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1 AN ACT Relating to two-year vehicle licensing; amending RCW  
2 46.16.006, 46.16.063, 46.16.065, 46.16.070, 46.16.071, 46.16.079,  
3 46.16.085, 46.16.121, 46.16.135, 46.16.160, 46.16.210, 46.16.220,  
4 46.16.280, 46.16.313, 46.16.505, 46.16.585, 46.16.670, and 81.104.160;  
5 and providing an effective date.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.006 and 1992 c 222 s 1 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 (1) The term "registration ((year)) period" for the purposes of  
10 chapter((s)) 46.16((, 82.44, and 82.50)) RCW means the effective period  
11 of a vehicle license issued by the department. ((Such year)) The  
12 period commences at 12:01 a.m. on the date of the calendar year  
13 designated by the department and ends at 12:01 a.m. on the same date of  
14 the ((next)) second succeeding calendar year. If a vehicle license  
15 previously issued in this state has expired and is renewed with a  
16 different registered owner, a new registration ((year)) period is  
17 deemed to commence upon the date the expired license is renewed in  
18 order that the renewed license be useable for a full ((twelve-month))  
19 twenty-four-month period.

1 (2) Each registration (~~(year)~~) period may be divided into  
2 (~~(twelve)~~) twenty-four registration months. Each registration month  
3 commences on the day numerically corresponding to the day of the  
4 calendar month on which the registration (~~(year)~~) period begins, and  
5 terminates on the numerically corresponding day of the next succeeding  
6 calendar month.

7 (3) Where the term "last day of the month" is used in chapter(~~(s)~~)  
8 46.16(~~(, 82.44, and 82.50)~~) RCW in lieu of a specified day of any  
9 calendar month it means the last day of such calendar month or months  
10 irrespective of the numerical designation of that day.

11 (4) If the final day of a registration (~~(year)~~) period or month  
12 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, such period extends  
13 through the end of the next business day.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.063 and 1996 c 237 s 1 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16 In addition to other fees for the licensing of vehicles there shall  
17 be paid and collected (~~(annually)~~) every two years for each camper,  
18 travel trailer, and motor home (~~(as the same are defined in RCW~~  
19 ~~82.50.010)~~) a fee of (~~(three)~~) six dollars to be deposited in the RV  
20 account of the motor vehicle fund. Under RCW 43.135.055, the  
21 department of transportation may increase RV account fees by a  
22 percentage that exceeds the fiscal growth factor. After consultation  
23 with citizen representatives of the recreational vehicle user  
24 community, the department of transportation may implement RV account  
25 fee adjustments no more than once every four years. RV account fee  
26 adjustments must be preceded by evaluation of the following factors:  
27 Maintenance of a self-supporting program, levels of service at existing  
28 RV sanitary disposal facilities, identified needs for improved RV  
29 service at safety rest areas state-wide, sewage treatment costs, and  
30 inflation. If the department chooses to adjust the RV account fee, it  
31 shall notify the department of licensing six months before  
32 implementation of the fee increase. Adjustments in the RV account fee  
33 must be in increments of no more than fifty cents per biennium.

34 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.16.065 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 118 s 4 are each  
35 amended to read as follows:

36 In lieu of the fees provided in RCW (~~(46.16.060)~~) 46.16.062,  
37 private passenger car one or two-wheel trailers of two thousand pounds

1 gross weight or less, may be licensed upon the payment of a license fee  
 2 in the sum of (~~four~~) nine dollars (~~and fifty cents~~) or, if the  
 3 vehicle was previously licensed in this state and has not been  
 4 registered in another jurisdiction in the intervening period, a renewal  
 5 license fee in the sum of (~~three~~) six dollars and (~~twenty-five~~)  
 6 fifty cents, but only if such trailers are to be operated upon the  
 7 public highway by the owners thereof. It is the intention of the  
 8 legislature that this reduced license shall be issued only as to  
 9 trailers operated for personal use of the owners and not trailers held  
 10 for rental to the public.

11 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16.070 and 1994 c 262 s 8 are each amended to read  
 12 as follows:

13 (1) In lieu of all other vehicle licensing fees, unless  
 14 specifically exempt, and in addition to (~~the excise tax prescribed in~~  
 15 ~~chapter 82.44 RCW and~~) the mileage fees prescribed for buses and  
 16 stages in RCW 46.16.125, there shall be paid and collected (~~annually~~)  
 17 every two years for each truck, motor truck, truck tractor, road  
 18 tractor, tractor, bus, auto stage, or for hire vehicle with seating  
 19 capacity of more than six, based upon the declared combined gross  
 20 weight or declared gross weight thereof pursuant to the provisions of  
 21 chapter 46.44 RCW, the following licensing fees by such gross weight:

