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By Senators Vognild, Prince, Prentice and Winsley; by request of Department of Licensing

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1 AN ACT Relating to driver licensing and related fees; amending RCW
2 46.20.117, 46.20.161, 46.20.181, 46.68.041, 46.20.120, 46.20.130,
3 46.20.505, and 46.20.515; providing effective dates; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.117 and 1986 c 15 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) The department shall issue "identicards," containing a picture,
9 to individuals for a fee of (~~four~~) fifteen dollars. However, the fee
10 shall be the actual cost of production to recipients of continuing
11 public assistance grants under Title 74 RCW who are referred in writing
12 to the department by the secretary of social and health services. The
13 fee shall be deposited in the highway safety fund. To be eligible,
14 each applicant shall produce evidence as required by the rules adopted
15 by the director that positively proves identity. The "identocard"
16 shall be distinctly designed so that it will not be confused with the
17 official driver's license. The identocard shall expire on the fifth
18 anniversary of the applicant's birthdate after issuance.

1 (2) The department may cancel an "identocard" upon a showing by its
2 records or other evidence that the holder of such "identocard" has
3 committed a violation relating to "identocards" defined in RCW
4 46.20.336.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.20.161 and 1990 c 250 s 40 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The department, upon receipt of a fee of (~~fourteen~~) twenty
8 dollars, which includes the fee for the required photograph, shall
9 issue to every applicant qualifying therefor a driver's license, which
10 license shall bear thereon a distinguishing number assigned to the
11 licensee, the full name, date of birth, Washington residence address,
12 and a brief description of the licensee, and either a facsimile of the
13 signature of the licensee or a space upon which the licensee shall
14 write his or her usual signature with pen and ink immediately upon
15 receipt of the license. No license is valid until it has been so
16 signed by the licensee.

17 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.20.181 and 1990 c 250 s 41 are each amended to read
18 as follows:

19 Every driver's license expires on the fourth anniversary of the
20 licensee's birthdate following the issuance of the license. Every such
21 license is renewable on or before its expiration upon application
22 prescribed by the department and the payment of a fee of (~~fourteen~~)
23 twenty dollars. This fee includes the fee for the required photograph.

24 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.68.041 and 1985 ex.s. c 1 s 12 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (1) The department shall forward all funds accruing under the
27 provisions of chapter 46.20 RCW together with a proper identifying,
28 detailed report to the state treasurer who shall deposit such moneys to
29 the credit of the highway safety fund except as otherwise provided in
30 this section.

31 (2) Out of each fee of (~~fourteen~~) twenty dollars collected for a
32 driver's license, the sum of (~~ten~~) sixteen dollars and twenty cents
33 shall be deposited in the highway safety fund, and three dollars and
34 eighty cents shall be deposited in the general fund.

1 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.20.120 and 1990 c 9 s 1 are each amended to read as
2 follows:

3 No new driver's license may be issued and no previously issued
4 license may be renewed until the applicant therefor has successfully
5 passed a driver licensing examination. However, the department may
6 waive all or any part of the examination of any person applying for the
7 renewal of a driver's license except when the department determines
8 that an applicant for a driver's license is not qualified to hold a
9 driver's license under this title. The department may also waive the
10 actual demonstration of the ability to operate a motor vehicle by a
11 person who surrenders a valid driver's license issued by the person's
12 previous home state and who is otherwise qualified to be licensed. For
13 a new license examination a fee of (~~seven~~) five dollars shall be paid
14 by each applicant for the test of the applicant's knowledge under RCW
15 46.20.130(2), and a fee of ten dollars shall be paid by each applicant
16 for the test of the applicant's actual ability to operate a motor
17 vehicle under RCW 46.20.130(3), in addition to the fee charged for
18 issuance of the license. A new license is one issued to a driver who
19 has not been previously licensed in this state or to a driver whose
20 last previous Washington license has been revoked or expired for more
21 than four years.

22 Any person renewing his or her driver's license more than sixty
23 days after the license has expired shall pay a penalty fee of ten
24 dollars in addition to the renewal fee under RCW 46.20.181. The
25 penalty fee shall be deposited in the highway safety fund.

26 Any person who is outside the state at the time his or her driver's
27 license expires or who is unable to renew the license due to any
28 incapacity may renew the license within sixty days after returning to
29 this state or within sixty days after the termination of any such
30 incapacity without the payment of the penalty fee.

31 The department shall provide for giving examinations at places and
32 times reasonably available to the people of this state.

33 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.20.130 and 1990 c 250 s 39 are each amended to read
34 as follows:

35 The director shall prescribe the content of the driver licensing
36 examination and the manner of conducting the examination, which shall
37 include but is not limited to:

1 (1) A test of the applicant's eyesight and ability to see,
2 understand, and follow highway signs regulating, warning, and directing
3 traffic;

4 (2) A test of the applicant's knowledge of traffic laws and ability
5 to understand and follow the directives of lawful authority, orally or
6 graphically, that regulate, warn, and direct traffic in accordance with
7 the traffic laws of this state;

8 (3) An actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to operate
9 a motor vehicle in such a manner as not to jeopardize the safety of
10 persons or property; and

11 (4) Such further examination as the director deems necessary (a) to
12 determine whether any facts exist which would bar the issuance of a
13 vehicle operator's license under chapters 46.20, 46.21, and 46.29 RCW,
14 and (b) to determine the applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle
15 safely on the highways(~~(; and~~

16 ~~(5) In addition to the foregoing, when the applicant desires to~~
17 ~~drive a motorcycle, as defined in RCW 46.04.330, or a motor-driven~~
18 ~~cycle, as defined in RCW 46.04.332, the applicant shall also~~
19 ~~demonstrate the ability to operate such motorcycle or motor-driven~~
20 ~~cycle in such a manner as not to jeopardize the safety of persons or~~
21 ~~property)).~~

22 **Sec. 7.** RCW 46.20.505 and 1989 c 203 s 2 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 Every person applying for a special endorsement or a new category
25 of endorsement of a driver's license authorizing such person to drive
26 a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle shall pay an examination fee of
27 ~~((two))~~ five dollars ~~((which is))~~ for the test of the applicant's
28 knowledge under RCW 46.20.515(2), and a fee of ten dollars for the test
29 of the applicant's actual ability to operate a motorcycle or motor-
30 driven cycle under RCW 46.20.515(3). Examination fees paid under this
31 section are not refundable. In addition, the endorsement fee for the
32 initial or new category motorcycle endorsement shall be six dollars and
33 the subsequent renewal endorsement fee shall be seven dollars and fifty
34 cents. The initial or new category and renewal endorsement fees shall
35 be deposited in the motorcycle safety education account of the highway
36 safety fund.

1 **Sec. 8.** RCW 46.20.515 and 1982 c 77 s 4 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 The motorcycle endorsement examination for each displacement
4 category shall ~~((emphasize))~~ be prescribed by the director and shall
5 include but not be limited to:

6 (1) A test of the applicant's eyesight and ability to see,
7 understand, and follow highway signs regulating, warning, and directing
8 traffic;

9 (2) A test of the applicant's knowledge of applicable traffic laws
10 and motorcycle or motor-driven cycle operation and safety; and

11 (3) An actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to operate
12 a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle in such a manner as not to
13 jeopardize the safety of persons or property, including the maneuvers
14 necessary for on-street operation, including emergency braking and
15 turning as may be required to avoid an impending collision.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act are
17 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,
18 or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public
19 institutions, and shall take effect on July 1, 1993. The remainder of
20 this act shall take effect on October 1, 1993.

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