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By Representatives Buck, Cooke, Mielke and Cairnes

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1 AN ACT Relating to commuter ride-sharing qualifications; and
2 amending RCW 46.74.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.74.010 and 1996 c 244 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The definitions set forth in this section shall apply throughout
7 this chapter, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

8 (1) "Commuter ride sharing" means a car pool or van pool
9 arrangement whereby ((a)) one or more fixed groups not exceeding
10 fifteen persons each including the drivers, and (a) not fewer than five
11 persons including the drivers, or (b) not fewer than four persons
12 including the drivers where at least two of those persons are confined
13 to wheelchairs when riding, ((is)) are transported in a passenger motor
14 vehicle with a gross vehicle weight not exceeding ten thousand pounds,
15 excluding special rider equipment, between their places of abode or
16 termini near such places, and their places of employment or educational
17 or other institutions, each group in a single daily round trip where
18 the drivers ((is)) are also on the way to or from ((his or her)) their
19 places of employment or educational or other institution.

1 (2) "Ride sharing for persons with special transportation needs"
2 means an arrangement whereby a group of persons with special
3 transportation needs, and their attendants, is transported by a public
4 social service agency or a private, nonprofit transportation provider
5 as defined in RCW 81.66.010(3) in a passenger motor vehicle as defined
6 by the department to include small buses, cutaways, and modified vans
7 not more than twenty-eight feet long: PROVIDED, That the driver need
8 not be a person with special transportation needs.

9 (3) "Ride-sharing operator" means the person, entity, or concern,
10 not necessarily the driver, responsible for the existence and
11 continuance of commuter ride sharing or ride sharing for persons with
12 special transportation needs.

13 (4) "Persons with special transportation needs" means those persons
14 defined in RCW 81.66.010(4).

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