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1 AN ACT Relating to two-year registration periods for certain
2 vehicles while maintaining existing annual vehicle registration fee
3 amounts; amending RCW 46.16A.010, 46.16A.020, 46.16A.110, 46.16A.180,
4 46.17.015, 46.17.025, 46.17.305, 46.17.323, 46.17.350, 46.17.355,
5 46.17.365, 46.17.375, 46.68.030, 82.44.060, 82.50.460, and 82.80.140;
6 adding a new section to chapter 46.16A RCW; and providing an
7 effective date.

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

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

11 For the purposes of this chapter unless the context clearly
12 requires otherwise:

13 (1) "Commercial motor vehicle," for the purposes of requiring a
14 department of transportation number, means the same as defined in RCW
15 46.25.010(6), or a motor vehicle used in commerce when the motor
16 vehicle: (a) Has a gross vehicle weight rating of 11,794 kilograms or
17 more (26,001 pounds or more) inclusive of a towed unit of a gross
18 vehicle weight rating of more than 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds or
19 more); (b) has a gross vehicle weight rating of 11,794 kilograms or
20 more (26,001 pounds or more); or (c) is used in the transportation of
21 hazardous materials, as defined in RCW 46.25.010(13);

1 (2) "Department of transportation number" means a department of
2 transportation number from the federal motor carrier safety
3 administration;

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

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

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

11 (6) "Registration year" means the effective period of a vehicle
12 registration issued by the department. A registration year begins at
13 12:01 a.m. on the date of the calendar year designated by the
14 department and ends at 12:00 a.m. the same day the following year
15 unless otherwise specified;

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

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

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

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

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

1 expires; or (ii) a specific expiration date is required by law, rule,
2 or program; or

3 (b) The Washington vehicle registration has expired and the
4 registered owner:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 (1) A registered owner or the registered owner's authorized
38 representative must apply for a renewal vehicle registration to the
39 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by

1 the director on a form approved by the director. The application for
2 a renewal vehicle registration must be accompanied by a draft, money
3 order, certified bank check, or cash for all fees and taxes required
4 by law for the application for a renewal vehicle registration.

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

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

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

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

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

35 (a) The state of Washington, or by any county, city, town, school
36 district, or other political subdivision of the state of Washington;
37 or

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

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

3 (1) A registration certificate must be:

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

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

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

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

14 ~~((2))~~ (3) It is unlawful for any person to operate or be in
15 possession of a vehicle without carrying a registration certificate
16 for the vehicle. Any person in charge of a vehicle shall, upon demand
17 of any of the local authorities or of any police officer or of any
18 representative of the department, permit an inspection of the vehicle
19 registration certificate. This section does not apply to a vehicle
20 for which registration is not required to be renewed annually or
21 biennially and is a publicly owned vehicle marked as required under
22 RCW 46.08.065.

23 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.17.015 and 2010 c 161 s 502 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (1) A person who applies for a vehicle registration or for any
26 other right to operate a vehicle on the highways of this state shall
27 pay a twenty-five cent license plate technology fee for a vehicle
28 subject to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, or a
29 fifty cent license plate technology fee for a vehicle subject to a
30 two-year registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, in
31 addition to any other fees and taxes required by law. The license
32 plate technology fee must be distributed under RCW 46.68.370.

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

35 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.17.025 and 2010 c 161 s 503 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

37 (1) A person who applies for a vehicle registration or for any
38 other right to operate a vehicle on the highways of this state shall

1 pay a fifty cent license service fee for a vehicle subject to a
2 registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, or a one dollar
3 license service fee for a vehicle subject to a two-year registration
4 period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, in addition to any other fees
5 and taxes required by law. The license service fee must be
6 distributed under RCW 46.68.220.

