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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Hawkins, Llias, Fortunato, O'Ban, Saldaña, King, Sheldon, and Hobbs)

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1 AN ACT Relating to two-year registration periods for certain
2 vehicles and vessels while maintaining existing annual registration
3 fee amounts; amending RCW 46.16A.010, 46.16A.020, 46.16A.110,
4 46.16A.180, 46.17.005, 46.17.015, 46.17.025, 46.17.040, 46.17.210,
5 46.17.305, 46.17.323, 46.17.350, 46.17.355, 46.17.365, 46.17.375,
6 46.68.030, 82.44.060, 82.50.460, 82.80.140, 88.02.560, and 82.49.010;
7 reenacting and amending RCW 46.17.220, 88.02.310, 88.02.640, and
8 88.02.640; adding a new section to chapter 46.16A RCW; adding a new
9 section to chapter 88.02 RCW; providing effective dates; and
10 providing an expiration date.

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

12 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16A.010 and 2010 c 161 s 401 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 For the purposes of this chapter unless the context clearly
15 requires otherwise:

16 (1) "Commercial motor vehicle," for the purposes of requiring a
17 department of transportation number, means the same as defined in RCW
18 46.25.010(6), or a motor vehicle used in commerce when the motor
19 vehicle: (a) Has a gross vehicle weight rating of 11,794 kilograms or
20 more (26,001 pounds or more) inclusive of a towed unit of a gross
21 vehicle weight rating of more than 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds or

1 more); (b) has a gross vehicle weight rating of 11,794 kilograms or
2 more (26,001 pounds or more); or (c) is used in the transportation of
3 hazardous materials, as defined in RCW 46.25.010(13);

4 (2) "Department of transportation number" means a department of
5 transportation number from the federal motor carrier safety
6 administration;

7 (3) "Interstate commercial motor vehicle" means a commercial
8 vehicle that operates in more than one state;

9 (4) "Intrastate commercial motor vehicle" means a commercial
10 vehicle that operates exclusively within the state of Washington;

11 (5) "Motor carrier" means a person or entity who has been issued
12 a department of transportation number and who owns a commercial motor
13 vehicle;

14 (6) "Registration year" means the effective period of a vehicle
15 registration issued by the department. A registration year begins at
16 12:01 a.m. on the date of the calendar year designated by the
17 department and ends at 12:00 a.m. the same day the following year
18 unless otherwise specified;

19 (7) "Renewal notice" means the notice to renew a vehicle
20 registration sent to the registered owner by the department;

21 (8) "Two-year registration period" means the effective period of
22 a vehicle registration issued by the department for a two-year
23 period. A two-year registration period begins at 12:01 a.m. on the
24 date of the calendar year designated by the department and ends at
25 12:00 a.m. the same day two years later unless otherwise specified.

26 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16A.020 and 2014 c 80 s 2 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 (1) A person may designate either a one-year registration or a
29 two-year registration when registering a vehicle that is eligible for
30 a two-year registration period. If a two-year registration is
31 designated by the registered owner, all applicable taxes and fees
32 must be collected for a twenty-four month period instead of a twelve-
33 month period. The department, county auditor or other agent, or
34 subagent appointed by the director shall assign a new registration
35 year or two-year registration period to a vehicle if:

36 (a) The registered ownership of the vehicle is being transferred,
37 except as provided in subsection (4) of this section. The renewed
38 vehicle registration is valid for a full ~~((twelve-month))~~
39 registration year or two-year registration period unless: (i) The

1 vehicle changes ownership during the (~~twelve-month~~) registration
2 year or two-year registration period, in which case the registration
3 expires; or (ii) a specific expiration date is required by law, rule,
4 or program; or

5 (b) The Washington vehicle registration has expired and the
6 registered owner:

7 (i) Is a member of the United States armed forces;

8 (ii) Was stationed outside of Washington under military orders
9 during the prior vehicle registration year or two-year registration
10 period; and

11 (iii) Provides the department a copy of the military orders.

12 (2) Each registration year may be divided into twelve
13 registration months. Each two-year registration period may be divided
14 into twenty-four registration months. Each registration month begins
15 at 12:01 a.m. on a day of the month assigned by the department and
16 ends at 12:00 a.m. on the same day the following month.

17 (3) A registration period extends through the end of the next
18 business day when the final day of a registration year or two-year
19 registration period or month falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal
20 holiday.

21 (4) A vehicle registration does not expire when a change in
22 vehicle ownership is the result of one or more of the following
23 circumstances:

24 (a) When adding a lien holder to the certificate of title or
25 removing a lien holder from the certificate of title;

26 (b) When a vehicle is transferred from one spouse or registered
27 domestic partner to another;

28 (c) When removing a deceased spouse or registered domestic
29 partner from the certificate of title;

30 (d) When a vehicle is transferred by gift or inheritance to one
31 or more members of the registered owner's immediate family;

32 (e) When a vehicle is transferred into or out of a trust in which
33 the registered owner or one or more immediate family members of the
34 registered owner is the beneficiary;

35 (f) When a leaseholder buys out the leased vehicle; or

36 (g) When a person changes his or her name.

37 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.16A.110 and 2014 c 80 s 3 are each amended to
38 read as follows:

1 (1) A registered owner or the registered owner's authorized
2 representative must apply for a renewal vehicle registration to the
3 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by
4 the director on a form approved by the director. The application for
5 a renewal vehicle registration must be accompanied by a draft, money
6 order, certified bank check, or cash for all fees and taxes required
7 by law for the application for a renewal vehicle registration.

8 (2)(a) When a vehicle changes ownership, the person taking
9 ownership or his or her authorized representative must apply for a
10 renewal vehicle registration as provided in subsection (1) of this
11 section and, except as provided in (b) of this subsection, pay all
12 the taxes and fees that are due at the time of registration renewal.
13 For the purposes of this section, when a vehicle is sold to a vehicle
14 dealer for resale, the application for a renewal registration need
15 not be made until the vehicle is sold by the vehicle dealer.

16 (b) The person taking ownership or his or her authorized
17 representative must be given credit for the portion of a motor
18 vehicle excise tax, including the motor vehicle excise tax collected
19 under RCW 81.104.160, that reflects the remaining period for which
20 the tax was initially paid by the previous owner.

21 (3) An application and the fees and taxes for a renewal vehicle
22 registration must be handled in the same manner as an original
23 vehicle registration application. The registration does not need to
24 show the name of the lien holder when the application for renewal
25 vehicle registration becomes the renewal registration upon
26 validation.

27 (4) A person expecting to be out of state during the normal
28 renewal period of a vehicle registration may renew a vehicle
29 registration and have license plates or tabs preissued by applying
30 for a renewal as described in subsection (1) of this section. A
31 vehicle registration may be renewed for the subsequent registration
32 year or two-year registration period up to eighteen months before the
33 current expiration date and must be displayed from the date of issue
34 or from the day of the expiration of the current registration year or
35 two-year registration period, whichever date is later.

36 (5) An application for a renewal vehicle registration is not
37 required for those vehicles owned, rented, or leased by:

38 (a) The state of Washington, or by any county, city, town, school
39 district, or other political subdivision of the state of Washington;
40 or

1 (b) A governing body of an Indian tribe located within this state
2 and recognized as a governmental entity by the United States
3 department of the interior.

