
SENATE BILL 5421

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By Senators Barr and Hansen.

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1 AN ACT Relating to exemptions from motor vehicle insurance
2 requirements; and amending RCW 46.30.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.30.020 and 1989 c 353 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) No person may operate a motor vehicle subject to registration
7 under chapter 46.16 RCW in this state unless the person is insured
8 under a motor vehicle liability policy with liability limits of at
9 least the amounts provided in RCW 46.29.090, is self-insured as
10 provided in RCW 46.29.630, is covered by a certificate of deposit in
11 conformance with RCW 46.29.550, or is covered by a liability bond of at
12 least the amounts provided in RCW 46.29.090.

13 (2) A violation of this section constitutes a traffic infraction
14 punishable by a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars unless a court
15 determines that in the interest of justice the fine should be reduced.

1 In lieu of the fine, a court may permit the defendant to perform
2 community service designated by the court.

3 (3) If a person cited for a violation of this section appears in
4 person before the court and provides written evidence that at the time
5 the person was cited, he or she was in compliance with this section,
6 the citation shall be dismissed. In lieu of personal appearance, a
7 person cited for a violation of this section may, before the date
8 scheduled for the person's appearance before the court, submit by mail
9 to the court written evidence that at the time the person was cited, he
10 or she was in compliance with this section, in which case the citation
11 shall be dismissed.

12 (4) The provisions of this chapter shall not govern:

13 (a) The operation of a motor vehicle registered before January 1,
14 1991, registered under ((RCW 46.16.310 or 46.16.315)) RCW 46.16.305(1),
15 governed by RCW 46.16.020, or registered with the Washington utilities
16 and transportation commission as common or contract carriers; ((or))

17 (b) The operation of a motorcycle as defined in RCW 46.04.330, a
18 motor-driven cycle as defined in RCW 46.04.332, or a moped as defined
19 in RCW 46.04.304; or

20 (c) The operation of a motor vehicle, other than a motor home,
21 other recreational vehicle, or private passenger automobile, operating
22 under a vehicle trip permit issued under RCW 46.16.160.

23 (5) RCW 46.29.490 shall not be deemed to govern all motor vehicle
24 liability policies required by this chapter but only those certified
25 for the purposes stated in chapter 46.29 RCW.