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

9 **Sec. 7.** RCW 46.17.305 and 2010 c 161 s 522 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Before accepting an application for a vehicle registration for a
12 boat trailer, the department, county auditor or other agent, or
13 subagent appointed by the director shall require the applicant to pay
14 a three dollar aquatic weed fee for a boat trailer subject to a
15 registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, or a six dollar
16 aquatic weed fee for a boat trailer subject to a two-year
17 registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, in addition to any
18 other fees and taxes required by law. The ((~~three-dollar~~)) aquatic
19 weed fee must be deposited in the freshwater aquatic weeds account
20 created in RCW 43.21A.650.

21 **Sec. 8.** RCW 46.17.323 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 203 are each
22 amended to read as follows:

23 (1) Before accepting an application for an annual vehicle
24 registration renewal for a vehicle that both (a) uses at least one
25 method of propulsion that is capable of being reenergized by an
26 external source of electricity and (b) is capable of traveling at
27 least thirty miles using only battery power, the department, county
28 auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director must
29 require the applicant to pay a one hundred dollar fee for an electric
30 vehicle subject to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010,
31 or a two hundred dollar fee for an electric vehicle subject to a two-
32 year registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, in addition
33 to any other fees and taxes required by law. The ((~~one-hundred~~
34 ~~dollar~~)) fee is due only at the time of annual or biennial
35 registration renewal.

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

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

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

12 (i) Seventy percent to the motor vehicle fund created in RCW
13 46.68.070;

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

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

18 (4)(a) In addition to the fee established in subsection (1) of
19 this section, before accepting an application for an annual vehicle
20 registration renewal for a vehicle that both (i) uses at least one
21 method of propulsion that is capable of being reenergized by an
22 external source of electricity and (ii) is capable of traveling at
23 least thirty miles using only battery power, the department, county
24 auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director must
25 require the applicant to pay a fifty dollar fee for an electric
26 vehicle subject to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010,
27 or a one hundred dollar fee for an electric vehicle subject to a two-
28 year registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010.

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

31 (i) The first one million dollars raised by the fee must be
32 deposited into the multimodal transportation account created in RCW
33 47.66.070; and

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

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

1 **Sec. 9.** RCW 46.17.350 and 2014 c 30 s 2 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) Before accepting an application for a vehicle registration,
4 the department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed
5 by the director shall require the applicant, unless specifically
6 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
(l) Snowmobile	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	RCW 46.68.350
(m) Snowmobile, vintage	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	RCW 46.68.350
(n) Sport utility vehicle	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(o) Tow truck	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(p) Trailer, over 2000 pounds	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(q) Travel trailer	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(r) Wheeled all-terrain vehicle, on-road use	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	RCW 46.09.540
(s) Wheeled all-terrain vehicle, off-road use	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	RCW 46.09.510

1 (2) The vehicle license fee required in subsection (1)(b), (f),
2 (g), (h), (j), (k), (n), (p), and (q) of this section for vehicles
3 subject to a two-year registration period, as defined in RCW
4 46.16A.010, is doubled and must be paid biennially.

5 (3) The vehicle license fee required in subsection (1) of this
6 section is in addition to the filing fee required under RCW
7 46.17.005, and any other fee or tax required by law.

8 **Sec. 10.** RCW 46.17.355 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 201 are each
9 amended to read as follows:

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

WEIGHT	SCHEDULE	SCHEDULE
	A	B
4,000 pounds	\$ 38.00	\$ 38.00
6,000 pounds	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00
8,000 pounds	\$ 58.00	\$ 58.00
10,000 pounds	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
12,000 pounds	\$ 77.00	\$ 77.00
14,000 pounds	\$ 88.00	\$ 88.00
16,000 pounds	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
18,000 pounds	\$ 152.00	\$ 152.00
20,000 pounds	\$ 169.00	\$ 169.00
22,000 pounds	\$ 183.00	\$ 183.00
24,000 pounds	\$ 198.00	\$ 198.00
26,000 pounds	\$ 209.00	\$ 209.00
28,000 pounds	\$ 247.00	\$ 247.00
30,000 pounds	\$ 285.00	\$ 285.00
32,000 pounds	\$ 344.00	\$ 344.00
34,000 pounds	\$ 366.00	\$ 366.00

