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By Representatives Pettigrew, Manweller, Moscoso, Appleton, Seaquist, Green, Condotta, Moeller, and Angel

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1 AN ACT Relating to for hire vehicles, limousines, and taxicabs;  
2 amending RCW 51.12.183; and creating a new section.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 51.12.183 and 2011 c 190 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) On or after January 1, 2012, any business that owns and  
7 operates a for hire vehicle licensed under chapter 46.72 RCW, a  
8 limousine under chapter 46.72A RCW, or a taxicab under chapter 81.72  
9 RCW and the for hire operator or chauffeur of such vehicle is within  
10 the mandatory coverage of this title.

11 (2) On or after January 1, 2012, any business that as owner or  
12 agent leases a for hire vehicle licensed under chapter 46.72 RCW, a  
13 limousine under chapter 46.72A RCW, or a taxicab under chapter 81.72  
14 RCW to a for hire operator or a chauffeur and the for hire operator or  
15 chauffeur of such vehicle is within the mandatory coverage of this  
16 title.

17 (3) Prior to January 1, 2012, any business that owned and operated,  
18 or as owner or agent leased, a for hire vehicle licensed under chapter

1 46.72 RCW, a limousine under chapter 46.72A RCW, or a taxicab under  
2 chapter 81.72 RCW, and the for hire operator or chauffeur of such  
3 vehicle is not within the mandatory coverage of this title.

4 (4) Any business that owned and operated, or as owner or agent  
5 leased, a for hire vehicle licensed under chapter 46.72 RCW, a  
6 limousine under chapter 46.72A RCW, or a taxicab under chapter 81.72  
7 RCW that paid premium, penalty, or interest to the department in  
8 settlement of a claim for unpaid premiums by the department prior to  
9 January 1, 2012, where no fault for such claim was admitted, must have  
10 such payment refunded by the department within ninety days after the  
11 effective date of this section.

12 (5) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions  
13 apply unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

14 (a) "Chauffeur" has the same meaning as provided in RCW 46.04.115;  
15 and

16 (b) "For hire operator" means a person who is operating a vehicle  
17 for the purpose of carrying persons for compensation.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act applies both prospectively and  
19 retroactively to all causes of action arising under this section.

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