

SENATE BILL 5741

State of Washington 67th Legislature 2022 Regular Session

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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.

Table with 5 columns: PLATE TYPE, INITIAL FEE, RENEWAL FEE, DISTRIBUTED UNDER, and RCW reference. Rows include (1) 4-H, (2) Amateur radio license, (3) Armed forces, (4) Breast cancer awareness, (5) Collector vehicle, and (6) Collegiate.

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| 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 NHL | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |
| 24 | hockey | | | |
| 25 | ((22)) (23) Seattle | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |
| 26 | Seahawks | | | |
| 27 | ((23)) (24) Seattle | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |
| 28 | Sounders FC | | | |
| 29 | ((24)) (25) Seattle Storm | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |
| 30 | ((25)) (26) Seattle | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |
| 31 | University | | | |
| 32 | ((26)) (27) Share the road | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |
| 33 | ((27)) (28) Ski & ride | \$ 40.00 | \$ 30.00 | RCW 46.68.420 |
| 34 | Washington | | | |
| 35 | ((28)) (29) Square dancer | \$ 40.00 | N/A | RCW 46.68.070 |

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

| LICENSE PLATE | DESCRIPTION, SYMBOL, OR ARTWORK |
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| 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. |

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| 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. |

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| 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. |

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| 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:

| ACCOUNT | CONDITIONS FOR USE OF FUNDS |
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| 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 |

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| 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

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| 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 |

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| 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 October 1, 2022.

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