1	36,000 pounds	\$ 397.00	\$ 397.00
2	38,000 pounds	\$ 436.00	\$ 436.00
3	40,000 pounds	\$ 499.00	\$ 499.00
4	42,000 pounds	\$ 519.00	\$ 609.00
5	44,000 pounds	\$ 530.00	\$ 620.00
6	46,000 pounds	\$ 570.00	\$ 660.00
7	48,000 pounds	\$ 594.00	\$ 684.00
8	50,000 pounds	\$ 645.00	\$ 735.00
9	52,000 pounds	\$ 678.00	\$ 768.00
10	54,000 pounds	\$ 732.00	\$ 822.00
11	56,000 pounds	\$ 773.00	\$ 863.00
12	58,000 pounds	\$ 804.00	\$ 894.00
13	60,000 pounds	\$ 857.00	\$ 947.00
14	62,000 pounds	\$ 919.00	\$ 1,009.00
15	64,000 pounds	\$ 939.00	\$ 1,029.00
16	66,000 pounds	\$ 1,046.00	\$ 1,136.00
17	68,000 pounds	\$ 1,091.00	\$ 1,181.00
18	70,000 pounds	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 1,265.00
19	72,000 pounds	\$ 1,257.00	\$ 1,347.00
20	74,000 pounds	\$ 1,366.00	\$ 1,456.00
21	76,000 pounds	\$ 1,476.00	\$ 1,566.00
22	78,000 pounds	\$ 1,612.00	\$ 1,702.00
23	80,000 pounds	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 1,830.00
24	82,000 pounds	\$ 1,861.00	\$ 1,951.00
25	84,000 pounds	\$ 1,981.00	\$ 2,071.00
26	86,000 pounds	\$ 2,102.00	\$ 2,192.00
27	88,000 pounds	\$ 2,223.00	\$ 2,313.00
28	90,000 pounds	\$ 2,344.00	\$ 2,434.00
29	92,000 pounds	\$ 2,464.00	\$ 2,554.00
30	94,000 pounds	\$ 2,585.00	\$ 2,675.00
31	96,000 pounds	\$ 2,706.00	\$ 2,796.00
32	98,000 pounds	\$ 2,827.00	\$ 2,917.00

1	100,000 pounds	\$ 2,947.00	\$ 3,037.00
2	102,000 pounds	\$ 3,068.00	\$ 3,158.00
3	104,000 pounds	\$ 3,189.00	\$ 3,279.00
4	105,500 pounds	\$ 3,310.00	\$ 3,400.00

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

12	WEIGHT	SCHEDULE	SCHEDULE
13		A	B
14	4,000 pounds	\$ 53.00	\$ 53.00
15	6,000 pounds	\$ 73.00	\$ 73.00
16	8,000 pounds	\$ 93.00	\$ 93.00
17	10,000 pounds	\$ 93.00	\$ 93.00
18	12,000 pounds	\$ 81.00	\$ 81.00
19	14,000 pounds	\$ 88.00	\$ 88.00
20	16,000 pounds	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
21	18,000 pounds	\$ 152.00	\$ 152.00
22	20,000 pounds	\$ 169.00	\$ 169.00
23	22,000 pounds	\$ 183.00	\$ 183.00
24	24,000 pounds	\$ 198.00	\$ 198.00
25	26,000 pounds	\$ 209.00	\$ 209.00
26	28,000 pounds	\$ 247.00	\$ 247.00
27	30,000 pounds	\$ 285.00	\$ 285.00
28	32,000 pounds	\$ 344.00	\$ 344.00
29	34,000 pounds	\$ 366.00	\$ 366.00
30	36,000 pounds	\$ 397.00	\$ 397.00
31	38,000 pounds	\$ 436.00	\$ 436.00
32	40,000 pounds	\$ 499.00	\$ 499.00
33	42,000 pounds	\$ 519.00	\$ 609.00

