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1 AN ACT Relating to mandatory liability insurance; amending RCW
2 46.30.020 and 46.30.040; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.30.020 and 1989 c 353 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) (a) No person may operate a motor vehicle subject to
7 registration under chapter 46.16 RCW in this state unless the person is
8 insured under a motor vehicle liability policy with liability limits of
9 at least the amounts provided in RCW 46.29.090, is self-insured as
10 provided in RCW 46.29.630, is covered by a certificate of deposit in
11 conformance with RCW 46.29.550, or is covered by a liability bond of at
12 least the amounts provided in RCW 46.29.090.

13 (b) Whenever a person operates a motor vehicle subject to
14 registration under chapter 46.16 RCW, the person shall have in his or
15 her possession an insurance identification card as specified in RCW

1 46.30.030 and shall display the card upon demand to a law enforcement
2 officer.

3 (c) Every person who drives a motor vehicle required to be
4 registered in another state that requires drivers and owners of
5 vehicles in that state to maintain insurance or financial
6 responsibility shall, when requested by a law enforcement officer,
7 provide evidence of financial responsibility or insurance as is
8 required by the laws of the state in which the vehicle is registered.

9 (d) It is presumed that a person who fails to display an insurance
10 identification card does not have motor vehicle liability insurance.

11 ~~(2) ((A violation of this section constitutes a traffic infraction~~
12 ~~punishable by a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars unless a court~~
13 ~~determines that in the interest of justice the fine should be reduced.~~
14 ~~In lieu of the fine, a court may permit the defendant to perform~~
15 ~~community service designated by the court.~~

16 ~~(3))~~ If a person cited for a violation of subsection (1)(a) of
17 this section appears in person before the court and provides written
18 evidence that at the time the person was cited, he or she was in
19 compliance with this section, the citation shall be dismissed without
20 cost. In lieu of personal appearance, a person cited for a violation
21 of subsection (1)(a) of this section may, before the date scheduled for
22 the person's appearance before the court, submit by mail to the court
23 written evidence that at the time the person was cited, he or she was
24 in compliance with subsection (1)(a) of this section, in which case the
25 citation shall be dismissed without cost.

26 ~~((4))~~ (3) The provisions of this chapter shall not govern:

27 (a) The operation of a motor vehicle registered under ~~((RCW~~
28 ~~46.16.310 or 46.16.315, governed by))~~ RCW 46.16.020, registered with
29 the Washington utilities and transportation commission as common or
30 contract carriers; or

1 (b) The operation of a motorcycle as defined in RCW 46.04.330, a
2 motor-driven cycle as defined in RCW 46.04.332, or a moped as defined
3 in RCW 46.04.304.

4 ~~((5))~~ (4) RCW 46.29.490 shall not be deemed to govern all motor
5 vehicle liability policies required by this chapter but only those
6 certified for the purposes stated in chapter 46.29 RCW.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.30.040 and 1989 c 353 s 4 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 ~~((1) Whenever a person operates a motor vehicle subject to
10 registration under chapter 46.16 RCW, the person shall have in his or
11 her possession an identification card of the type specified in RCW
12 46.30.030 and shall display the card upon demand to a law enforcement
13 officer.~~

14 ~~(2) Every person who drives a motor vehicle required to be
15 registered in another state that requires drivers and owners of
16 vehicles in that state to maintain insurance or financial
17 responsibility shall, when requested by a law enforcement officer,
18 provide evidence of financial responsibility or insurance as is
19 required by the laws of the state in which the vehicle is registered.~~

20 ~~(3))~~ Any person who knowingly provides false evidence of financial
21 responsibility to a law enforcement officer or to a court, including an
22 expired or canceled insurance policy, bond, or certificate of deposit
23 is guilty of a misdemeanor.