

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

We, Timothy A. Martin and Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2029** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By Representatives Hurst, Mitchell, Fisher, Hankins, Haigh, Anderson, Cooper, Ericksen, Ogden, Marine, Jarrett, Wood, Romero, Armstrong, Rockefeller, Mielke, Hatfield, Sump, Lovick, Simpson, Woods, Reardon, Morell, Skinner, Ahern, Jackley, Murray, Edmonds and Kenney

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1 AN ACT Relating to certificates of ownership and registration;
2 amending RCW 46.12.040 and 46.12.060; reenacting and amending RCW
3 46.12.030; adding a new section to chapter 46.12 RCW; providing an
4 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.12.030 and 1995 c 274 s 1 and 1995 c 256 s 23 are
7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 The application for (({a})) a certificate of ownership shall be
9 upon a form furnished or approved by the department and shall contain:

10 (1) A full description of the vehicle, which shall contain the
11 proper vehicle identification number, the number of miles indicated on
12 the odometer at the time of delivery of the vehicle, and any
13 distinguishing marks of identification;

14 (2) The name and address of the person who is to be the registered
15 owner of the vehicle and, if the vehicle is subject to a security
16 interest, the name and address of the secured party;

17 (3) Such other information as the department may require. The
18 department may in any instance, in addition to the information required
19 on the application, require additional information and a physical

1 examination of the vehicle or of any class of vehicles, or either. A
2 physical examination of the vehicle is mandatory if (~~it previously was~~
3 ~~registered in any other state or country or if~~) it has been rebuilt
4 after surrender of the certificate of ownership to the department under
5 RCW 46.12.070 due to the vehicle's destruction or declaration as a
6 total loss. The inspection must verify that the vehicle identification
7 number is genuine and agrees with the number shown on the (~~foreign~~)
8 title and registration certificate. (~~If the vehicle is from a~~
9 ~~jurisdiction that does not issue titles, the inspection must verify~~
10 ~~that the vehicle identification number is genuine and agrees with the~~
11 ~~number shown on the registration certificate. The inspection must also~~
12 ~~confirm that the license plates on the vehicle are those assigned to~~
13 ~~the vehicle by the jurisdiction in which the vehicle was previously~~
14 ~~licensed.)) The inspection must be made by a member of the Washington
15 state patrol or other person authorized by the department to make such
16 inspections.~~

17 The application shall be subscribed by the registered owner and be
18 sworn to by that applicant in the manner described by RCW 9A.72.085.
19 The department shall retain the application in either the original,
20 computer, or photostatic form.

21 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.12.040 and 1990 c 238 s 2 are each amended to read
22 as follows:

23 The application accompanied by a draft, money order, certified bank
24 check, or cash for one dollar and twenty-five cents, together with the
25 last preceding certificates or other satisfactory evidence of
26 ownership, shall be forwarded to the director.

27 The fee shall be in addition to any other fee for the license
28 registration of the vehicle. The certificate of ownership shall not be
29 required to be renewed annually, or at any other time, except as by law
30 provided.

31 In addition to the application fee and any other fee for the
32 license registration of a vehicle, (~~there shall be collected from the~~
33 ~~applicant an inspection fee whenever a physical examination of the~~
34 ~~vehicle is required as a part of the vehicle licensing or titling~~
35 ~~process.~~

36 ~~For vehicles previously registered in any other state or country,~~
37 ~~the inspection)) the department shall collect from the applicant a fee
38 (~~shall be~~) of fifteen dollars (~~and~~) for vehicles previously~~

1 registered in any other state or country. The proceeds from the fee
2 shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund. For ~~((all other))~~
3 vehicles requiring a physical examination, the inspection fee shall be
4 ~~((twenty))~~ fifty dollars and shall be deposited in the motor vehicle
5 fund.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.12 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 The department shall institute software and systems modifications
9 to enable a WACIC/NCIC stolen vehicle search of out-of-state vehicles
10 as part of the title transaction. During the stolen vehicle search, if
11 the information obtained indicates the vehicle is stolen, that
12 information shall be immediately reported to the state patrol and the
13 applicant shall not be permitted to register the vehicle. Vehicles for
14 which the stolen vehicle check is negative shall be registered if the
15 department is satisfied that all other requirements have been met.

16 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.12.060 and 1975 c 25 s 10 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 Before the department shall issue a certificate of ownership, or
19 reissue such a certificate, covering any vehicle, the identification
20 number of which has been altered, removed, obliterated, defaced,
21 omitted, or is otherwise absent, the registered owner of the vehicle
22 shall file an application with the department, accompanied by a fee of
23 five dollars, upon a form provided, and containing such facts and
24 information as shall be required by the department for the assignment
25 of a special number for such vehicle. Upon receipt of such
26 application, the department, if satisfied the applicant is entitled to
27 the assignment of an identification number, shall designate a special
28 identification number for such vehicle, which shall be noted upon the
29 application therefor, and likewise upon a suitable record of the
30 authorization of the use thereof, to be kept by the department. This
31 assigned identification number shall be placed or stamped in a
32 conspicuous position upon the vehicle in such manner and form as may be
33 prescribed by the department. Upon receipt by the department of ~~((a
34 certificate by an officer of the Washington state patrol, or other
35 person authorized by the department, that the vehicle has been
36 inspected and that the identification number or the special number
37 plate, has been stamped or securely attached in a conspicuous position~~

1 ~~upon the vehicle, accompanied by~~) an application for a certificate of
2 ownership or application for reissue of such certificate and the
3 required fee therefor, the department shall use such number as the
4 numerical or alpha-numerical identification marks for the vehicle in
5 any certificate of license registration or certificate of ownership
6 that may thereafter be issued therefor.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
9 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
10 July 1, 2001.

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