CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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  Yeas 81  Nays 13

FRANK CHOPP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

CLYDE BALLARD
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate March 23, 2001
  Yeas 47  Nays 0

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

Approved April 27, 2001

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.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER
Chief Clerk

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN
Chief Clerk

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GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

Secretary of State
State of Washington
HOUSE BILL 2029

AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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

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

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

The application for a certificate of ownership shall be upon a form furnished or approved by the department and shall contain:

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

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

(3) Such other information as the department may require. The department may in any instance, in addition to the information required on the application, require additional information and a physical
examination of the vehicle or of any class of vehicles, or either. A
physical examination of the vehicle is mandatory if (it previously was
registered in any other state or country or if) it has been rebuilt
after surrender of the certificate of ownership to the department under
RCW 46.12.070 due to the vehicle’s destruction or declaration as a
total loss. The inspection must verify that the vehicle identification
number is genuine and agrees with the number shown on the (foreign)
title and registration certificate. (If the vehicle is from a
jurisdiction that does not issue titles, the inspection must verify
that the vehicle identification number is genuine and agrees with the
number shown on the registration certificate. The inspection must also
confirm that the license plates on the vehicle are those assigned to
the vehicle by the jurisdiction in which the vehicle was previously
licensed.) The inspection must be made by a member of the Washington
state patrol or other person authorized by the department to make such
inspections.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Before the department shall issue a certificate of ownership, or reissue such a certificate, covering any vehicle, the identification number of which has been altered, removed, obliterated, defaced, omitted, or is otherwise absent, the registered owner of the vehicle shall file an application with the department, accompanied by a fee of five dollars, upon a form provided, and containing such facts and information as shall be required by the department for the assignment of a special number for such vehicle. Upon receipt of such application, the department, if satisfied the applicant is entitled to the assignment of an identification number, shall designate a special identification number for such vehicle, which shall be noted upon the application therefor, and likewise upon a suitable record of the authorization of the use thereof, to be kept by the department. This assigned identification number shall be placed or stamped in a conspicuous position upon the vehicle in such manner and form as may be prescribed by the department. Upon receipt by the department of ((a certificate by an officer of the Washington state patrol, or other person authorized by the department, that the vehicle has been inspected and that the identification number or the special number plate, has been stamped or securely attached in a conspicuous position,
upon the vehicle, accompanied by)) an application for a certificate of
ownership or application for reissue of such certificate and the
required fee therefor, the department shall use such number as the
numerical or alpha-numerical identification marks for the vehicle in
any certificate of license registration or certificate of ownership
that may thereafter be issued therefor.

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

Approved by the Governor April 27, 2001.
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