1	44,000 pounds	\$ 530.00	\$ 620.00
2	46,000 pounds	\$ 570.00	\$ 660.00
3	48,000 pounds	\$ 594.00	\$ 684.00
4	50,000 pounds	\$ 645.00	\$ 735.00
5	52,000 pounds	\$ 678.00	\$ 768.00
6	54,000 pounds	\$ 732.00	\$ 822.00
7	56,000 pounds	\$ 773.00	\$ 863.00
8	58,000 pounds	\$ 804.00	\$ 894.00
9	60,000 pounds	\$ 857.00	\$ 947.00
10	62,000 pounds	\$ 919.00	\$ 1,009.00
11	64,000 pounds	\$ 939.00	\$ 1,029.00
12	66,000 pounds	\$ 1,046.00	\$ 1,136.00
13	68,000 pounds	\$ 1,091.00	\$ 1,181.00
14	70,000 pounds	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 1,265.00
15	72,000 pounds	\$ 1,257.00	\$ 1,347.00
16	74,000 pounds	\$ 1,366.00	\$ 1,456.00
17	76,000 pounds	\$ 1,476.00	\$ 1,566.00
18	78,000 pounds	\$ 1,612.00	\$ 1,702.00
19	80,000 pounds	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 1,830.00
20	82,000 pounds	\$ 1,861.00	\$ 1,951.00
21	84,000 pounds	\$ 1,981.00	\$ 2,071.00
22	86,000 pounds	\$ 2,102.00	\$ 2,192.00
23	88,000 pounds	\$ 2,223.00	\$ 2,313.00
24	90,000 pounds	\$ 2,344.00	\$ 2,434.00
25	92,000 pounds	\$ 2,464.00	\$ 2,554.00
26	94,000 pounds	\$ 2,585.00	\$ 2,675.00
27	96,000 pounds	\$ 2,706.00	\$ 2,796.00
28	98,000 pounds	\$ 2,827.00	\$ 2,917.00
29	100,000 pounds	\$ 2,947.00	\$ 3,037.00
30	102,000 pounds	\$ 3,068.00	\$ 3,158.00
31	104,000 pounds	\$ 3,189.00	\$ 3,279.00
32	105,500 pounds	\$ 3,310.00	\$ 3,400.00

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

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

7 (4) The license fees provided in subsection (1) of this section
8 and the freight project fee provided in subsection (6) of this
9 section are in addition to the filing fee required under RCW
10 46.17.005 and any other fee or tax required by law.

11 (5) The license fee based on declared gross weight as provided in
12 subsection (1) of this section must be distributed under RCW
13 46.68.035.

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

23 (7) For vehicle registrations that are due or become due on or
24 after July 1, 2022, in addition to the license fee based on declared
25 gross weight as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the
26 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by
27 the director must require an applicant with a vehicle with a declared
28 gross weight of less than or equal to 12,000 pounds, unless
29 specifically exempt, to pay an additional weight fee of ten dollars,
30 which must be distributed under RCW 46.68.035.

31 (8) The license fees provided in subsections (1) and (7) of this
32 section for vehicles that are twelve thousand pounds or less and
33 subject to a two-year registration period, as defined in RCW
34 46.16A.010, are doubled and must be paid biennially.

35 **Sec. 11.** RCW 46.17.365 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 202 are each
36 amended to read as follows:

37 (1) A person applying for a motor vehicle registration and paying
38 the vehicle license fee required in RCW 46.17.350(1) (a), (d), (e),

1 (h), (j), (n), and (o) shall pay a motor vehicle weight fee in
2 addition to all other fees and taxes required by law.

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

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

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

9 (iii) Must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415.

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

12 (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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18 (ii) If the resultant motor vehicle scale weight is not listed in
19 the table provided in (b)(i) of this subsection, must be increased to
20 the next highest weight; and

21 (iii) Must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415 unless prior to
22 July 1, 2023, the actions described in (b)(iii)(A) or (B) of this
23 subsection occur, in which case the portion of the revenue that is
24 the result of the fee increased in this subsection must be
25 distributed to the connecting Washington account created under RCW
26 46.68.395.