4 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16A.180 and 2013 c 157 s 3 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) A registration certificate must be:

7 (a) Signed by the registered owner, or if a firm or corporation,
8 the signature of one of its officers or other authorized agent, to be
9 valid;

10 (b) Carried in the vehicle for which it is issued; and

11 (c) Provided to law enforcement and the department by the
12 operator of the vehicle upon demand.

13 ~~((d))~~ (2) The registration certificate required by this section
14 may be provided in either paper or electronic format. Acceptable
15 electronic formats include the display of electronic images on a
16 cellular phone or any other type of portable electronic device.

17 ~~((2))~~ (3) It is unlawful for any person to operate or be in
18 possession of a vehicle without carrying a registration certificate
19 for the vehicle. Any person in charge of a vehicle shall, upon demand
20 of any of the local authorities or of any police officer or of any
21 representative of the department, permit an inspection of the vehicle
22 registration certificate. This section does not apply to a vehicle
23 for which registration is not required to be renewed annually or
24 biennially and is a publicly owned vehicle marked as required under
25 RCW 46.08.065.

26 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.17.005 and 2010 c 161 s 501 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 (1) A person who applies for a vehicle registration or for any
29 other right to operate a vehicle on the highways of this state shall
30 pay a three dollar filing fee in addition to any other fees and taxes
31 required by law.

32 (2) A person who applies for a certificate of title shall pay a
33 four dollar filing fee in addition to any other fees and taxes
34 required by law.

35 (3) The filing fees established in this section must be
36 distributed under RCW 46.68.400.

37 (4) The filing fees provided in subsections (1) and (2) of this
38 section may be paid for a two-year registration period, as defined in

1 RCW 46.16A.010, and must be doubled appropriately to cover the cost
2 of that twenty-four month period.

3 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.17.015 and 2010 c 161 s 502 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) A person who applies for a vehicle registration or for any
6 other right to operate a vehicle on the highways of this state shall
7 pay a twenty-five cent license plate technology fee for a vehicle
8 subject to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, or a
9 fifty cent license plate technology fee for a vehicle subject to a
10 two-year registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, in
11 addition to any other fees and taxes required by law. The license
12 plate technology fee must be distributed under RCW 46.68.370.

13 (2) A vehicle registered under RCW 46.16A.455 or 46.17.330 is not
14 subject to the license plate technology fee.

15 **Sec. 7.** RCW 46.17.025 and 2010 c 161 s 503 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1) A person who applies for a vehicle registration or for any
18 other right to operate a vehicle on the highways of this state shall
19 pay a fifty cent license service fee for a vehicle subject to a
20 registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, or a one dollar
21 license service fee for a vehicle subject to a two-year registration
22 period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, in addition to any other fees
23 and taxes required by law. The license service fee must be
24 distributed under RCW 46.68.220.

25 (2) A vehicle registered under RCW 46.16A.455 or 46.17.330 is not
26 subject to the license service fee.

27 **Sec. 8.** RCW 46.17.040 and 2014 c 59 s 2 are each amended to read
28 as follows:

29 (1) The department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent
30 appointed by the director shall collect a service fee of:

31 (a) Twelve dollars for changes in a certificate of title, with or
32 without registration renewal, or for verification of record and
33 preparation of an affidavit of lost title other than at the time of
34 the certificate of title application or transfer; and

35 (b) Five dollars for a registration renewal, issuing a transit
36 permit, or any other service under this section.

1 (2) Service fees collected under this section by the department
2 or county auditor or other agent appointed by the director must be
3 credited to the capital vessel replacement account under RCW
4 47.60.322.

5 (3) Service fees provided in subsection (1) of this section may
6 be paid for a two-year registration period, as defined in RCW
7 46.16A.010, and must be doubled appropriately to cover the cost of
8 that twenty-four month period.

9 **Sec. 9.** RCW 46.17.210 and 2013 c 329 s 6 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (1) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
12 application for a vehicle registration under chapter 46.16A RCW, the
13 holder of a personalized license plate shall pay an initial fee of
14 fifty-two dollars and forty-two dollars for each renewal. The
15 personalized license plate fee must be distributed as provided in RCW
16 46.68.435.

17 (2) Any holder of a personalized license plate who registers his
18 or her vehicle for a two-year registration period as defined in RCW
19 46.16A.020 shall pay two times the appropriate fee amount listed in
20 subsection (1) of this section to cover the cost of that twenty-four
21 month period.

22 **Sec. 10.** RCW 46.17.220 and 2016 c 36 s 2, 2016 c 31 s 2, 2016 c
23 30 s 3, 2016 c 16 s 2, and 2016 c 15 s 2 are each reenacted and
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (1) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
26 application for a vehicle registration in chapter 46.16A RCW, the
27 holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate annual
28 special license plate fee as listed in this section. Any holder of a
29 special license plate who registers his or her vehicle for a two-year
30 registration period as defined in RCW 46.16A.020 shall pay two times
31 the appropriate fee amount listed in this section to cover the cost
32 of that twenty-four month period.

PLATE TYPE	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE	DISTRIBUTED UNDER
(a) 4-H	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
(b) Amateur radio license	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070

1	(c) Armed forces	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
2	(d) Baseball stadium	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	Subsection (2) of this section
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4	(e) Breast cancer awareness	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
5	(f) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
6	(g) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430
7	(h) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
8	(i) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
9	alumni association			
10	(j) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
11	(k) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
12	(l) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
13	(m) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
14	memorial			
15	(n) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
16	system			
17	(o) Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
18	(p) Purple Heart	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
19	(q) Professional firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
20	and paramedics			
21	(r) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
22	(s) Seattle Seahawks	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
23	(t) Seattle Sounders FC	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
24	(u) Seattle University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
25	(v) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
26	(w) Ski & ride Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
27	(x) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
28	(y) State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
29	(z) Volunteer firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
30	(aa) Washington farmers	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
31	and ranchers			
32	(bb) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
33	lighthouses			
34	(cc) Washington state parks	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425

1	(dd) Washington state	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	wrestling			
3	(ee) Washington tennis	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	(ff) Washington's fish	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
5	collection			
6	(gg) Washington's national	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
7	parks			
8	(hh) Washington's wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
9	collection			
10	(ii) We love our pets	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
11	(jj) Wild on Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425

12 (2) After deducting administration and collection expenses for
13 the sale of baseball stadium license plates, the remaining proceeds
14 must be distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the
15 principal and interest payments on bonds issued by the county to
16 construct a baseball stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including
17 reasonably necessary preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being
18 collected under RCW 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer
19 shall credit the funds to the state general fund.

20 **Sec. 11.** RCW 46.17.305 and 2010 c 161 s 522 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 Before accepting an application for a vehicle registration for a
23 boat trailer, the department, county auditor or other agent, or
24 subagent appointed by the director shall require the applicant to pay
25 a three dollar aquatic weed fee for a boat trailer subject to a
26 registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, or a six dollar
27 aquatic weed fee for a boat trailer subject to a two-year
28 registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, in addition to any
29 other fees and taxes required by law. The ((three dollar)) aquatic
30 weed fee must be deposited in the freshwater aquatic weeds account
31 created in RCW 43.21A.650.

