
HOUSE BILL 2167

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1 AN ACT Relating to proof of financial responsibility as a
2 requirement for vehicle registration; and amending RCW 46.16.040 and
3 46.16.210.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.040 and 1987 c 244 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Application for original vehicle license shall be made on (~~{a}~~)
8 a form furnished for the purpose by the department. Such application
9 shall be made by the owner of the vehicle or duly authorized agent over
10 the signature of such owner or agent, and the applicant shall certify
11 that the statements therein are true to the best of the applicant's
12 knowledge. The application must show:

13 (1) Name and address of the owner of the vehicle and, if the
14 vehicle is subject to a security agreement, the name and address of the
15 secured party;

16 (2) Trade name of the vehicle, model, year, type of body, the
17 identification number thereof;

18 (3) The power to be used--whether electric, steam, gas or other
19 power;

1 (4) The purpose for which said vehicle is to be used and the nature
2 of the license required;

3 (5) The licensed gross weight for such vehicle which in the case of
4 for hire vehicles and auto stages with seating capacity of more than
5 six shall be the adult seating capacity thereof, including the
6 operator, as provided for in RCW 46.16.111. In the case of motor
7 trucks, tractors, and truck tractors, the licensed gross weight shall
8 be the gross weight declared by the applicant pursuant to the
9 provisions of RCW 46.16.111;

10 (6) The unladen weight of such vehicle, if it be a motor truck or
11 trailer, which shall be the shipping weight thereof as given by the
12 manufacturer thereof unless another weight is shown by weight slip
13 verified by a certified weighmaster, which slip shall be attached to
14 the original application;

15 (7) Information as to proof of financial security for the future
16 meeting the requirements of RCW 46.29.260; and

17 (8) Such other information as shall be required upon such
18 application by the department.

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

21 (1) Upon receipt of the application and proper fee for original
22 vehicle license, the director shall make a recheck of the application
23 and in the event that there is any error in the application it may be
24 returned to the county auditor or other agent to effectively secure the
25 correction of such error, who shall return the same corrected to the
26 director.

27 (2) Application for the renewal of a vehicle license shall be made
28 to the director or his agents, including county auditors, by the
29 registered owner on a form prescribed by the director. The application
30 must be accompanied by the certificate of registration for the last
31 registration period in which the vehicle was registered in Washington
32 unless the applicant submits a preprinted application mailed from
33 Olympia, and the payment of such license fees and excise tax as may be
34 required by law. The application must also include information as to
35 proof of financial insurance for the future meeting the requirements of
36 RCW 46.29.260. Such application shall be handled in the same manner
37 and the fees transmitted to the state treasurer in the same manner as
38 in the case of an original application. Any such application which

1 upon validation becomes a renewal certificate need not have entered
2 upon it the name of the lien holder, if any, of the vehicle concerned.

3 (3) Persons expecting to be out of the state during the normal
4 renewal period of a vehicle license may secure renewal of such vehicle
5 license and have license plates or tabs preissued by making application
6 to the director or his agents upon forms prescribed by the director.
7 The application must be accompanied by the certificate of registration
8 for the last registration period in which the vehicle was registered in
9 Washington and be accompanied by such license fees, and excise tax as
10 may be required by law.

11 (4) Application for the annual renewal of a vehicle license number
12 plate to the director or the director's agents shall not be required
13 for those vehicles owned, rented, or leased by the state of Washington,
14 or by any county, city, town, school district, or other political
15 subdivision of the state of Washington or a governing body of an Indian
16 tribe located within this state and recognized as a governmental entity
17 by the United States department of the interior.

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