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**SENATE BILL 5924**

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**By** Senators Bailey, Becker, Warnick, Walsh, Rivers, Hasegawa, Brown, Conway, King, Palumbo, Rolfes, Wagoner, Padden, Holy, Honeyford, Zeiger, and Van De Wege

1 AN ACT Relating to requiring proof of auto insurance to be shown  
2 upon vehicle registration and renewal; and amending RCW 46.16A.040  
3 and 46.16A.110.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16A.040 and 2017 c 147 s 4 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) An owner or the owner's authorized representative must apply  
8 for an original vehicle registration to the department, county  
9 auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director on a  
10 form furnished by the department. The application must contain:

11 (a) A description of the vehicle, including its make, model,  
12 vehicle identification number, type of body, and power to be used;

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

16 (c) The purpose for which the vehicle is to be used;

17 (d) The licensed gross weight for the vehicle, which is:

18 (i) The adult seating capacity, including the operator, as  
19 provided for in RCW 46.16A.455(1) if the vehicle will be operated as  
20 a for hire vehicle or auto stage and has a seating capacity of more  
21 than six; or

1 (ii) The gross weight declared by the applicant as required in  
2 RCW 46.16A.455(2) if the vehicle will be operated as a motor truck,  
3 tractor, or truck tractor;

4 (e) The empty scale weight of the vehicle; (~~and~~)

5 (f) Except for an application for an original off-road vehicle  
6 registration, application for an original snowmobile registration, or  
7 application for special license plates, proof that the registered  
8 owner of the vehicle is insured under a motor vehicle liability  
9 policy with liability limits of at least the amounts provided in RCW  
10 46.29.090, is self-insured as provided in RCW 46.29.630, is covered  
11 by a certificate of deposit in conformance with RCW 46.29.550, or is  
12 covered by a liability bond of at least the amounts provided in RCW  
13 46.29.090; and

14 (g) Other information that the department may require.

15 (2) The registered owner or the registered owner's authorized  
16 representative shall sign the application for an original vehicle  
17 registration and certify that the statements on the application are  
18 true to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

19 (3) The application for an original vehicle registration must be  
20 accompanied by a draft, money order, certified bank check, or cash  
21 for all fees and taxes due for the application for an original  
22 vehicle registration.

23 (4) Whenever any person, after applying for or receiving a  
24 vehicle registration, moves from the address named in the application  
25 or in the registration issued to him or her, or changes his or her  
26 name of record, the person shall, within ten days thereafter, notify  
27 the department of the name or address change as provided in RCW  
28 46.08.195.

29 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16A.110 and 2014 c 80 s 3 are each amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 (1) A registered owner or the registered owner's authorized  
32 representative must apply for a renewal vehicle registration to the  
33 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by  
34 the director on a form approved by the director. The application for  
35 a renewal vehicle registration must be accompanied by:

36 (a) A draft, money order, certified bank check, or cash for all  
37 fees and taxes required by law for the application for a renewal  
38 vehicle registration; and

1       (b) Except for an application for a renewal off-road vehicle  
2 registration or application for a renewal snowmobile registration,  
3 proof that the registered owner of the vehicle is insured under a  
4 motor vehicle liability policy with liability limits of at least the  
5 amounts provided in RCW 46.29.090, is self-insured as provided in RCW  
6 46.29.630, is covered by a certificate of deposit in conformance with  
7 RCW 46.29.550, or is covered by a liability bond of at least the  
8 amounts provided in RCW 46.29.090.

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

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

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

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

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