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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Makes changes in chapter 308-104 WAC to adopt requirements in ESSB 5226 related to an accumulation of traffic offenses and the safe driving course.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 46.01.110 Rule-making authority, and 46.20.119 Reasonable rules.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department is making changes to chapter 308-104 WAC to adopt new requirements established in ESSB 5226 related to suspensions resulting from an accumulation of traffic offenses and a required safe driving course. The law decreases the number of accumulated traffic offenses that result in a license suspension and requires individuals who are suspended under this law to complete a safe driving course. Section 7 of the bill states "Whenever the official records of the department show that a person has committed a traffic infraction for a moving violation on three or more occasions within a one-year period, or on four or more occasions within a two-year period, the department must suspend the license of the driver for a period of 60 days and establish a period of probation for one calendar year to begin when the suspension ends. Prior to reinstatement of a license, the person must complete a safe driving course as recommended by the department."

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not applicable.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Ellis Starrett, 1125 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-902-3846, email rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov, website dol.wa.gov/about/rules.

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