

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1255

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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Lovick, Orwall, Sells, Stanford, Dufault, and Irwin)

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 2019 c 384 s 2 and 2019 c 177 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.

PLATE TYPE	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE	DISTRIBUTED UNDER
(1) 4-H	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
(2) Amateur radio license	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
(3) Armed forces	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
(4) Breast cancer awareness	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
(5) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
(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</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>
14	(17) Professional	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
15	firefighters and			
16	paramedics			
17	((17)) (18) Purple Heart	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
18	((18)) (19) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
19	((19)) (20) San Juan	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
20	Islands			
21	((20)) (21) Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
22	Mariners			
23	((21)) (22) Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
24	Seahawks			
25	((22)) (23) Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
26	Sounders FC			
27	((23)) (24) Seattle Storm	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
28	((24)) (25) Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
29	University			
30	((25)) (26) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
31	((26)) (27) Ski & ride	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
32	Washington			
33	((27)) (28) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
34	((28)) (29) State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420

1	((29)) <u>(30)</u> Volunteer	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	firefighters			
3	((30)) <u>(31)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	farmers and ranchers			
5	((31)) <u>(32)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	lighthouses			
7	((32)) <u>(33)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
8	state aviation			
9	((33)) <u>(34)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
10	state parks			
11	((34)) <u>(35)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
12	state wrestling			
13	((35)) <u>(36)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
14	tennis			
15	((36)) <u>(37)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
16	fish collection			
17	((37)) <u>(38)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
18	national parks			
19	((38)) <u>(39)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
20	wildlife collection			
21	((39)) <u>(40)</u> We love our	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
22	pets			
23	((40)) <u>(41)</u> Wild on	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
24	Washington			

25 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.18.200 and 2019 c 384 s 1 and 2019 c 177 s 1 are
26 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

27 (1) Special license plate series reviewed and approved by the
28 department:

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

32 (b) Must be issued under terms and conditions established by the
33 department;

34 (c) Must not be issued for vehicles registered under chapter
35 46.87 RCW; and

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

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

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.

1	<u>Patches pal</u>	<u>Displays the likenesses of the J.P.</u>
2		<u>Patches and Gertrude characters</u>
3		<u>from the J.P. Patches show.</u>
4	Professional firefighters and	Recognizes professional
5	paramedics	firefighters and paramedics who
6		are members of the Washington
7		state council of firefighters.
8	San Juan Islands	Displays a symbol or artwork
9		recognizing the San Juan Islands.
10	Seattle Mariners	Displays the "Seattle Mariners"
11		logo.
12	Seattle Seahawks	Displays the "Seattle Seahawks"
13		logo.
14	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders
15		FC" logo.
16	Seattle Storm	Displays the "Seattle Storm" logo.
17	Seattle University	Recognizes Seattle University.
18	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that
19		promotes bicycle safety and
20		awareness education.
21	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington
22		snowsports industry.
23	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state
24		flower.
25	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
26	Washington farmers and ranchers	Recognizes farmers and ranchers
27		in Washington state.
28	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that
29		supports selected Washington
30		state lighthouses and provides
31		environmental education
32		programs.
33	Washington state aviation	Displays a Stearman biplane in
34		the foreground with an image of
35		Mount Rainier in the background.

1	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state
2		parks as premier destinations of
3		uncommon quality that preserve
4		significant natural, cultural,
5		historical, and recreational
6		resources.
7	Washington state wrestling	Promotes and supports college
8		wrestling in the state of
9		Washington.
10	Washington tennis	Builds awareness and year-round
11		opportunities for tennis in
12		Washington state. Displays a
13		symbol or artwork recognizing
14		tennis in Washington state.
15	Washington's fish collection	Recognizes Washington's fish.
16	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's
17		national parks and supports
18		priority park programs and
19		projects in Washington's national
20		parks, such as enhancing visitor
21		experience, promoting
22		volunteerism, engaging
23		communities, and providing
24		educational opportunities related
25		to Washington's national parks.
26	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's
27		wildlife.
28	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that
29		assists local member agencies of
30		the federation of animal welfare
31		and control agencies to promote
32		and perform spay/neuter surgery
33		on Washington state pets to
34		reduce pet overpopulation.
35	Wild on Washington	Symbolizes wildlife viewing in
36		Washington state.