32 **Sec. 12.** RCW 46.17.323 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 203 are each
33 amended to read as follows:

34 (1) Before accepting an application for an annual vehicle
35 registration renewal for a vehicle that both (a) uses at least one
36 method of propulsion that is capable of being reenergized by an

1 external source of electricity and (b) is capable of traveling at
2 least thirty miles using only battery power, the department, county
3 auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director must
4 require the applicant to pay a one hundred dollar fee for an electric
5 vehicle subject to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010,
6 or a two hundred dollar fee for an electric vehicle subject to a two-
7 year registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, in addition
8 to any other fees and taxes required by law. The (~~one hundred~~
9 ~~dollar~~) fee is due only at the time of annual or biennial
10 registration renewal.

11 (2) This section only applies to a vehicle that is designed to
12 have the capability to drive at a speed of more than thirty-five
13 miles per hour.

14 (3)(a) The fee under this section is imposed to provide funds to
15 mitigate the impact of vehicles on state roads and highways and for
16 the purpose of evaluating the feasibility of transitioning from a
17 revenue collection system based on fuel taxes to a road user
18 assessment system, and is separate and distinct from other vehicle
19 license fees. Proceeds from the fee must be used for highway
20 purposes, and must be deposited in the motor vehicle fund created in
21 RCW 46.68.070, subject to (b) of this subsection.

22 (b) If in any year the amount of proceeds from the fee collected
23 under this section exceeds one million dollars, the excess amount
24 over one million dollars must be deposited as follows:

25 (i) Seventy percent to the motor vehicle fund created in RCW
26 46.68.070;

27 (ii) Fifteen percent to the transportation improvement account
28 created in RCW 47.26.084; and

29 (iii) Fifteen percent to the rural arterial trust account created
30 in RCW 36.79.020.

31 (4)(a) In addition to the fee established in subsection (1) of
32 this section, before accepting an application for an annual vehicle
33 registration renewal for a vehicle that both (i) uses at least one
34 method of propulsion that is capable of being reenergized by an
35 external source of electricity and (ii) is capable of traveling at
36 least thirty miles using only battery power, the department, county
37 auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director must
38 require the applicant to pay a fifty dollar fee for an electric
39 vehicle subject to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010,

1 or a one hundred dollar fee for an electric vehicle subject to a two-
2 year registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010.

3 (b) The fee required under (a) of this subsection must be
4 distributed as follows:

5 (i) The first one million dollars raised by the fee must be
6 deposited into the multimodal transportation account created in RCW
7 47.66.070; and

8 (ii) Any remaining amounts must be deposited into the motor
9 vehicle fund created in RCW 46.68.070.

10 (5) This section applies to annual or biennial vehicle
11 registration renewals until the effective date of enacted legislation
12 that imposes a vehicle miles traveled fee or tax.

13 **Sec. 13.** RCW 46.17.350 and 2014 c 30 s 2 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) Before accepting an application for a vehicle registration,
16 the department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed
17 by the director shall require the applicant, unless specifically
18 exempt, to pay the following vehicle license fee by vehicle type:

VEHICLE TYPE	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE	DISTRIBUTED UNDER
(a) Auto stage, six seats or less	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(b) Camper	\$ 4.90	\$ 3.50	RCW 46.68.030
(c) Commercial trailer	\$ 34.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.035
(d) For hire vehicle, six seats or less	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(e) Mobile home (if registered)	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(f) Moped	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(g) Motor home	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(h) Motorcycle	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(i) Off-road vehicle	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	RCW 46.68.045
(j) Passenger car	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(k) Private use single-axle trailer	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	RCW 46.68.035

1	(l) Snowmobile	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	RCW 46.68.350
2	(m) Snowmobile, vintage	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	RCW 46.68.350
3	(n) Sport utility vehicle	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
4	(o) Tow truck	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
5	(p) Trailer, over 2000	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
6	pounds			
7	(q) Travel trailer	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
8	(r) Wheeled all-terrain	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	RCW 46.09.540
9	vehicle, on-road use			
10	(s) Wheeled all-terrain	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	RCW 46.09.510
11	vehicle, off-road use			

12 (2) The vehicle license fees required in subsection (1) of this
13 section may be doubled and paid biennially under a two-year
14 registration period as defined in RCW 46.16A.010.

15 (3) The vehicle license fee required in subsection (1) of this
16 section is in addition to the filing fee required under RCW
17 46.17.005, and any other fee or tax required by law.

18 **Sec. 14.** RCW 46.17.355 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 201 are each
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (1)(a) For vehicle registrations that are due or become due
21 before July 1, 2016, in lieu of the vehicle license fee required
22 under RCW 46.17.350 and before accepting an application for a vehicle
23 registration for motor vehicles described in RCW 46.16A.455, the
24 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by
25 the director shall require the applicant, unless specifically exempt,
26 to pay the following license fee by weight:

27	WEIGHT	SCHEDULE	SCHEDULE
28		A	B
29	4,000 pounds	\$ 38.00	\$ 38.00
30	6,000 pounds	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00
31	8,000 pounds	\$ 58.00	\$ 58.00
32	10,000 pounds	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
33	12,000 pounds	\$ 77.00	\$ 77.00
34	14,000 pounds	\$ 88.00	\$ 88.00

1	16,000 pounds	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
2	18,000 pounds	\$ 152.00	\$ 152.00
3	20,000 pounds	\$ 169.00	\$ 169.00
4	22,000 pounds	\$ 183.00	\$ 183.00
5	24,000 pounds	\$ 198.00	\$ 198.00
6	26,000 pounds	\$ 209.00	\$ 209.00
7	28,000 pounds	\$ 247.00	\$ 247.00
8	30,000 pounds	\$ 285.00	\$ 285.00
9	32,000 pounds	\$ 344.00	\$ 344.00
10	34,000 pounds	\$ 366.00	\$ 366.00
11	36,000 pounds	\$ 397.00	\$ 397.00
12	38,000 pounds	\$ 436.00	\$ 436.00
13	40,000 pounds	\$ 499.00	\$ 499.00
14	42,000 pounds	\$ 519.00	\$ 609.00
15	44,000 pounds	\$ 530.00	\$ 620.00
16	46,000 pounds	\$ 570.00	\$ 660.00
17	48,000 pounds	\$ 594.00	\$ 684.00
18	50,000 pounds	\$ 645.00	\$ 735.00
19	52,000 pounds	\$ 678.00	\$ 768.00
20	54,000 pounds	\$ 732.00	\$ 822.00
21	56,000 pounds	\$ 773.00	\$ 863.00
22	58,000 pounds	\$ 804.00	\$ 894.00
23	60,000 pounds	\$ 857.00	\$ 947.00
24	62,000 pounds	\$ 919.00	\$ 1,009.00
25	64,000 pounds	\$ 939.00	\$ 1,029.00
26	66,000 pounds	\$ 1,046.00	\$ 1,136.00
27	68,000 pounds	\$ 1,091.00	\$ 1,181.00
28	70,000 pounds	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 1,265.00
29	72,000 pounds	\$ 1,257.00	\$ 1,347.00
30	74,000 pounds	\$ 1,366.00	\$ 1,456.00
31	76,000 pounds	\$ 1,476.00	\$ 1,566.00
32	78,000 pounds	\$ 1,612.00	\$ 1,702.00

