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1 AN ACT Relating to waiver of driver's license examinations; and
2 amending RCW 46.20.120.

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

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

6 No new driver's license may be issued and no previously issued
7 license may be renewed until the applicant therefor has successfully
8 passed a driver licensing examination. However, the department may
9 waive all or any part of the examination of any person applying for the
10 renewal of a driver's license except when the department determines
11 that an applicant for a driver's license is not qualified to hold a
12 driver's license under this title. The department shall waive both the
13 knowledge and the skill portions of the examination for a person who
14 applies for such a waiver within ninety days of successfully
15 completing, with an A or B or equivalent grade, a traffic safety
16 education course as defined in RCW 28A.220.020, conducted by a
17 recognized secondary school, that meets the standards established by
18 the office of the state superintendent of public instruction or a
19 traffic safety education course, conducted by a commercial driving

1 instruction enterprise, that meets the standards established by the
2 office of the superintendent of public instruction and is officially
3 approved by that office on an annual basis. The department may also
4 waive the actual demonstration of the ability to operate a motor
5 vehicle by a person who surrenders a valid driver's license issued by
6 the person's previous home state and who is otherwise qualified to be
7 licensed. For a new license examination a fee of seven dollars shall
8 be paid by each applicant, in addition to the fee charged for issuance
9 of the license. A new license is one issued to a driver who has not
10 been previously licensed in this state or to a driver whose last
11 previous Washington license has been expired for more than four years.

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

16 Any person who is outside the state at the time his or her driver's
17 license expires or who is unable to renew the license due to any
18 incapacity may renew the license within sixty days after returning to
19 this state or within sixty days after the termination of any such
20 incapacity without the payment of the penalty fee.

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

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