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By Senators Takko, Wagoner, Saldaña, Conway, and Sheldon; by request of Department of Licensing

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the requirements for collector
2 vehicle registrations; amending RCW 46.04.126, 46.04.1261, 46.04.199,
3 46.18.220, 46.18.255, and 46.16A.070; creating a new section; and
4 providing an effective date.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.04.126 and 2015 c 200 s 4 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 "Collector vehicle" means any motor vehicle or travel trailer
9 that is at least thirty years old and meets the qualifications listed
10 in RCW 46.18.220. A collector vehicle shall not be used for business
11 or commercial purposes or for routine transportation of persons or
12 property.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.04.1261 and 2010 c 161 s 109 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 "Collector vehicle license plate" means a special license plate
16 that may be assigned to a vehicle that is (~~more than~~) at least
17 thirty years old and meets the qualifications listed in RCW
18 46.18.220.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.04.199 and 2017 c 147 s 1 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 "Horseless carriage license plate" is a special license plate
4 that may be assigned to a motor vehicle (~~(that is at least forty~~
5 ~~years old)~~) manufactured or built before January 1, 1916, and meets
6 the qualifications listed in RCW 46.18.255.

7 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.18.220 and 2015 c 200 s 3 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) A registered owner may apply to the department, county
10 auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director for a
11 collector vehicle license plate for a motor vehicle or travel trailer
12 that is at least thirty years old. The motor vehicle must be operated
13 primarily as a collector vehicle and be in good running order. The
14 applicant for the collector vehicle license plate shall:

15 (a) Purchase a registration for the motor vehicle or travel
16 trailer as required under chapters 46.16A and 46.17 RCW; (~~and~~)

17 (b) Pay the special license plate fee established under RCW
18 46.17.220 (~~((1)-(f))~~) (5), in addition to any other fees or taxes
19 required by law; and

20 (c) Submit a certification as prescribed in subsection (5) of
21 this section.

22 (2) A person applying for a collector vehicle license plate may:

23 (a) Receive a collector vehicle license plate assigned by the
24 department; or

25 (b) For vehicles manufactured and with a model year before
26 January 1, 1989, provide an actual Washington state issued license
27 plate designated for general use in the year of the vehicle's
28 manufacture.

29 (3) Collector vehicle license plates:

30 (a) (~~Are valid for the life of the motor vehicle or travel~~
31 ~~trailer;~~

32 ~~(b))~~) Are (~~not~~) required to be renewed every five years; and

33 (~~(c))~~) (b) Must be displayed on the rear of the motor vehicle or
34 travel trailer.

35 (4) A collector vehicle registered under this section may only be
36 used for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours,
37 parades, (~~and~~) occasional pleasure driving, and use as necessary
38 for operation and maintenance of the vehicle. A collector vehicle

1 shall not be used for business or commercial purposes or for routine
2 transportation of persons or property.

3 (5) When applying for an initial or renewal registration of a
4 collector vehicle, the registered owner(s) must submit a completed
5 certification form created by the department.

6 (6) Collector vehicle license plates under subsection (2)(b) of
7 this section may be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle
8 described in subsection (1) of this section upon application to the
9 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by
10 the director.

11 (~~(6)~~) (7) Any person who knowingly provides a false or
12 facsimile license plate under subsection (2)(b) of this section is
13 subject to a traffic infraction and fine in an amount equal to the
14 monetary penalty for a violation of RCW 46.16A.200(7)(b).
15 Additionally, the person must pay for the cost of a collector vehicle
16 license plate as listed in RCW 46.17.220(~~(1)(f)~~) (5), unless
17 already paid.

18 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.18.255 and 2011 c 171 s 71 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (1) A registered owner may apply to the department, county
21 auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director for a
22 horseless carriage license plate for a motor vehicle that (~~is at~~
23 ~~least forty years old~~) was manufactured or built before January 1,
24 1916. The motor vehicle must be operated primarily as a collector
25 vehicle and be in good running order. The applicant for the horseless
26 carriage license plate shall:

27 (a) Purchase a registration for the motor vehicle as required
28 under chapters 46.16A and 46.17 RCW; and

29 (b) Pay the special license plate fee established under RCW
30 46.17.220(~~(1)(i)~~) (11), in addition to any other fees or taxes
31 required by law.

32 (2) Horseless carriage license plates:

33 (a) Are valid for the life of the motor vehicle;

34 (b) Are not required to be renewed;

35 (c) Are not transferable to any other motor vehicle; and

36 (d) Must be displayed on the rear of the motor vehicle.

37 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.16A.070 and 2011 c 171 s 44 are each amended to
38 read as follows:

1 (1) The department may:

2 (a) Refuse to issue or may cancel a registration certificate at
3 any time when the department determines that an applicant for
4 registration is not entitled to a registration certificate. Notice of
5 cancellation may be accomplished by sending a notice by first-class
6 mail using the last known address in department records for the
7 registered or legal owner or owners, and completing an affidavit of
8 first-class mail. It is unlawful for any person to remove, drive, or
9 operate the vehicle until a proper registration certificate has been
10 issued. A person removing, driving, or operating a vehicle after the
11 refusal to issue or cancellation of the registration is guilty of a
12 gross misdemeanor.

13 (b) Refuse to issue or renew a collector vehicle license plate
14 and may cancel a registration certificate of a collector vehicle if
15 the registered owner or applicant does not meet the qualifications
16 listed in RCW 46.18.220.

17 (2) (a) The suspension, revocation, cancellation, or refusal by
18 the director of a registration certificate provided under this
19 chapter is conclusive unless the person whose registration or
20 certificate is suspended, revoked, canceled, or refused appeals to
21 the superior court of Thurston county or the person's county of
22 residence.

23 (b) Notice of appeal must be filed within ten days after receipt
24 of the notice of suspension, revocation, cancellation, or refusal.
25 Upon the filing of the notice of appeal, the court shall issue an
26 order to the director to show cause why the registration should not
27 be granted or reinstated and return the order not less than ten days
28 after the date of service to the director. Service must be in the
29 same manner as prescribed for the service of a summons and complaint
30 in other civil actions.

31 (c) Upon the hearing on the order to show cause, the court shall
32 hear evidence concerning matters with reference to the suspension,
33 revocation, cancellation, or refusal of the registration and shall
34 enter judgment either affirming or setting aside the suspension,
35 revocation, cancellation, or refusal.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** This act applies to all collector vehicle
37 registrations issued before the effective date of this section, in
38 addition to applying to all new collector vehicle registrations. The

1 department shall notify all current collector vehicle plate holders
2 of the new registration requirements.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** This act takes effect January 1, 2021.

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