate fee amounts for each special license plate to the  
35 following appropriate account as created in this section in the  
36 custody of the state treasurer:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF FUNDS
	4-H programs	Support Washington 4-H programs
	Fred Hutch	Support cancer research at the Fred Hutchinson cancer research center
	Gonzaga University alumni association	Scholarship funds to needy and qualified students attending or planning to attend Gonzaga University
	Helping kids speak	Provide free diagnostic and therapeutic services to families of children who suffer from a delay in language or speech development
	Law enforcement memorial	Provide support and assistance to survivors and families of law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line of duty and to organize, finance, fund, construct, utilize, and maintain a memorial on the state capitol grounds to honor those fallen officers
	Lighthouse environmental programs	Support selected Washington state lighthouses that are accessible to the public and staffed by volunteers; provide environmental education programs; provide grants for other Washington lighthouses to assist in funding infrastructure preservation and restoration; encourage and support interpretive programs by lighthouse docents
	Music matters awareness	Promote music education in schools throughout Washington



1	<u>Patches pal</u>	<u>Provide funds to the Seattle</u>
2		<u>children's hospital strong against</u>
3		<u>cancer program</u>
4	Seattle Seahawks	Provide funds to InvestED to
5		encourage secondary students
6		who have economic needs to stay
7		in school, return to school, or get
8		involved within their learning
9		community
10	Seattle Sounders FC	Provide funds to Washington state
11		mentors and the association of
12		Washington generals created in
13		RCW 43.15.030 in the following
14		manner: (a) Seventy percent and
15		the remaining proceeds, if any, to
16		Washington state mentors, to
17		increase the number of mentors in
18		the state by offering mentoring
19		grants throughout Washington
20		state that foster positive youth
21		development and academic
22		success, with up to twenty percent
23		of these proceeds authorized for
24		program administration costs; and
25		(b) up to thirty percent, not to
26		exceed forty-thousand dollars
27		annually as adjusted for inflation
28		by the office of financial
29		management, to the association of
30		Washington generals, to develop
31		Washington state educational,
32		veterans, international relations,
33		and civics projects and to
34		recognize the outstanding public
35		service of individuals or groups in
36		the state of Washington
37	Seattle University	Fund scholarships for students
38		attending or planning to attend
39		Seattle University

1	Share the road	Promote bicycle safety and
2		awareness education in
3		communities throughout
4		Washington
5	Ski & ride Washington	Promote winter snowsports, such
6		as skiing and snowboarding, and
7		related programs, such as ski and
8		ride safety programs,
9		underprivileged youth ski and ride
10		programs, and active, healthy
11		lifestyle programs
12	State flower	Support Meerkerk Rhododendron
13		Gardens and provide for grants to
14		other qualified nonprofit
15		organizations' efforts to preserve
16		rhododendrons
17	Volunteer firefighters	Receive and disseminate funds for
18		purposes on behalf of volunteer
19		firefighters, their families, and
20		others deemed in need
21	Washington farmers and ranchers	Provide funds to the Washington
22		FFA Foundation for educational
23		programs in Washington state
24	Washington state aviation	Provide funds to the department
25		of transportation to support
26		infrastructure improvements at
27		public use airports in Washington
28		state
29	<u>Washington state council of</u>	<u>Receive and disseminate funds for</u>
30	<u>firefighters benevolent fund</u>	<u>charitable purposes on behalf of</u>
31		<u>members of the Washington state</u>
32		<u>council of firefighters, their</u>
33		<u>families, and others deemed in</u>
34		<u>need</u>
35	Washington state wrestling	Provide funds to the Washington
36		state wrestling foundation to fund
37		new and existing college
38		wrestling programs

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	((Washington state council of firefighters benevolent fund	Receive and disseminate funds for charitable purposes on behalf of members of the Washington state council of firefighters, their families, and others deemed in need))
	Washington tennis	Provide funds to cities to assist in the construction and maintenance of a public tennis facility with at least four indoor tennis courts. A city is eligible for construction funds if the city does not already have a public or private facility with at least four indoor tennis courts. Funds for construction must first be made available to the most populous eligible city, according to the most recent census, for a time period not to exceed five years after January 1, 2017. After the five-year time period, the funds for construction must be made available to the next most populous eligible city. Funds for the maintenance of a public tennis facility with at least four indoor tennis courts must first be made available to the first eligible city that utilizes funds for construction provided by chapter 16, Laws of 2016

1 Washington's national park fund Build awareness of Washington's  
2 national parks and support priority  
3 park programs and projects in  
4 Washington's national parks, such  
5 as enhancing visitor experience,  
6 promoting volunteerism, engaging  
7 communities, and providing  
8 educational opportunities related  
9 to Washington's national parks

10 We love our pets Support and enable the  
11 Washington federation of animal  
12 welfare and control agencies to  
13 promote and perform spay/neuter  
14 surgery of Washington state pets  
15 in order to reduce pet population

16 (3) Only the director or the director's designee may authorize  
17 expenditures from the accounts described in subsection (2) of this  
18 section. The accounts are subject to allotment procedures under  
19 chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for  
20 expenditures.

21 (4) Funds in the special license plate accounts described in  
22 subsection (2) of this section must be disbursed subject to the  
23 conditions described in subsection (2) of this section and under  
24 contract between the department and qualified nonprofit organizations  
25 that provide the services described in subsection (2) of this  
26 section.

27 (5) For the purposes of this section, a "qualified nonprofit  
28 organization" means a not-for-profit corporation operating in  
29 Washington that has received a determination of tax exempt status  
30 under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3). The qualified nonprofit organization  
31 must meet all the requirements under RCW 46.18.100(1).

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04  
33 RCW to read as follows:

34 "Patches pal license plates" means special license plates issued  
35 under RCW 46.18.200 that display the likenesses of the J.P. Patches  
36 and Gertrude characters from the J.P. Patches show.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    This act takes effect January 1, 2019.

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