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

5 (4) Applicants for initial volunteer firefighters special license
6 plates must (a) have been a volunteer firefighter for at least ten
7 years or be a volunteer firefighter for one or more years and (b)
8 have documentation of service from the district of the appropriate
9 fire service. If the volunteer firefighter leaves firefighting
10 service before ten years of service have been completed, the
11 volunteer firefighter shall surrender the license plates to the
12 department on the registration renewal date. If the volunteer
13 firefighter stays in service for at least ten years and then leaves,
14 the license plate may be retained by the former volunteer firefighter
15 and as long as the license plate is retained for use the person will
16 continue to pay the future registration renewals. A qualifying
17 volunteer firefighter may have no more than one set of license plates
18 per vehicle, and a maximum of two sets per applicant, for their
19 personal vehicles. If the volunteer firefighter is convicted of a
20 violation of RCW 46.61.502 or a felony, the license plates must be
21 surrendered upon conviction.

22 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.68.420 and 2019 c 384 s 3 and 2019 c 177 s 3 are
23 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

24 (1) The department shall:

25 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW
26 46.17.220;

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

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

32 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
33 vehicle (~~(account—[fund])~~) fund until the department determines that
34 the state has been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the
35 special license plate. Upon determination by the department that the
36 state has been reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the
37 remaining special license plate fee amounts for each special license

1 plate to the following appropriate account as created in this section
2 in the custody of the state treasurer:

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

1	Music matters awareness	Promote music education in
2		schools throughout Washington
3	<u>Patches pal</u>	<u>Provide funds to the Seattle</u>
4		<u>children's hospital strong against</u>
5		<u>cancer program</u>
6	San Juan Islands programs	Provide funds to the Madrona
7		institute
8	Seattle Mariners	Provide funds to the sports
9		mentoring program and to support
10		the Washington world fellows
11		program in the following manner:
12		(a) Seventy-five percent to the
13		office of the lieutenant governor
14		solely to administer the sports
15		mentoring program established
16		under RCW 43.15.100, to
17		encourage youth who have
18		economic needs or face
19		adversities to experience spectator
20		sports or get involved in youth
21		sports, and (b) up to twenty-five
22		percent to the office of the
23		lieutenant governor solely to
24		administer the Washington world
25		fellows program, an equity
26		focused program

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Seattle Seahawks

Provide funds to InvestED and to support the Washington world fellows program in the following manner: (a) Seventy-five percent, to InvestED, to encourage secondary students who have economic needs to stay in school, return to school, or get involved within their learning community; and (b) twenty-five percent to the office of the lieutenant governor solely to administer the Washington world fellows program, including the provision of fellowships

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Seattle Sounders FC

Provide funds to Washington state mentors and the association of Washington generals 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 created in
5		RCW 43.15.030 in the following
6		manner: Twenty-five thousand
7		dollars per year of the net
8		proceeds to the legislative youth
9		advisory council, or its successor
10		organization; and the remaining
11		net proceeds on an annual basis,
12		to the association of Washington
13		generals for the purpose of
14		providing grants to support and
15		enhance athletic, recreational, and
16		other opportunities for women
17		and girls, and especially those
18		with disabilities
19	Seattle University	Fund scholarships for students
20		attending or planning to attend
21		Seattle University
22	Share the road	Promote bicycle safety and
23		awareness education in
24		communities throughout
25		Washington
26	Ski & ride Washington	Promote winter snowsports, such
27		as skiing and snowboarding, and
28		related programs, such as ski and
29		ride safety programs,
30		underprivileged youth ski and ride
31		programs, and active, healthy
32		lifestyle programs
33	State flower	Support Meerkerk Rhododendron
34		Gardens and provide for grants to
35		other qualified nonprofit
36		organizations' efforts to preserve
37		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 farmers and ranchers	Provide funds to the Washington
6		FFA Foundation for educational
7		programs in Washington state
8	Washington state aviation	Provide funds to the department
9		of transportation to support
10		infrastructure improvements at
11		public use airports in Washington
12		state
13	Washington state council of	Receive and disseminate funds for
14	firefighters benevolent fund	charitable purposes on behalf of
15		members of the Washington state
16		council of firefighters, their
17		families, and others deemed in
18		need
19	Washington state wrestling	Provide funds to the Washington
20		state wrestling foundation to fund
21		new and existing college
22		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

1 We love our pets

Support and enable the

2 Washington federation of animal

3 welfare and control agencies to

4 promote and perform spay/neuter

5 surgery of Washington state pets

6 in order to reduce pet population

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act takes effect October 1, 2020.

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