1	80,000 pounds	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 1,830.00
2	82,000 pounds	\$ 1,861.00	\$ 1,951.00
3	84,000 pounds	\$ 1,981.00	\$ 2,071.00
4	86,000 pounds	\$ 2,102.00	\$ 2,192.00
5	88,000 pounds	\$ 2,223.00	\$ 2,313.00
6	90,000 pounds	\$ 2,344.00	\$ 2,434.00
7	92,000 pounds	\$ 2,464.00	\$ 2,554.00
8	94,000 pounds	\$ 2,585.00	\$ 2,675.00
9	96,000 pounds	\$ 2,706.00	\$ 2,796.00
10	98,000 pounds	\$ 2,827.00	\$ 2,917.00
11	100,000 pounds	\$ 2,947.00	\$ 3,037.00
12	102,000 pounds	\$ 3,068.00	\$ 3,158.00
13	104,000 pounds	\$ 3,189.00	\$ 3,279.00
14	105,500 pounds	\$ 3,310.00	\$ 3,400.00

15 (b) For vehicle registrations that are due or become due on or
16 after July 1, 2016, in lieu of the vehicle license fee required under
17 RCW 46.17.350 and before accepting an application for a vehicle
18 registration for motor vehicles described in RCW 46.16A.455, the
19 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by
20 the director shall require the applicant, unless specifically exempt,
21 to pay the following license fee by weight:

22	WEIGHT	SCHEDULE	SCHEDULE
23		A	B
24	4,000 pounds	\$ 53.00	\$ 53.00
25	6,000 pounds	\$ 73.00	\$ 73.00
26	8,000 pounds	\$ 93.00	\$ 93.00
27	10,000 pounds	\$ 93.00	\$ 93.00
28	12,000 pounds	\$ 81.00	\$ 81.00
29	14,000 pounds	\$ 88.00	\$ 88.00
30	16,000 pounds	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
31	18,000 pounds	\$ 152.00	\$ 152.00
32	20,000 pounds	\$ 169.00	\$ 169.00
33	22,000 pounds	\$ 183.00	\$ 183.00

1	24,000 pounds	\$ 198.00	\$ 198.00
2	26,000 pounds	\$ 209.00	\$ 209.00
3	28,000 pounds	\$ 247.00	\$ 247.00
4	30,000 pounds	\$ 285.00	\$ 285.00
5	32,000 pounds	\$ 344.00	\$ 344.00
6	34,000 pounds	\$ 366.00	\$ 366.00
7	36,000 pounds	\$ 397.00	\$ 397.00
8	38,000 pounds	\$ 436.00	\$ 436.00
9	40,000 pounds	\$ 499.00	\$ 499.00
10	42,000 pounds	\$ 519.00	\$ 609.00
11	44,000 pounds	\$ 530.00	\$ 620.00
12	46,000 pounds	\$ 570.00	\$ 660.00
13	48,000 pounds	\$ 594.00	\$ 684.00
14	50,000 pounds	\$ 645.00	\$ 735.00
15	52,000 pounds	\$ 678.00	\$ 768.00
16	54,000 pounds	\$ 732.00	\$ 822.00
17	56,000 pounds	\$ 773.00	\$ 863.00
18	58,000 pounds	\$ 804.00	\$ 894.00
19	60,000 pounds	\$ 857.00	\$ 947.00
20	62,000 pounds	\$ 919.00	\$ 1,009.00
21	64,000 pounds	\$ 939.00	\$ 1,029.00
22	66,000 pounds	\$ 1,046.00	\$ 1,136.00
23	68,000 pounds	\$ 1,091.00	\$ 1,181.00
24	70,000 pounds	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 1,265.00
25	72,000 pounds	\$ 1,257.00	\$ 1,347.00
26	74,000 pounds	\$ 1,366.00	\$ 1,456.00
27	76,000 pounds	\$ 1,476.00	\$ 1,566.00
28	78,000 pounds	\$ 1,612.00	\$ 1,702.00
29	80,000 pounds	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 1,830.00
30	82,000 pounds	\$ 1,861.00	\$ 1,951.00
31	84,000 pounds	\$ 1,981.00	\$ 2,071.00
32	86,000 pounds	\$ 2,102.00	\$ 2,192.00

1	88,000 pounds	\$ 2,223.00	\$ 2,313.00
2	90,000 pounds	\$ 2,344.00	\$ 2,434.00
3	92,000 pounds	\$ 2,464.00	\$ 2,554.00
4	94,000 pounds	\$ 2,585.00	\$ 2,675.00
5	96,000 pounds	\$ 2,706.00	\$ 2,796.00
6	98,000 pounds	\$ 2,827.00	\$ 2,917.00
7	100,000 pounds	\$ 2,947.00	\$ 3,037.00
8	102,000 pounds	\$ 3,068.00	\$ 3,158.00
9	104,000 pounds	\$ 3,189.00	\$ 3,279.00
10	105,500 pounds	\$ 3,310.00	\$ 3,400.00

11 (2) Schedule A applies to vehicles either used exclusively for
12 hauling logs or that do not tow trailers. Schedule B applies to
13 vehicles that tow trailers and are not covered under Schedule A.

14 (3) If the resultant gross weight is not listed in the table
15 provided in subsection (1) of this section, it must be increased to
16 the next higher weight.

17 (4) The license fees provided in subsection (1) of this section
18 and the freight project fee provided in subsection (6) of this
19 section are in addition to the filing fee required under RCW
20 46.17.005 and any other fee or tax required by law.

21 (5) The license fee based on declared gross weight as provided in
22 subsection (1) of this section must be distributed under RCW
23 46.68.035.

24 (6) For vehicle registrations that are due or become due on or
25 after July 1, 2016, in addition to the license fee based on declared
26 gross weight as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the
27 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by
28 the director must require an applicant with a vehicle with a declared
29 gross weight of more than 10,000 pounds, unless specifically exempt,
30 to pay a freight project fee equal to fifteen percent of the license
31 fee provided in subsection (1) of this section, rounded to the
32 nearest whole dollar, which must be distributed under RCW 46.68.035.

33 (7) For vehicle registrations that are due or become due on or
34 after July 1, 2022, in addition to the license fee based on declared
35 gross weight as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the
36 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by
37 the director must require an applicant with a vehicle with a declared

1 gross weight of less than or equal to 12,000 pounds, unless
2 specifically exempt, to pay an additional weight fee of ten dollars,
3 which must be distributed under RCW 46.68.035.

4 (8) The license fees provided in subsections (1) and (7) of this
5 section for vehicles that are twelve thousand pounds or less and
6 subject to a two-year registration period, as defined in RCW
7 46.16A.010, are doubled and must be paid biennially.

8 **Sec. 15.** RCW 46.17.365 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 202 are each
9 amended to read as follows:

10 (1) A person applying for a motor vehicle registration and paying
11 the vehicle license fee required in RCW 46.17.350(1) (a), (d), (e),
12 (h), (j), (n), and (o) shall pay a motor vehicle weight fee in
13 addition to all other fees and taxes required by law.

14 (a) For vehicle registrations that are due or become due before
15 July 1, 2016, the motor vehicle weight fee:

16 (i) Must be based on the motor vehicle scale weight;

17 (ii) Is the difference determined by subtracting the vehicle
18 license fee required in RCW 46.17.350 from the license fee in
19 Schedule B of RCW 46.17.355, plus two dollars; and

20 (iii) Must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415.

