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1 AN ACT Relating to vehicle licenses; and amending RCW 46.16.212,
2 46.16.210, and 46.30.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.212 and 1989 c 353 s 10 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department of licensing shall notify the public of the
7 requirements of RCW 46.30.020 through 46.30.040 at the time of new
8 vehicle registration and when the department sends a registration
9 renewal notice.

10 (2) The department of licensing shall not issue an original vehicle
11 license or renew a vehicle license unless the applicant provides
12 written proof of meeting the financial responsibility requirements for
13 operating a motor vehicle as provided in RCW 46.30.020.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.210 and 1997 c 241 s 8 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 (1) Upon receipt of the application and proper fee for original
17 vehicle license, the director shall make a recheck of the application
18 and in the event that there is any error in the application it may be

1 returned to the county auditor or other agent to effectively secure the
2 correction of such error, who shall return the same corrected to the
3 director.

4 (2) Application for the renewal of a vehicle license shall be made
5 to the director or his agents, including county auditors, by the
6 registered owner on a form prescribed by the director. The application
7 must be accompanied by the certificate of registration for the last
8 registration period in which the vehicle was registered in Washington
9 unless the applicant submits a preprinted application mailed from
10 Olympia, and the payment of such license fees and excise tax as may be
11 required by law. Such application shall be handled in the same manner
12 and the fees transmitted to the state treasurer in the same manner as
13 in the case of an original application. Any such application which
14 upon validation becomes a renewal certificate need not have entered
15 upon it the name of the lien holder, if any, of the vehicle concerned.

16 (3) Persons expecting to be out of the state during the normal
17 renewal period of a vehicle license may secure renewal of such vehicle
18 license and have license plates or tabs preissued by making application
19 to the director or his agents upon forms prescribed by the director.
20 The application must be accompanied by the certificate of registration
21 for the last registration period in which the vehicle was registered in
22 Washington and be accompanied by such license fees, and excise tax as
23 may be required by law.

24 (4) Every applicant for an original vehicle license or for the
25 renewal of a vehicle license shall provide current proof of financial
26 responsibility to operate a vehicle as required in RCW 46.30.020. For
27 applicants who meet the financial responsibility requirements through
28 a motor vehicle liability insurance policy, the current proof provided
29 to the department shall indicate the policy is prepaid for a minimum of
30 six months. The department may adopt rules regarding valid proof of
31 financial responsibility for persons applying for or renewing a vehicle
32 license.

33 (5) Application for the annual renewal of a vehicle license number
34 plate to the director or the director's agents shall not be required
35 for those vehicles owned, rented, or leased by the state of Washington,
36 or by any county, city, town, school district, or other political
37 subdivision of the state of Washington or a governing body of an Indian
38 tribe located within this state and recognized as a governmental entity
39 by the United States department of the interior.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.30.040 and 1991 sp.s. c 25 s 2 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Any person who knowingly provides false evidence of financial
4 responsibility to a law enforcement officer (~~(or)~~), to a court, or to
5 the department of licensing on an application for an original vehicle
6 license or the renewal of a vehicle license, including an expired or
7 canceled insurance policy, bond, or certificate of deposit is guilty of
8 a misdemeanor.

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