
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5741

State of Washington**67th Legislature****2022 Regular Session**

By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Lovick, Pedersen, Conway, Nobles, Saldaña, Wellman, and C. Wilson)

READ FIRST TIME 02/04/22.

1 AN ACT Relating to creating Patches pal special license plates;
 2 reenacting and amending RCW 46.17.220, 46.18.200, 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 46.17.220 and 2020 c 129 s 1 and 2020 c 93 s 2 are
 7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
 9 application for a vehicle registration in chapter 46.16A RCW, the
 10 holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate special
 11 license plate fee as listed in this section.

12	PLATE TYPE	INITIAL	RENEWAL	DISTRIBUTED
13		FEE	FEE	UNDER
14	(1) 4-H	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
15	(2) Amateur radio license	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
16	(3) Armed forces	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
17	(4) Breast cancer awareness	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
18	(5) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
19	(6) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430

1	(7) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
2	(8) Fred Hutch	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
3	(9) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	alumni association			
5	(10) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	(11) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
7	(12) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
8	(13) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
9	memorial			
10	(14) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
11	system			
12	(15) Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
13	(16) <u>Patches pal, or</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>
14	<u>alternative name as</u>			
15	<u>designated by the</u>			
16	<u>department under</u>			
17	<u>section 4 of this act</u>			
18	(17) Professional	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
19	firefighters and			
20	paramedics			
21	((17)) (18) Purple Heart	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
22	((18)) (19) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
23	((19)) (20) San Juan	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
24	Islands			
25	((20)) (21) Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
26	Mariners			
27	((21)) (22) Seattle NHL	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
28	hockey			
29	((22)) (23) Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
30	Seahawks			
31	((23)) (24) Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
32	Sounders FC			
33	((24)) (25) Seattle Storm	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
34	((25)) (26) Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
35	University			

1	((26)) <u>(27)</u> Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	((27)) <u>(28)</u> Ski & ride	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
3	Washington			
4	((28)) <u>(29)</u> Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
5	((29)) <u>(30)</u> State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	((30)) <u>(31)</u> Volunteer	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
7	firefighters			
8	((31)) <u>(32)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
9	apples			
10	((32)) <u>(33)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
11	farmers and ranchers			
12	((33)) <u>(34)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
13	lighthouses			
14	((34)) <u>(35)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
15	state aviation			
16	((35)) <u>(36)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
17	state parks			
18	((36)) <u>(37)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
19	state wrestling			
20	((37)) <u>(38)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
21	tennis			
22	((38)) <u>(39)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
23	fish collection			
24	((39)) <u>(40)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
25	national parks			
26	((40)) <u>(41)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
27	wildlife collection			
28	((41)) <u>(42)</u> We love our	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
29	pets			
30	((42)) <u>(43)</u> Wild on	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
31	Washington			

32 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.18.200 and 2020 c 129 s 2 and 2020 c 93 s 1 are
33 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

34 (1) Special license plate series reviewed and approved by the
35 department:

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

4 (b) Must be issued under terms and conditions established by the
5 department;

6 (c) Must not be issued for vehicles registered under chapter
7 46.87 RCW; and

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

9 (2) The department approves and shall issue the following special
10 license plates, subject to subsection (5) of this section:

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.

1	Keep kids safe	Recognizes efforts to prevent
2		child abuse and neglect.
3	Law enforcement memorial	Honors law enforcement officers
4		in Washington killed in the line of
5		duty.
6	Music matters	Displays the "Music Matters"
7		logo.
8	<u>Patches pal, or alternative name</u>	<u>Displays the likenesses of the J.P.</u>
9	<u>as designated by the department</u>	<u>Patches and Gertrude characters</u>
10	<u>under section 4 of this act</u>	<u>from the J.P. Patches show, or</u>
11		<u>characters otherwise identified in</u>
12		<u>accordance with section 4 of this</u>
13		<u>act.</u>
14	Professional firefighters and	Recognizes professional
15	paramedics	firefighters and paramedics who
16		are members of the Washington
17		state council of firefighters.
18	San Juan Islands	Displays a symbol or artwork
19		recognizing the San Juan Islands.
20	Seattle Mariners	Displays the "Seattle Mariners"
21		logo.
22	Seattle NHL hockey	Displays the logo of the Seattle
23		NHL hockey team.
24	Seattle Seahawks	Displays the "Seattle Seahawks"
25		logo.
26	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders
27		FC" logo.
28	Seattle Storm	Displays the "Seattle Storm" logo.
29	Seattle University	Recognizes Seattle University.
30	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that
31		promotes bicycle safety and
32		awareness education.
33	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington
34		snowsports industry.
35	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state
36		flower.

