

**RCW 46.09.495 Failure to title or register an off-road vehicle—
Penalty, circumstances when.** (1) It is a gross misdemeanor,
punishable as provided under chapter 9A.20 RCW, for a resident, as
identified in RCW 46.16A.140, to:

(a) Knowingly fail to apply for a Washington state certificate of
title for, or to knowingly fail to register, an off-road vehicle
within fifteen days of receiving or refusing a notice issued by the
department under RCW 46.93.210; or

(b) Register an off-road vehicle in another state to avoid retail
sales and use taxes under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW.

(2) For a second or subsequent offense, the person convicted is
also subject to a fine equal to four times the amount of avoided taxes
and fees, which may not be suspended, except as provided in RCW
10.05.180.

(3) Excise taxes owed and fines assessed must be deposited in the
manner provided under RCW 46.16A.030(6). [2021 c 216 § 6; 2017 c 218
§ 2.]

Effective date—2021 c 216: See note following RCW 46.09.420.

Finding—Intent—2017 c 218: "The legislature finds that many
residents of Washington enjoy recreational opportunities for off-road
vehicle and snowmobile use afforded by the natural beauty of the state
and do so in compliance with vehicle titling and registration laws and
other laws that govern off-road vehicle and snowmobile use. At the
same time, the legislature recognizes that the current law and
corresponding enforcement regime may not be robust enough to ensure
full compliance with legal registration requirements and a level
playing field for all users. It is therefore the intent of the
legislature to modify the statutory framework governing penalties for
off-road vehicle and snowmobile registration violations and to add
requirements to the department of licensing in order to improve
registration compliance." [2017 c 218 § 1.]

Effective date—2017 c 218: "This act takes effect August 1,
2017." [2017 c 218 § 6.]