
SENATE BILL 5617

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1 AN ACT Relating to exemptions from driver's license requirements
2 for nonresidents; and amending RCW 46.20.025.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.025 and 1993 c 148 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The following persons are exempt from license hereunder:

7 (1) Any person in the service of the army, navy, air force, marine
8 corps, or coast guard of the United States, or in the service of the
9 national guard of this state or any other state, (~~when~~) if:

10 (a) Furnished with a driver's license by such service when
11 operating an official motor vehicle in such service; or

12 (b) He or she is at least sixteen years old and has in his or her
13 immediate possession a valid driver's license issued by the
14 jurisdiction designated as his or her home state. A spouse or
15 dependent of the person who meets the criteria of this subsection
16 (1)(b) is also exempt from the driver's license requirement;

17 (2) A nonresident who is at least sixteen years of age and who has
18 in his or her immediate possession a valid driver's license issued to
19 him or her in his or her home state or is at least fifteen years of age

1 with a valid instruction permit issued to him or her in his or her home
2 state, and when accompanied by a licensed driver who has had at least
3 five years of driving experience and is occupying a seat beside the
4 driver;

5 (3) A nonresident who is at least sixteen years of age and who has
6 in his or her immediate possession a valid driver's license issued to
7 him or her in his or her home country may operate a motor vehicle in
8 this state for a period not to exceed one year;

9 (4) A student who maintains his or her legal home of record at a
10 location outside Washington state, or the spouse or dependent of the
11 student, who is at least sixteen years of age and who has in his or her
12 immediate possession a valid driver's license issued to him or her in
13 his or her home state. The student must be enrolled as a full-time
14 nonresident student at an institution of higher learning in Washington
15 state that is accredited by the Northwest association of schools and
16 colleges or by an accrediting association recognized by the higher
17 education coordinating board, or at a private vocational school as that
18 term is defined by RCW 28C.10.020(7). The student must carry
19 documentation issued by the institution that readily establishes his or
20 her status as a nonresident student. A spouse or dependent of a
21 nonresident student must carry a copy of the documentation issued to
22 the student by the institution and documentation establishing the
23 relationship with the student;

24 (5) Any person operating special highway construction equipment as
25 defined in RCW 46.16.010;

26 ~~((+5))~~ (6) Any person while driving or operating any farm tractor
27 or implement of husbandry which is only incidentally operated or moved
28 over a highway;

29 ~~((+6))~~ (7) Any person while operating a locomotive upon rails,
30 including operation on a railroad crossing over a public highway; and
31 such person is not required to display a driver's license to any law
32 enforcement officer in connection with the operation of a locomotive or
33 train within this state.

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