

1 **SHB 2192** - H AMD to H AMD (H-3313.2/97) **721**

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 is employed or
8 otherwise compensated to participate in a sporting event.
9 "Professional athlete" does not include a student athlete.

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

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

19 (2) An annual fee is imposed on each professional athlete for the
20 privilege of engaging in any sporting event in this state. The fee is
21 five hundred dollars, and shall be paid to the director of licensing
22 not later than the day of the first sporting event in which the athlete
23 participates during the year. One half of fees collected under this
24 section shall be deposited in the stadium and exhibition center account
25 under section 213 of this act. The remainder of the fees shall be
26 deposited in the state general fund.

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

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

EFFECT: Adds an annual fee of \$500 on each professional athlete.