1	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
2	Washington apples	Displays the Washington apple
3		logo that recognizes the state's
4		apple industry, the growers and
5		shippers who produce and pack
6		the world famous apples, and the
7		tree fruit community.
8	Washington farmers and ranchers	Recognizes farmers and ranchers
9		in Washington state.
10	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that
11		supports selected Washington
12		state lighthouses and provides
13		environmental education
14		programs.
15	Washington state aviation	Displays a Stearman biplane in
16		the foreground with an image of
17		Mount Rainier in the background.
18	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state
19		parks as premier destinations of
20		uncommon quality that preserve
21		significant natural, cultural,
22		historical, and recreational
23		resources.
24	Washington state wrestling	Promotes and supports college
25		wrestling in the state of
26		Washington.
27	Washington tennis	Builds awareness and year-round
28		opportunities for tennis in
29		Washington state. Displays a
30		symbol or artwork recognizing
31		tennis in Washington state.
32	Washington's fish collection	Recognizes Washington's fish.

1	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's
2		national parks and supports
3		priority park programs and
4		projects in Washington's national
5		parks, such as enhancing visitor
6		experience, promoting
7		volunteerism, engaging
8		communities, and providing
9		educational opportunities related
10		to Washington's national parks.
11	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's
12		wildlife.
13	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that
14		assists local member agencies of
15		the federation of animal welfare
16		and control agencies to promote
17		and perform spay/neuter surgery
18		on Washington state pets to
19		reduce pet overpopulation.
20	Wild on Washington	Symbolizes wildlife viewing in
21		Washington state.

22 (3) Applicants for initial and renewal professional firefighters
23 and paramedics special license plates must show proof of eligibility
24 by providing a certificate of current membership from the Washington
25 state council of firefighters.

26 (4) Applicants for initial volunteer firefighters special license
27 plates must (a) have been a volunteer firefighter for at least ten
28 years or be a volunteer firefighter for one or more years and (b)
29 have documentation of service from the district of the appropriate
30 fire service. If the volunteer firefighter leaves firefighting
31 service before ten years of service have been completed, the
32 volunteer firefighter shall surrender the license plates to the
33 department on the registration renewal date. If the volunteer
34 firefighter stays in service for at least ten years and then leaves,
35 the license plate may be retained by the former volunteer firefighter
36 and as long as the license plate is retained for use the person will
37 continue to pay the future registration renewals. A qualifying
38 volunteer firefighter may have no more than one set of license plates

1 per vehicle, and a maximum of two sets per applicant, for their
2 personal vehicles. If the volunteer firefighter is convicted of a
3 violation of RCW 46.61.502 or a felony, the license plates must be
4 surrendered upon conviction.

5 (5) The department shall not issue the Seattle NHL hockey special
6 license plate until the department receives signature sheets
7 satisfying the requirements identified in RCW 46.18.110(2)(f).

8 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.68.420 and 2020 c 129 s 3 and 2020 c 93 s 3 are
9 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

10 (1) The department shall:

11 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW
12 46.17.220;

13 (b) Deduct an amount not to exceed twelve dollars for initial
14 issue and two dollars for renewal issue for administration and
15 collection expenses incurred by it; and

16 (c) Remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the state
17 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report.

18 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
19 vehicle fund until the department determines that the state has been
20 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.
21 Upon determination by the department that the state has been
22 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special
23 license plate fee amounts for each special license plate to the
24 following appropriate account as created in this section in the
25 custody of the state treasurer:

26	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF
27		FUNDS
28	4-H programs	Support Washington 4-H
29		programs
30	Fred Hutch	Support cancer research at the
31		Fred Hutchinson cancer research
32		center
33	Gonzaga University alumni	Scholarship funds to needy and
34	association	qualified students attending or
35		planning to attend Gonzaga
36		University