21 (b) For vehicle registrations that are due or become due on or
22 after July 1, 2016, the motor vehicle weight fee:

23 (i) Must be based on the motor vehicle scale weight as follows:

WEIGHT	FEE
4,000 pounds	\$ 25.00
6,000 pounds	\$ 45.00
8,000 pounds	\$ 65.00
16,000 pounds and over	\$ 72.00;

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29 (ii) If the resultant motor vehicle scale weight is not listed in
30 the table provided in (b)(i) of this subsection, must be increased to
31 the next highest weight; and

32 (iii) Must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415 unless prior to
33 July 1, 2023, the actions described in (b)(iii)(A) or (B) of this
34 subsection occur, in which case the portion of the revenue that is
35 the result of the fee increased in this subsection must be
36 distributed to the connecting Washington account created under RCW
37 46.68.395.

1 (A) Any state agency files a notice of rule making under chapter
2 34.05 RCW for a rule regarding a fuel standard based upon or defined
3 by the carbon intensity of fuel, including a low carbon fuel standard
4 or clean fuel standard.

5 (B) Any state agency otherwise enacts, adopts, orders, or in any
6 way implements a fuel standard based upon or defined by the carbon
7 intensity of fuel, including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel
8 standard.

9 (C) Nothing in this subsection acknowledges, establishes, or
10 creates legal authority for the department of ecology or any other
11 state agency to enact, adopt, order, or in any way implement a fuel
12 standard based upon or defined by the carbon intensity of fuel,
13 including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel standard.

14 (2) A person applying for a motor home vehicle registration
15 shall, in lieu of the motor vehicle weight fee required in subsection
16 (1) of this section, pay a motor home vehicle weight fee of seventy-
17 five dollars for a motor home subject to a registration year, as
18 defined in RCW 46.16A.010, or a motor home vehicle weight fee of one
19 hundred fifty dollars for a motor home subject to a two-year
20 registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, in addition to all
21 other fees and taxes required by law. The motor home vehicle weight
22 fee must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415.

23 (3) Beginning July 1, 2022, in addition to the motor vehicle
24 weight fee as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the
25 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by
26 the director must require an applicant to pay an additional weight
27 fee of ten dollars, which must be distributed to the multimodal
28 transportation account under RCW 47.66.070 unless prior to July 1,
29 2023, the actions described in (a) or (b) of this subsection occur,
30 in which case the portion of the revenue that is the result of the
31 fee increased in this subsection must be distributed to the
32 connecting Washington account created under RCW 46.68.395.

33 (a) Any state agency files a notice of rule making under chapter
34 34.05 RCW for a rule regarding a fuel standard based upon or defined
35 by the carbon intensity of fuel, including a low carbon fuel standard
36 or clean fuel standard.

37 (b) Any state agency otherwise enacts, adopts, orders, or in any
38 way implements a fuel standard based upon or defined by the carbon
39 intensity of fuel, including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel
40 standard.

1 (c) Nothing in this subsection acknowledges, establishes, or
2 creates legal authority for the department of ecology or any other
3 state agency to enact, adopt, order, or in any way implement a fuel
4 standard based upon or defined by the carbon intensity of fuel,
5 including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel standard.

6 (4) The department shall:

7 (a) Rely on motor vehicle empty scale weights provided by vehicle
8 manufacturers, or other sources defined by the department, to
9 determine the weight of each motor vehicle; and

10 (b) Adopt rules for determining weight for vehicles without
11 manufacturer empty scale weights.

12 **Sec. 16.** RCW 46.17.375 and 2010 c 161 s 534 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (1) Before accepting an application for registration for a
15 recreational vehicle, the department, county auditor or other agent,
16 or subagent appointed by the director shall require an applicant to
17 pay a three dollar sanitary disposal fee for a recreational vehicle
18 subject to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, or a
19 six dollar sanitary disposal fee for a recreational vehicle subject
20 to a two-year registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, in
21 addition to any other fees and taxes required by law. The
22 recreational vehicle sanitary disposal fee must be deposited in the
23 RV account created in RCW 46.68.170.

24 (2) For the purposes of this section, "recreational vehicle"
25 means a camper, motor home, or travel trailer.

26 **Sec. 17.** RCW 46.68.030 and 2016 c 28 s 2 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 (1) The director shall forward all fees for vehicle registrations
29 under chapters 46.16A and 46.17 RCW, unless otherwise specified by
30 law, to the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed
31 report. The state treasurer shall credit these moneys to the motor
32 vehicle fund created in RCW 46.68.070.

33 (2) Proceeds from vehicle license fees and renewal vehicle
34 license fees must be deposited by the state treasurer as follows:

35 (a) \$23.60 of each initial or renewal vehicle license fee for a
36 vehicle subject to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010,
37 and \$47.20 of each initial or renewal vehicle license fee for a
38 vehicle subject to a two-year registration period, as defined in RCW

1 46.16A.010, must be deposited in the state patrol highway account in
2 the motor vehicle fund, hereby created. Vehicle license fees, renewal
3 vehicle license fees, and all other funds in the state patrol highway
4 account must be for the sole use of the Washington state patrol for
5 highway activities of the Washington state patrol, subject to proper
6 appropriations and reappropriations.

7 (b) \$2.02 of each initial vehicle license fee for a vehicle
8 subject to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, and
9 \$4.04 of each initial vehicle license fee for a vehicle subject to a
10 two-year registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, and \$0.93
11 of each renewal vehicle license fee for a vehicle subject to a
12 registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, and \$1.86 of each
13 renewal vehicle license fee for a vehicle subject to a two-year
14 registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, must be deposited
15 each biennium in the Puget Sound ferry operations account.

16 (c) Any remaining amounts of vehicle license fees and renewal
17 vehicle license fees that are not distributed otherwise under this
18 section must be deposited in the motor vehicle fund.

19 (3) During the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, the legislature may
20 transfer from the state patrol highway account to the connecting
21 Washington account such amounts as reflect the excess fund balance of
22 the state patrol highway account.

23 **Sec. 18.** RCW 82.44.060 and 2010 c 161 s 911 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (1) Any locally imposed excise tax:

26 (a) Is due at the time of registration of a vehicle;

27 (b) Must be paid in full before any registration certificate or
28 license tab may be issued;

29 (c) Is in addition to any other vehicle license fees required by
30 law;

31 (d) Must be collected by the department, county auditor or other
32 agent, or subagent appointed by the director of licensing before
33 issuing the registration certificate;

34 (e) Must be collected for each registration year or two-year
35 registration period; and

36 (f) Must be levied for one full registration year or two-year
37 registration period beginning on the date of the calendar year
38 designated by the department and ending on the same date of the next
39 or second succeeding calendar year. For vehicles registered under

1 chapter 46.87 RCW, proportional registration, and for vehicle dealer
2 plates issued under chapter 46.70 RCW, the registration year is the
3 period provided in those chapters. However, the tax shall in no case
4 be less than two dollars except for proportionally registered
5 vehicles.

6 (2) A vehicle is deemed registered for the first time in this
7 state when the vehicle was not previously registered by this state
8 for the registration year or two-year registration period immediately
9 preceding the registration year or two-year registration period in
10 which the application for registration is made or when the vehicle
11 has been registered in another jurisdiction subsequent to any prior
12 registration in this state.

13 (3) An additional tax may not be imposed under this chapter on
14 any vehicle when the certificate of title is being transferred if the
15 tax has already been paid for the registration year or two-year
16 registration period or fraction of a registration year or two-year
17 registration period in which transfer of ownership occurs.