27 (A) Any state agency files a notice of rule making under chapter
28 34.05 RCW for a rule regarding a fuel standard based upon or defined
29 by the carbon intensity of fuel, including a low carbon fuel standard
30 or clean fuel standard.

31 (B) Any state agency otherwise enacts, adopts, orders, or in any
32 way implements a fuel standard based upon or defined by the carbon
33 intensity of fuel, including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel
34 standard.

35 (C) Nothing in this subsection acknowledges, establishes, or
36 creates legal authority for the department of ecology or any other
37 state agency to enact, adopt, order, or in any way implement a fuel

1 standard based upon or defined by the carbon intensity of fuel,
2 including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel standard.

3 (2) A person applying for a motor home vehicle registration
4 shall, in lieu of the motor vehicle weight fee required in subsection
5 (1) of this section, pay a motor home vehicle weight fee of seventy-
6 five dollars for a motor home subject to a registration year, as
7 defined in RCW 46.16A.010, or a motor home vehicle weight fee of one
8 hundred fifty dollars for a motor home subject to a two-year
9 registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, in addition to all
10 other fees and taxes required by law. The motor home vehicle weight
11 fee must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415.

12 (3) Beginning July 1, 2022, in addition to the motor vehicle
13 weight fee as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the
14 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by
15 the director must require an applicant to pay an additional weight
16 fee of ten dollars, which must be distributed to the multimodal
17 transportation account under RCW 47.66.070 unless prior to July 1,
18 2023, the actions described in (a) or (b) of this subsection occur,
19 in which case the portion of the revenue that is the result of the
20 fee increased in this subsection must be distributed to the
21 connecting Washington account created under RCW 46.68.395.

22 (a) Any state agency files a notice of rule making under chapter
23 34.05 RCW for a rule regarding a fuel standard based upon or defined
24 by the carbon intensity of fuel, including a low carbon fuel standard
25 or clean fuel standard.

26 (b) Any state agency otherwise enacts, adopts, orders, or in any
27 way implements a fuel standard based upon or defined by the carbon
28 intensity of fuel, including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel
29 standard.

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

35 (4) The department shall:

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

39 (b) Adopt rules for determining weight for vehicles without
40 manufacturer empty scale weights.

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

3 (1) Before accepting an application for registration for a
4 recreational vehicle, the department, county auditor or other agent,
5 or subagent appointed by the director shall require an applicant to
6 pay a three dollar sanitary disposal fee for a recreational vehicle
7 subject to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, or a
8 six dollar sanitary disposal fee for a recreational vehicle subject
9 to a two-year registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, in
10 addition to any other fees and taxes required by law. The
11 recreational vehicle sanitary disposal fee must be deposited in the
12 RV account created in RCW 46.68.170.

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

15 **Sec. 13.** RCW 46.68.030 and 2016 c 28 s 2 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

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

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

24 (a) \$23.60 of each initial or renewal vehicle license fee for a
25 vehicle subject to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010,
26 and \$47.20 of each initial or renewal vehicle license fee for a
27 vehicle subject to a two-year registration period, as defined in RCW
28 46.16A.010, must be deposited in the state patrol highway account in
29 the motor vehicle fund, hereby created. Vehicle license fees, renewal
30 vehicle license fees, and all other funds in the state patrol highway
31 account must be for the sole use of the Washington state patrol for
32 highway activities of the Washington state patrol, subject to proper
33 appropriations and reappropriations.

34 (b) \$2.02 of each initial vehicle license fee for a vehicle
35 subject to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, and
36 \$4.04 of each initial vehicle license fee for a vehicle subject to a
37 two-year registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, and \$0.93
38 of each renewal vehicle license fee for a vehicle subject to a
39 registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, and \$1.86 of each

1 renewal vehicle license fee for a vehicle subject to a two-year
2 registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, must be deposited
3 each biennium in the Puget Sound ferry operations account.