1	Helping kids speak	Provide free diagnostic and
2		therapeutic services to families of
3		children who suffer from a delay
4		in language or speech
5		development
6	Law enforcement memorial	Provide support and assistance to
7		survivors and families of law
8		enforcement officers in
9		Washington killed in the line of
10		duty and to organize, finance,
11		fund, construct, utilize, and
12		maintain a memorial on the state
13		capitol grounds to honor those
14		fallen officers
15	Lighthouse environmental	Support selected Washington state
16	programs	lighthouses that are accessible to
17		the public and staffed by
18		volunteers; provide environmental
19		education programs; provide
20		grants for other Washington
21		lighthouses to assist in funding
22		infrastructure preservation and
23		restoration; encourage and support
24		interpretive programs by
25		lighthouse docents
26	Music matters awareness	Promote music education in
27		schools throughout Washington
28	<u>Patches pal, or alternative name</u>	<u>Provide funds to the Seattle</u>
29	<u>as designated by the department</u>	<u>children's hospital strong against</u>
30	<u>under section 4 of this act</u>	<u>cancer program</u>
31	San Juan Islands programs	Provide funds to the Madrona
32		institute

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Seattle Mariners

Provide funds to the sports mentoring program and to support the Washington world fellows program in the following manner: (a) Seventy-five percent to the office of the lieutenant governor solely to administer the sports mentoring program established under RCW 43.15.100, to encourage youth who have economic needs or face adversities to experience spectator sports or get involved in youth sports, and (b) up to twenty-five percent to the office of the lieutenant governor solely to administer the Washington world fellows program, an equity focused program

1 Seattle NHL hockey Provide funds to the NHL Seattle
2 foundation and to support the
3 boundless Washington program in
4 the following manner: (a) Fifty
5 percent to the NHL Seattle
6 foundation, or its successor
7 organization, to help marginalized
8 youth succeed in life through
9 increased access to sports and
10 other opportunities; (b) twenty-
11 five percent to the office of the
12 lieutenant governor solely to
13 administer the boundless
14 Washington program to facilitate
15 opportunities for young people
16 with physical and sensory
17 disabilities to enjoy and
18 experience the outdoors; and (c)
19 twenty-five percent to the NHL
20 Seattle foundation, or its
21 successor organization, for
22 providing financial support to
23 allow youth to participate in
24 hockey

25 Seattle Seahawks Provide funds to InvestED and to
26 support the Washington world
27 fellows program in the following
28 manner: (a) Seventy-five percent,
29 to InvestED, to encourage
30 secondary students who have
31 economic needs to stay in school,
32 return to school, or get involved
33 within their learning community;
34 and (b) twenty-five percent to the
35 office of the lieutenant governor
36 solely to administer the
37 Washington world fellows
38 program, including the provision
39 of fellowships

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Seattle Sounders FC

Provide funds to Washington state
mentors and the ~~((association of))~~
Washington ~~((generals))~~ state
leadership board created in RCW
43.15.030 in the following
manner: (a) Seventy percent and
the remaining proceeds, if any, to
Washington state mentors, to
increase the number of mentors in
the state by offering mentoring
grants throughout Washington
state that foster positive youth
development and academic
success, with up to twenty percent
of these proceeds authorized for
program administration costs; and
(b) up to thirty percent, not to
exceed forty-thousand dollars
annually as adjusted for inflation
by the office of financial
management, to the association of
Washington generals, to develop
Washington state educational,
veterans, international relations,
and civics projects and to
recognize the outstanding public
service of individuals or groups in
the state of Washington

1	Seattle Storm	Provide funds to the Washington
2		state legislative youth advisory
3		council and the ((association-of))
4		Washington ((generals)) <u>state</u>
5		<u>leadership board</u> created in RCW
6		43.15.030 in the following
7		manner: Twenty-five thousand
8		dollars per year of the net
9		proceeds to the legislative youth
10		advisory council, or its successor
11		organization; and the remaining
12		net proceeds on an annual basis,
13		to the association of Washington
14		generals for the purpose of
15		providing grants to support and
16		enhance athletic, recreational, and
17		other opportunities for women
18		and girls, and especially those
19		with disabilities
20	Seattle University	Fund scholarships for students
21		attending or planning to attend
22		Seattle University
23	Share the road	Promote bicycle safety and
24		awareness education in
25		communities throughout
26		Washington
27	Ski & ride Washington	Promote winter snowsports, such
28		as skiing and snowboarding, and
29		related programs, such as ski and
30		ride safety programs,
31		underprivileged youth ski and ride
32		programs, and active, healthy
33		lifestyle programs
34	State flower	Support Meerkerk Rhododendron
35		Gardens and provide for grants to
36		other qualified nonprofit
37		organizations' efforts to preserve
38		rhododendrons