18 **Sec. 19.** RCW 82.50.460 and 1979 c 123 s 3 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 Prior to the end of any registration year or two-year
21 registration period of a vehicle, the director shall cause to be
22 mailed to the owners of travel trailers or campers, of record, notice
23 of the amount of tax payable during the succeeding registration year
24 or two-year registration period. The notice shall contain a legal
25 description of the travel trailer or camper, prominent notice of due
26 dates, and such other information as may be required by the director.

27 **Sec. 20.** RCW 82.80.140 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 310 are each
28 amended to read as follows:

29 (1) Subject to the provisions of RCW 36.73.065, a transportation
30 benefit district under chapter 36.73 RCW may fix and impose an annual
31 vehicle fee, not to exceed one hundred dollars for a vehicle subject
32 to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, or two hundred
33 dollars for a vehicle subject to a two-year registration period, as
34 defined in RCW 46.16A.010, per vehicle registered in the district,
35 for each vehicle subject to vehicle license fees under RCW
36 46.17.350(1) (a), (c), (d), (e), (g), (h), (j), or (n) through (q)
37 and for each vehicle subject to gross weight license fees under RCW
38 46.17.355 with a scale weight of six thousand pounds or less.

1 (2)(a) A district that includes all the territory within the
2 boundaries of the jurisdiction, or jurisdictions, establishing the
3 district may impose an annual fee by a majority vote of the governing
4 board of the district up to: (i) Twenty dollars of the vehicle fee
5 authorized in subsection (1) of this section, (ii) forty dollars of
6 the vehicle fee authorized in subsection (1) of this section if a
7 twenty dollar vehicle fee has been imposed for at least twenty-four
8 months, or (iii) fifty dollars of the vehicle fee authorized in
9 subsection (1) of this section if a vehicle fee of forty dollars has
10 been imposed for at least twenty-four months and a district has met
11 the requirements of RCW 36.73.065(6). Annual vehicle fees imposed by
12 a transportation benefit district may be subject to a two-year
13 registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, and paid
14 biennially.

15 If the district is countywide, the revenues of the fee must be
16 distributed to each city within the district by interlocal agreement.
17 The interlocal agreement is effective when approved by the district
18 and sixty percent of the cities representing seventy-five percent of
19 the population of the cities within the district in which the
20 countywide fee is collected.

21 (b) A district may not impose a fee under this subsection (2):

22 (i) For a passenger-only ferry transportation improvement unless
23 the vehicle fee is first approved by a majority of the voters within
24 the jurisdiction of the district; or

25 (ii) That, if combined with the fees previously imposed by
26 another district within its boundaries under RCW 36.73.065(4)(a)(i),
27 exceeds fifty dollars.

28 If a district imposes or increases a fee under this subsection
29 (2) that, if combined with the fees previously imposed by another
30 district within its boundaries, exceeds fifty dollars, the district
31 shall provide a credit for the previously imposed fees so that the
32 combined vehicle fee does not exceed fifty dollars.

33 (3) The department of licensing shall administer and collect the
34 fee. The department shall deduct a percentage amount, as provided by
35 contract, not to exceed one percent of the fees collected, for
36 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The department
37 shall remit remaining proceeds to the custody of the state treasurer.
38 The state treasurer shall distribute the proceeds to the district on
39 a monthly basis.

1 (4) No fee under this section may be collected until six months
2 after approval under RCW 36.73.065.

3 (5) The vehicle fee under this section applies only when renewing
4 a vehicle registration, and is effective upon the registration
5 renewal date as provided by the department of licensing.

6 (6) The following vehicles are exempt from the fee under this
7 section:

8 (a) Campers, as defined in RCW 46.04.085;

9 (b) Farm tractors or farm vehicles, as defined in RCW 46.04.180
10 and 46.04.181;

11 (c) Mopeds, as defined in RCW 46.04.304;

12 (d) Off-road and nonhighway vehicles, as defined in RCW
13 46.04.365;

14 (e) Private use single-axle trailer, as defined in RCW 46.04.422;

15 (f) Snowmobiles, as defined in RCW 46.04.546; and

16 (g) Vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW and the
17 international registration plan.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 21.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16A
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 (1) Each year the department must submit, as part of its regular
21 annual reporting to the legislature, a report on the number of
22 one-year and two-year vehicle registrations as summarized by month.

23 (2) By January 1, 2021, the department must submit a report to
24 the legislature on the implementation of two-year registration
25 periods for vehicles and the department's performance measurements
26 implemented for two-year registration periods.

27 **Sec. 22.** RCW 88.02.310 and 2010 c 161 s 1001 are each reenacted
28 and amended to read as follows:

29 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
30 this section apply throughout this chapter.

31 (1) "Dealer" means a person, partnership, association, or
32 corporation engaged in the business of selling vessels at wholesale
33 or retail in this state.

34 (2) "Department" means the department of licensing.

35 (3) "Director" means the director of the department of licensing.

36 (4) "Owner" means a person who has a lawful right to possession
37 of a vessel by purchase, exchange, gift, lease, inheritance, or legal
38 action whether or not the vessel is subject to a security interest,

1 and means registered owner where the reference to owner may be
2 construed as either to registered or legal owner.

3 (5) "Person" has the same meaning as in RCW 46.04.405.

4 (6) "Two-year registration period" means the effective period of
5 a vessel registration issued by the department for a two-year period.
6 A two-year registration period begins at 12:01 a.m. on the date of
7 the calendar year designated by the department and ends at 12:00 a.m.
8 the same day two years later unless otherwise specified.

9 (7) "Vessel" means every watercraft used or capable of being used
10 as a means of transportation on the water, other than a seaplane.

11 ((+7)) (8) "Waters of this state" means any waters within the
12 territorial limits of this state as described in 43 U.S.C. Sec. 1312.

13 **Sec. 23.** RCW 88.02.560 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 215 are each
14 amended to read as follows:

15 (1) An application for a vessel registration must be made by the
16 owner or the owner's authorized representative to the department,
17 county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director
18 on a form furnished or approved by the department. The application
19 must contain:

20 (a) The name and address of each owner of the vessel;

21 (b) Other information the department may require; and

22 (c) The signature of at least one owner.

23 (2) The application for vessel registration must be accompanied
24 by the:

25 (a) Vessel registration fee required under RCW 88.02.640(1)(k);

26 (b) Derelict vessel and invasive species removal fee under RCW
27 88.02.640(1)(b) and derelict vessel removal surcharge required under
28 RCW 88.02.640(1)(c);

29 (c) Filing fee required under RCW 88.02.640(1)(f);

30 (d) License plate technology fee required under RCW
31 88.02.640(1)(g);

32 (e) License service fee required under RCW 88.02.640(1)(h);

33 (f) Watercraft excise tax required under chapter 82.49 RCW; and

34 (g) Beginning January 1, 2016, service fee required under RCW
35 46.17.040.

36 (3) Upon receipt of an application for vessel registration and
37 the required fees and taxes, the department shall assign a
38 registration number and issue a decal for each vessel. The
39 registration number and decal must be issued and affixed to the

1 vessel in a manner prescribed by the department consistent with the
2 standard numbering system for vessels required in 33 C.F.R. Part 174.
3 A valid decal affixed as prescribed must indicate compliance with the
4 annual or two-year registration requirements of this chapter.

