
HOUSE BILL 1011

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1 AN ACT Relating to waiver of driver's license examinations; and
2 amending RCW 46.20.120.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.120 and 1990 c 9 s 1 are each amended to read as
5 follows:

6 No new driver's license may be issued and no previously issued
7 license may be renewed until the applicant therefor has successfully
8 passed a driver licensing examination. However, the department may
9 waive all or any part of the examination of any person applying for the
10 renewal of a driver's license except when the department determines
11 that an applicant for a driver's license is not qualified to hold a
12 driver's license under this title. The department shall waive both the
13 knowledge and the skill portions of the examination for a person who
14 applies for such a waiver within forty-five days of successfully
15 completing a traffic safety education course as defined in RCW
16 28A.220.020, conducted by a recognized public or private secondary
17 school, that meets the standards established by the office of the state
18 superintendent of public instruction. The applicant for waiver must
19 also present a written recommendation from the traffic safety

1 instructor. The department may also waive the actual demonstration of
2 the ability to operate a motor vehicle by a person who surrenders a
3 valid driver's license issued by the person's previous home state and
4 who is otherwise qualified to be licensed. For a new license
5 examination a fee of seven dollars shall be paid by each applicant, in
6 addition to the fee charged for issuance of the license. A new license
7 is one issued to a driver who has not been previously licensed in this
8 state or to a driver whose last previous Washington license has been
9 expired for more than four years.

10 Any person renewing his or her driver's license more than sixty
11 days after the license has expired shall pay a penalty fee of ten
12 dollars in addition to the renewal fee under RCW 46.20.181. The
13 penalty fee shall be deposited in the highway safety fund.

14 Any person who is outside the state at the time his or her driver's
15 license expires or who is unable to renew the license due to any
16 incapacity may renew the license within sixty days after returning to
17 this state or within sixty days after the termination of any such
18 incapacity without the payment of the penalty fee.

19 The department shall provide for giving examinations at places and
20 times reasonably available to the people of this state.

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