1	Volunteer firefighters	Receive and disseminate funds for
2		purposes on behalf of volunteer
3		firefighters, their families, and
4		others deemed in need
5	Washington apples	Provide scholarship funding to the
6		tree fruit industry's official
7		charity, the Washington apple
8		education foundation, which
9		provides financial support,
10		professional employment
11		preparedness training, and
12		mentorship to students with ties to
13		the apple industry pursuing a
14		higher education
15	Washington farmers and ranchers	Provide funds to the Washington
16		FFA Foundation for educational
17		programs in Washington state
18	Washington state aviation	Provide funds to the department
19		of transportation to support
20		infrastructure improvements at
21		public use airports in Washington
22		state
23	Washington state council of	Receive and disseminate funds for
24	firefighters benevolent fund	charitable purposes on behalf of
25		members of the Washington state
26		council of firefighters, their
27		families, and others deemed in
28		need
29	Washington state wrestling	Provide funds to the Washington
30		state wrestling foundation to fund
31		new and existing college
32		wrestling programs

1 Washington tennis Provide funds to cities to assist in
2 the construction and maintenance
3 of a public tennis facility with at
4 least four indoor tennis courts. A
5 city is eligible for construction
6 funds if the city does not already
7 have a public or private facility
8 with at least four indoor tennis
9 courts. Funds for construction
10 must first be made available to the
11 most populous eligible city,
12 according to the most recent
13 census, for a time period not to
14 exceed five years after January 1,
15 2017. After the five-year time
16 period, the funds for construction
17 must be made available to the
18 next most populous eligible city.
19 Funds for the maintenance of a
20 public tennis facility with at least
21 four indoor tennis courts must
22 first be made available to the first
23 eligible city that utilizes funds for
24 construction provided by chapter
25 16, Laws of 2016

26 Washington's national park fund Build awareness of Washington's
27 national parks and support priority
28 park programs and projects in
29 Washington's national parks, such
30 as enhancing visitor experience,
31 promoting volunteerism, engaging
32 communities, and providing
33 educational opportunities related
34 to Washington's national parks

We love our pets

Support and enable the

Washington federation of animal

welfare and control agencies to

promote and perform spay/neuter

surgery of Washington state pets

in order to reduce pet population

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, only the director or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the accounts described in subsection (2) of this section. The accounts are subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, funds in the special license plate accounts described in subsection (2) of this section must be disbursed subject to the conditions described in subsection (2) of this section and under contract between the department and qualified nonprofit organizations that provide the services described in subsection (2) of this section.

(5) Funds from the Seattle Seahawks account may be provided to the lieutenant governor solely for the purpose of administering the Washington world fellows program. Of the amounts received by the lieutenant governor's office under this subsection, at least ninety percent must be provided as fellowships under the program.

(6) Beginning January 1, 2019, funds from the Seattle Mariners account may be provided to the office of lieutenant governor solely for the purpose of administering the sports mentoring program. Of the amounts received by the office of lieutenant governor, at least ninety percent must be applied towards services directly provided to youth participants.

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

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

(1) "Patches pal license plates" means special license plates issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display the likenesses of the J.P. Patches and Gertrude characters from the J.P. Patches show, or

1 children's characters that are changed in accordance with subsection
2 (2) of this section.

3 (2) By October 1, 2031, and each decade thereafter, the
4 department must consult with the Seattle children's hospital, and
5 determine whether the Patches pal license plate design is the best
6 design to support the Seattle children's hospital strong against
7 cancer program in the following 10-year time period. If it is
8 determined that a different group of appropriate children's
9 characters would better support the program due to public interest at
10 that time, the department must redesign the Patches pal license
11 plates with these new characters and a new corresponding plate name.
12 The costs associated with this redesign may be paid from the proceeds
13 from the special license plate sales.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act takes effect October 1, 2022.

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