5 (4) Vessel registrations and decals are valid for a period of
6 either one year or two years, except that the director may extend or
7 diminish vessel registration periods and vessel decals for the
8 purpose of staggered renewal periods. For registration periods of
9 more or less than one year, the department may collect prorated
10 annual registration fees and excise taxes based upon the number of
11 months in the registration period.

12 (5) Vessel registrations are renewable every year or two years in
13 a manner prescribed by the department upon payment of the fees and
14 taxes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon renewing a
15 vessel registration, the department shall issue a new decal to be
16 affixed as prescribed by the department.

17 (6) When the department issues either a notice to renew a vessel
18 registration or a decal for a new or renewed vessel registration, it
19 shall also provide information on the location of marine oil
20 recycling tanks and sewage holding tank pumping stations. This
21 information must be provided to the department by the state parks and
22 recreation commission in a form ready for distribution. The form must
23 be developed and prepared by the state parks and recreation
24 commission with the cooperation of the department of ecology. The
25 department, the state parks and recreation commission, and the
26 department of ecology shall enter into a memorandum of agreement to
27 implement this process.

28 (7) A person acquiring a vessel from a dealer or a vessel already
29 validly registered under this chapter shall, within fifteen days of
30 the acquisition or purchase of the vessel, apply to the department,
31 county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director
32 for transfer of the vessel registration, and the application must be
33 accompanied by a transfer fee as required in RCW 88.02.640(1)(o).

34 (8) Taxes and fees required in subsection (2) of this section may
35 be doubled and paid biennially under a two-year registration period.

36 **Sec. 24.** RCW 88.02.640 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 216, 2015 3rd
37 sp.s. c 6 s 803, and 2015 2nd sp.s. c 1 s 2 are each reenacted and
38 amended to read as follows:

(1) In addition to any other fees and taxes required by law, the department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director must charge the following vessel fees and surcharge:

FEE	AMOUNT	AUTHORITY	DISTRIBUTION
(a) Dealer temporary permit	\$5.00	RCW 88.02.800(2)	General fund
(b) Derelict vessel and invasive species removal	Subsection (3) of this section	Subsection (3) of this section	Subsection (3) of this section
(c) Derelict vessel removal surcharge	\$1.00	Subsection (4) of this section	Subsection (4) of this section
(d) Duplicate certificate of title	\$1.25	RCW 88.02.530(1)(c)	General fund
(e) Duplicate registration	\$1.25	RCW 88.02.590(1)(c)	General fund
(f) Filing	RCW 46.17.005	RCW 88.02.560(2)	RCW 46.68.400
(g) License plate technology	RCW 46.17.015	RCW 88.02.560(2)	RCW 46.68.370
(h) License service	RCW 46.17.025	RCW 88.02.560(2)	RCW 46.68.220
(i) Nonresident vessel permit	Subsection (5) of this section	RCW 88.02.620(4)	Subsection (5) of this section
(j) Quick title service	\$50.00	RCW 88.02.540(3)	Subsection (7) of this section
(k) Registration	\$10.50	RCW 88.02.560(2)	RCW 88.02.650
(l) Replacement decal	\$1.25	RCW 88.02.595(1)(c)	General fund
(m) Service fee	RCW 46.17.040	RCW 88.02.515 and 88.02.560(2)	RCW 46.17.040
(n) Title application	\$5.00	RCW 88.02.515	General fund
(o) Transfer	\$1.00	RCW 88.02.560(7)	General fund
(p) Vessel visitor permit	\$30.00	RCW 88.02.610(3)	Subsection (6) of this section

(2) The five dollar dealer temporary permit fee required in subsection (1) of this section must be credited to the payment of registration fees at the time application for registration is made.

(3) The derelict vessel and invasive species removal fee required in subsection (1) of this section is five dollars and must be distributed as follows:

1 (a) One dollar and fifty cents must be deposited in the aquatic
2 invasive species prevention account created in RCW 77.12.879;

3 (b) One dollar must be deposited into the aquatic algae control
4 account created in RCW 43.21A.667;

5 (c) Fifty cents must be deposited into the aquatic invasive
6 species enforcement account created in RCW 43.43.400; and

7 (d) Two dollars must be deposited in the derelict vessel removal
8 account created in RCW 79.100.100.

9 (4) In addition to other fees required in this section, an annual
10 derelict vessel removal surcharge of one dollar, or a derelict vessel
11 removal surcharge of two dollars for a two-year registration period,
12 must be charged with each vessel registration. The surcharge is to
13 address the significant backlog of derelict vessels accumulated in
14 Washington waters that pose a threat to the health and safety of the
15 people and to the environment and must be deposited into the derelict
16 vessel removal account created in RCW 79.100.100.

17 (5)(a) The amount of the nonresident vessel permit fee is:

18 (i) For a vessel owned by a nonresident natural person, twenty-
19 five dollars; and

20 (ii) For a nonresident vessel owner that is not a natural person,
21 the fee is equal to:

22 (A) Twenty-five dollars per foot for vessels between thirty and
23 ninety-nine feet in length;

24 (B) Thirty dollars per foot for vessels between one hundred and
25 one hundred twenty feet in length; and

26 (C) Thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents per foot for vessels
27 between one hundred twenty-one and one hundred sixty-four feet in
28 length. The fee must be multiplied by the extreme length of the
29 vessel in feet, rounded up to the nearest whole foot.

30 (b) The fee must be paid by the vessel owner to the department.
31 Any moneys remaining from the fee after the payment of costs to
32 administer the permit must be allocated to counties by the state
33 treasurer for approved boating safety programs under RCW 88.02.650.

34 (c) A nonresident vessel owner that is not a natural person may
35 not obtain more than two nonresident vessel permits under RCW
36 88.02.620 within any thirty-six month period.

37 (6) The thirty dollar vessel visitor permit fee must be
38 distributed as follows:

39 (a) Five dollars must be deposited in the derelict vessel removal
40 account created in RCW 79.100.100;

1 (b) The department may keep an amount to cover costs for
2 providing the vessel visitor permit;

3 (c) Any moneys remaining must be allocated to counties by the
4 state treasurer for approved boating safety programs under RCW
5 88.02.650; and

6 (d) Any fees required for licensing agents under RCW 46.17.005
7 are in addition to any other fee or tax due for the titling and
8 registration of vessels.

9 (7)(a) The fifty dollar quick title service fee must be
10 distributed as follows:

11 (i) If the fee is paid to the director, the fee must be deposited
12 to the general fund.

13 (ii) If the fee is paid to the participating county auditor or
14 other agent appointed by the director, twenty-five dollars must be
15 deposited to the general fund. The remainder must be retained by the
16 county treasurer in the same manner as other fees collected by the
17 county auditor.

18 (iii) If the fee is paid to a subagent appointed by the director,
19 twenty-five dollars must be deposited to the general fund. The
20 remaining twenty-five dollars must be distributed as follows: Twelve
21 dollars and fifty cents must be retained by the county treasurer in
22 the same manner as other fees collected by the county auditor and
23 twelve dollars and fifty cents must be retained by the subagent.

24 (b) For the purposes of this subsection, "quick title" has the
25 same meaning as in RCW 88.02.540.