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

7 (3) During the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, the legislature may
8 transfer from the state patrol highway account to the connecting
9 Washington account such amounts as reflect the excess fund balance of
10 the state patrol highway account.

11 **Sec. 14.** RCW 82.44.060 and 2010 c 161 s 911 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (1) Any locally imposed excise tax:

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

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

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

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

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

24 (f) Must be levied for one full registration year or two-year
25 registration period beginning on the date of the calendar year
26 designated by the department and ending on the same date of the next
27 or second succeeding calendar year. For vehicles registered under
28 chapter 46.87 RCW, proportional registration, and for vehicle dealer
29 plates issued under chapter 46.70 RCW, the registration year is the
30 period provided in those chapters. However, the tax shall in no case
31 be less than two dollars except for proportionally registered
32 vehicles.

33 (2) A vehicle is deemed registered for the first time in this
34 state when the vehicle was not previously registered by this state
35 for the registration year or two-year registration period immediately
36 preceding the registration year or two-year registration period in
37 which the application for registration is made or when the vehicle
38 has been registered in another jurisdiction subsequent to any prior
39 registration in this state.

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

6 **Sec. 15.** RCW 82.50.460 and 1979 c 123 s 3 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Prior to the end of any registration year or two-year
9 registration period of a vehicle, the director shall cause to be
10 mailed to the owners of travel trailers or campers, of record, notice
11 of the amount of tax payable during the succeeding registration year
12 or two-year registration period. The notice shall contain a legal
13 description of the travel trailer or camper, prominent notice of due
14 dates, and such other information as may be required by the director.

15 **Sec. 16.** RCW 82.80.140 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 310 are each
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (1) Subject to the provisions of RCW 36.73.065, a transportation
18 benefit district under chapter 36.73 RCW may fix and impose an annual
19 vehicle fee, not to exceed one hundred dollars for a vehicle subject
20 to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, or two hundred
21 dollars for a vehicle subject to a two-year registration period, as
22 defined in RCW 46.16A.010, per vehicle registered in the district,
23 for each vehicle subject to vehicle license fees under RCW
24 46.17.350(1) (a), (c), (d), (e), (g), (h), (j), or (n) through (q)
25 and for each vehicle subject to gross weight license fees under RCW
26 46.17.355 with a scale weight of six thousand pounds or less.

27 (2)(a) A district that includes all the territory within the
28 boundaries of the jurisdiction, or jurisdictions, establishing the
29 district may impose by a majority vote of the governing board of the
30 district up to: (i) Twenty dollars of the vehicle fee authorized in
31 subsection (1) of this section, (ii) forty dollars of the vehicle fee
32 authorized in subsection (1) of this section if a twenty dollar
33 vehicle fee has been imposed for at least twenty-four months, or
34 (iii) fifty dollars of the vehicle fee authorized in subsection (1)
35 of this section if a vehicle fee of forty dollars has been imposed
36 for at least twenty-four months and a district has met the
37 requirements of RCW 36.73.065(6).

1 If the district is countywide, the revenues of the fee must be
2 distributed to each city within the district by interlocal agreement.
3 The interlocal agreement is effective when approved by the district
4 and sixty percent of the cities representing seventy-five percent of
5 the population of the cities within the district in which the
6 countywide fee is collected.

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

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

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

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

19 (3) The department of licensing shall administer and collect the
20 fee. The department shall deduct a percentage amount, as provided by
21 contract, not to exceed one percent of the fees collected, for
22 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The department
23 shall remit remaining proceeds to the custody of the state treasurer.
24 The state treasurer shall distribute the proceeds to the district on
25 a monthly basis.

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 (d) Off-road and nonhighway vehicles, as defined in RCW
38 46.04.365;

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

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

1 (g) Vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW and the
2 international registration plan.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16A
4 RCW to read as follows:

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

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

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** This act takes effect January 1, 2019.

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