

HOUSE BILL 1374

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By Representative Walsh

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.

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	<del>((17))</del> (18) Purple Heart	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
18	<del>((18))</del> (19) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
19	<del>((19))</del> (20) San Juan	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
20	Islands			
21	<del>((20))</del> (21) Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
22	Mariners			
23	<del>((21))</del> (22) Seattle NHL	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
24	hockey			
25	<del>((22))</del> (23) Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
26	Seahawks			
27	<del>((23))</del> (24) Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
28	Sounders FC			
29	<del>((24))</del> (25) Seattle Storm	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
30	<del>((25))</del> (26) Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
31	University			
32	<del>((26))</del> (27) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
33	<del>((27))</del> (28) Ski & ride	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
34	Washington			
35	<del>((28))</del> (29) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070

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

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

30       (1) Special license plate series reviewed and approved by the  
31 department:

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

35       (b) Must be issued under terms and conditions established by the  
36 department;

1 (c) Must not be issued for vehicles registered under chapter  
2 46.87 RCW; and

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

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

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

1	Music matters	Displays the "Music Matters"
2		logo.
3	<u>Patches pal</u>	<u>Displays the likenesses of the J.P.</u>
4		<u>Patches and Gertrude characters</u>
5		<u>from the J.P. Patches show.</u>
6	Professional firefighters and	Recognizes professional
7	paramedics	firefighters and paramedics who
8		are members of the Washington
9		state council of firefighters.
10	San Juan Islands	Displays a symbol or artwork
11		recognizing the San Juan Islands.
12	Seattle Mariners	Displays the "Seattle Mariners"
13		logo.
14	Seattle NHL hockey	Displays the logo of the Seattle
15		NHL hockey team.
16	Seattle Seahawks	Displays the "Seattle Seahawks"
17		logo.
18	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders
19		FC" logo.
20	Seattle Storm	Displays the "Seattle Storm" logo.
21	Seattle University	Recognizes Seattle University.
22	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that
23		promotes bicycle safety and
24		awareness education.
25	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington
26		snowsports industry.
27	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state
28		flower.
29	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
30	Washington apples	Displays the Washington apple
31		logo that recognizes the state's
32		apple industry, the growers and
33		shippers who produce and pack
34		the world famous apples, and the
35		tree fruit community.

1	Washington farmers and ranchers	Recognizes farmers and ranchers
2		in Washington state.
3	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that
4		supports selected Washington
5		state lighthouses and provides
6		environmental education
7		programs.
8	Washington state aviation	Displays a Stearman biplane in
9		the foreground with an image of
10		Mount Rainier in the background.
11	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state
12		parks as premier destinations of
13		uncommon quality that preserve
14		significant natural, cultural,
15		historical, and recreational
16		resources.
17	Washington state wrestling	Promotes and supports college
18		wrestling in the state of
19		Washington.
20	Washington tennis	Builds awareness and year-round
21		opportunities for tennis in
22		Washington state. Displays a
23		symbol or artwork recognizing
24		tennis in Washington state.
25	Washington's fish collection	Recognizes Washington's fish.
26	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's
27		national parks and supports
28		priority park programs and
29		projects in Washington's national
30		parks, such as enhancing visitor
31		experience, promoting
32		volunteerism, engaging
33		communities, and providing
34		educational opportunities related
35		to Washington's national parks.
36	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's
37		wildlife.

1	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that
2		assists local member agencies of
3		the federation of animal welfare
4		and control agencies to promote
5		and perform spay/neuter surgery
6		on Washington state pets to
7		reduce pet overpopulation.
8	Wild on Washington	Symbolizes wildlife viewing in
9		Washington state.

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

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

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

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

- 36 (1) The department shall:
- 37 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW  
38 46.17.220;

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

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

6 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor  
7 vehicle fund until the department determines that the state has been  
8 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.  
9 Upon determination by the department that the state has been  
10 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special  
11 license plate fee amounts for each special license plate to the  
12 following appropriate account as created in this section in the  
13 custody of the state treasurer:

14	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF
15		FUNDS
16	4-H programs	Support Washington 4-H
17		programs
18	Fred Hutch	Support cancer research at the
19		Fred Hutchinson cancer research
20		center
21	Gonzaga University alumni	Scholarship funds to needy and
22	association	qualified students attending or
23		planning to attend Gonzaga
24		University
25	Helping kids speak	Provide free diagnostic and
26		therapeutic services to families of
27		children who suffer from a delay
28		in language or speech
29		development
30	Law enforcement memorial	Provide support and assistance to
31		survivors and families of law
32		enforcement officers in
33		Washington killed in the line of
34		duty and to organize, finance,
35		fund, construct, utilize, and
36		maintain a memorial on the state
37		capitol grounds to honor those
38		fallen officers



1	Lighthouse environmental	Support selected Washington state
2	programs	lighthouses that are accessible to
3		the public and staffed by
4		volunteers; provide environmental
5		education programs; provide
6		grants for other Washington
7		lighthouses to assist in funding
8		infrastructure preservation and
9		restoration; encourage and support
10		interpretive programs by
11		lighthouse docents
12	Music matters awareness	Promote music education in
13		schools throughout Washington
14	<u>Patches pal</u>	<u>Provide funds to the Seattle</u>
15		<u>children's hospital strong against</u>
16		<u>cancer program</u>
17	San Juan Islands programs	Provide funds to the Madrona
18		institute
19	Seattle Mariners	Provide funds to the sports
20		mentoring program and to support
21		the Washington world fellows
22		program in the following manner:
23		(a) Seventy-five percent to the
24		office of the lieutenant governor
25		solely to administer the sports
26		mentoring program established
27		under RCW 43.15.100, to
28		encourage youth who have
29		economic needs or face
30		adversities to experience spectator
31		sports or get involved in youth
32		sports, and (b) up to twenty-five
33		percent to the office of the
34		lieutenant governor solely to
35		administer the Washington world
36		fellows program, an equity
37		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 <del>((association-of))</del>
4		Washington <del>((generals))</del> <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

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 November 1, 2021.

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