26 (8) The department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent
27 appointed by the director shall charge the service fee under
28 subsection (1)(m) of this section beginning January 1, 2016.

29 (9) The vessel fees and surcharges required in subsection (1)
30 (b), (c), (f), (g), (h), (k), and (m) of this section may be doubled
31 and paid biennially under a two-year registration period.

32 **Sec. 25.** RCW 88.02.640 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 216 and 2015
33 2nd sp.s. c 1 s 2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

34 (1) In addition to any other fees and taxes required by law, the
35 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by
36 the director shall charge the following vessel fees and surcharge:

FEE	AMOUNT	AUTHORITY	DISTRIBUTION
(a) Dealer temporary permit	\$5.00	RCW 88.02.800(2)	General fund

1	(b) Derelict vessel and	Subsection (3) of this	Subsection (3) of this	Subsection (3) of this
2	invasive species	section	section	section
3	removal			
4	(c) Derelict vessel removal	\$1.00	Subsection (4) of this	Subsection (4) of this
5	surcharge		section	section
6	(d) Duplicate certificate of	\$1.25	RCW 88.02.530(1)(c)	General fund
7	title			
8	(e) Duplicate registration	\$1.25	RCW 88.02.590(1)(c)	General fund
9	(f) Filing	RCW 46.17.005	RCW 88.02.560(2)	RCW 46.68.400
10	(g) License plate technology	RCW 46.17.015	RCW 88.02.560(2)	RCW 46.68.370
11	(h) License service	RCW 46.17.025	RCW 88.02.560(2)	RCW 46.68.220
12	(i) Nonresident vessel	\$25.00	RCW 88.02.620(3)	Subsection (5) of this
13	permit			section
14	(j) Quick title service	\$50.00	RCW 88.02.540(3)	Subsection (7) of this
15				section
16	(k) Registration	\$10.50	RCW 88.02.560(2)	RCW 88.02.650
17	(l) Replacement decal	\$1.25	RCW 88.02.595(1)(c)	General fund
18	(m) Service fee	RCW 46.17.040	RCW 88.02.515 and	RCW 46.17.040
19			88.02.560(2)	
20	(n) Title application	\$5.00	RCW 88.02.515	General fund
21	(o) Transfer	\$1.00	RCW 88.02.560(7)	General fund
22	(p) Vessel visitor permit	\$30.00	RCW 88.02.610(3)	Subsection (6) of this
23				section

24 (2) The five dollar dealer temporary permit fee required in
25 subsection (1) of this section must be credited to the payment of
26 registration fees at the time application for registration is made.

27 (3) The derelict vessel and invasive species removal fee required
28 in subsection (1) of this section is five dollars and must be
29 distributed as follows:

30 (a) One dollar and fifty cents must be deposited in the aquatic
31 invasive species prevention account created in RCW 77.12.879;

32 (b) One dollar must be deposited into the aquatic algae control
33 account created in RCW 43.21A.667;

34 (c) Fifty cents must be deposited into the aquatic invasive
35 species enforcement account created in RCW 43.43.400; and

1 (d) Two dollars must be deposited in the derelict vessel removal
2 account created in RCW 79.100.100.

3 (4) In addition to other fees required in this section, an annual
4 derelict vessel removal surcharge of one dollar, or a derelict vessel
5 removal surcharge of two dollars for a two-year registration period,
6 must be charged with each vessel registration. The surcharge is to
7 address the significant backlog of derelict vessels accumulated in
8 Washington waters that pose a threat to the health and safety of the
9 people and to the environment and must be deposited into the derelict
10 vessel removal account created in RCW 79.100.100.

11 (5) The twenty-five dollar nonresident vessel permit fee must be
12 paid by the vessel owner to the department for the cost of providing
13 the identification document by the department. Any moneys remaining
14 from the fee after the payment of costs must be allocated to counties
15 by the state treasurer for approved boating safety programs under RCW
16 88.02.650.

17 (6) The thirty dollar vessel visitor permit fee must be
18 distributed as follows:

19 (a) Five dollars must be deposited in the derelict vessel removal
20 account created in RCW 79.100.100;

21 (b) The department may keep an amount to cover costs for
22 providing the vessel visitor permit;

23 (c) Any moneys remaining must be allocated to counties by the
24 state treasurer for approved boating safety programs under RCW
25 88.02.650; and

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28 registration of vessels.

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34 other agent appointed by the director, twenty-five dollars must be
35 deposited to the general fund. The remainder must be retained by the
36 county treasurer in the same manner as other fees collected by the
37 county auditor.

38 (iii) If the fee is paid to a subagent appointed by the director,
39 twenty-five dollars must be deposited to the general fund. The
40 remaining twenty-five dollars must be distributed as follows: Twelve

1 dollars and fifty cents must be retained by the county treasurer in
2 the same manner as other fees collected by the county auditor and
3 twelve dollars and fifty cents must be retained by the subagent.

4 (b) For the purposes of this subsection, "quick title" has the
5 same meaning as in RCW 88.02.540.

6 (8) The department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent
7 appointed by the director shall charge the service fee under
8 subsection (1)(m) of this section beginning January 1, 2016.

9 (9) The vessel fees and surcharges required in subsection (1)
10 (b), (c), (f), (g), (h), (k), and (m) of this section may be doubled
11 and paid biennially under a two-year registration period.

12 **Sec. 26.** RCW 82.49.010 and 2014 c 195 s 503 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (1) An excise tax is imposed for the privilege of using a vessel
15 upon the waters of this state, except vessels exempt under RCW
16 82.49.020. The annual amount of the excise tax is one-half of one
17 percent of fair market value, as determined under this chapter, or
18 five dollars, whichever is greater. The annual amount of the excise
19 tax may be doubled and paid biennially under a two-year registration
20 period as defined in RCW 88.02.310. Violation of this subsection is a
21 misdemeanor.

22 (2) A person who is required under chapter 88.02 RCW to register
23 a vessel in this state and who fails to register the vessel in this
24 state or registers the vessel in another state or foreign country and
25 avoids the Washington watercraft excise tax is guilty of a gross
26 misdemeanor and is liable for such unpaid excise tax. The department
27 of revenue may assess and collect the unpaid excise tax under chapter
28 82.32 RCW, including the penalty imposed in RCW 82.49.080 and
29 penalties and interest provided in chapter 82.32 RCW.

30 (3) The excise tax upon a vessel registered for the first time in
31 this state shall be imposed for a twelve-month period, including the
32 month in which the vessel is registered, unless the director of
33 licensing extends or diminishes vessel registration periods for the
34 purpose of staggered renewal periods under RCW 88.02.560. A vessel is
35 registered for the first time in this state when the vessel was not
36 registered in this state for the immediately preceding registration
37 year, or when the vessel was registered in another jurisdiction for
38 the immediately preceding year.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 27.** A new section is added to chapter 88.02
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) Each year the department must submit, as part of its regular
4 annual reporting to the legislature, a report on the number of
5 one-year and two-year vessel registrations as summarized by month.

6 (2) By January 1, 2021, the department must submit a report to
7 the legislature on the implementation of two-year registration
8 periods for vessels and the department's performance measurements
9 implemented for two-year registration periods.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 28.** Except for section 25 of this act, this
11 act takes effect January 1, 2019.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 29.** Section 24 of this act expires July 1,
13 2019.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 30.** Section 25 of this act takes effect July
15 1, 2019.

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