	DECLARED GROSS WEIGHT	SCHEDULE A	SCHEDULE B
22			
23	4,000 lbs. . . . . \$	<del>((37.00))</del> <u>74</u> .. \$	<del>((37.00))</del> <u>74</u>
24	6,000 lbs. . . . . \$	<del>((44.00))</del> <u>88</u> .. \$	<del>((44.00))</del> <u>88</u>
25	8,000 lbs. . . . . \$	<del>((55.00))</del> <u>110</u> .. \$	<del>((55.00))</del> <u>110</u>
26	10,000 lbs. . . . . \$	<del>((62.00))</del> <u>124</u> .. \$	<del>((62.00))</del> <u>124</u>
27	12,000 lbs. . . . . \$	<del>((72.00))</del> <u>144</u> .. \$	<del>((72.00))</del> <u>144</u>
28	14,000 lbs. . . . . \$	<del>((82.00))</del> <u>164</u> .. \$	<del>((82.00))</del> <u>164</u>
29	16,000 lbs. . . . . \$	<del>((92.00))</del> <u>184</u> .. \$	<del>((92.00))</del> <u>184</u>
30	18,000 lbs. . . . . \$	<del>((137.00))</del> <u>274</u> .. \$	<del>((137.00))</del> <u>274</u>
31	20,000 lbs. . . . . \$	<del>((152.00))</del> <u>304</u> .. \$	<del>((152.00))</del> <u>304</u>
32	22,000 lbs. . . . . \$	<del>((164.00))</del> <u>328</u> .. \$	<del>((164.00))</del> <u>328</u>
33	24,000 lbs. . . . . \$	<del>((177.00))</del> <u>354</u> .. \$	<del>((177.00))</del> <u>354</u>
34	26,000 lbs. . . . . \$	<del>((187.00))</del> <u>374</u> .. \$	<del>((187.00))</del> <u>374</u>
35	28,000 lbs. . . . . \$	<del>((220.00))</del> <u>440</u> .. \$	<del>((220.00))</del> <u>440</u>
36	30,000 lbs. . . . . \$	<del>((253.00))</del> <u>506</u> .. \$	<del>((253.00))</del> <u>506</u>
37	32,000 lbs. . . . . \$	<del>((304.00))</del> <u>608</u> .. \$	<del>((304.00))</del> <u>608</u>
38	34,000 lbs. . . . . \$	<del>((323.00))</del> <u>646</u> .. \$	<del>((323.00))</del> <u>646</u>
39	36,000 lbs. . . . . \$	<del>((350.00))</del> <u>700</u> .. \$	<del>((350.00))</del> <u>700</u>
40	38,000 lbs. . . . . \$	<del>((384.00))</del> <u>768</u> .. \$	<del>((384.00))</del> <u>768</u>
41	40,000 lbs. . . . . \$	<del>((439.00))</del> <u>878</u> .. \$	<del>((439.00))</del> <u>878</u>

1	42,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((456.00))</del>	<u>912</u>	..	\$	<del>((546.00))</del>	<u>1,092</u>
2	44,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((466.00))</del>	<u>932</u>	..	\$	<del>((556.00))</del>	<u>1,112</u>
3	46,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((501.00))</del>	<u>1,002</u>	..	\$	<del>((591.00))</del>	<u>1,182</u>
4	48,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((522.00))</del>	<u>1,044</u>	..	\$	<del>((612.00))</del>	<u>1,224</u>
5	50,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((566.00))</del>	<u>1,132</u>	..	\$	<del>((656.00))</del>	<u>1,312</u>
6	52,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((595.00))</del>	<u>1,190</u>	..	\$	<del>((685.00))</del>	<u>1,370</u>
7	54,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((642.00))</del>	<u>1,284</u>	..	\$	<del>((732.00))</del>	<u>1,464</u>
8	56,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((677.00))</del>	<u>1,354</u>	..	\$	<del>((767.00))</del>	<u>1,534</u>
9	58,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((704.00))</del>	<u>1,408</u>	..	\$	<del>((794.00))</del>	<u>1,588</u>
10	60,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((750.00))</del>	<u>1,500</u>	..	\$	<del>((840.00))</del>	<u>1,680</u>
11	62,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((804.00))</del>	<u>1,608</u>	..	\$	<del>((894.00))</del>	<u>1,788</u>
12	64,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((822.00))</del>	<u>1,644</u>	..	\$	<del>((912.00))</del>	<u>1,824</u>
13	66,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((915.00))</del>	<u>1,830</u>	..	\$	<del>((1,005.00))</del>	<u>2,010</u>
14	68,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((954.00))</del>	<u>1,908</u>	..	\$	<del>((1,044.00))</del>	<u>2,088</u>
15	70,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((1,027.00))</del>	<u>2,054</u>	..	\$	<del>((1,117.00))</del>	<u>2,234</u>
16	72,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((1,098.00))</del>	<u>2,196</u>	..	\$	<del>((1,188.00))</del>	<u>2,376</u>
17	74,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((1,193.00))</del>	<u>2,386</u>	..	\$	<del>((1,283.00))</del>	<u>2,566</u>
18	76,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((1,289.00))</del>	<u>2,578</u>	..	\$	<del>((1,379.00))</del>	<u>2,758</u>
19	78,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((1,407.00))</del>	<u>2,814</u>	..	\$	<del>((1,497.00))</del>	<u>2,994</u>
20	80,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((1,518.00))</del>	<u>3,036</u>	..	\$	<del>((1,608.00))</del>	<u>3,216</u>
21	82,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((1,623.00))</del>	<u>3,246</u>	..	\$	<del>((1,713.00))</del>	<u>3,426</u>
22	84,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((1,728.00))</del>	<u>3,456</u>	..	\$	<del>((1,818.00))</del>	<u>3,636</u>
23	86,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((1,833.00))</del>	<u>3,666</u>	..	\$	<del>((1,923.00))</del>	<u>3,846</u>
24	88,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((1,938.00))</del>	<u>3,876</u>	..	\$	<del>((2,028.00))</del>	<u>4,056</u>
25	90,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((2,043.00))</del>	<u>4,086</u>	..	\$	<del>((2,133.00))</del>	<u>4,266</u>
26	92,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((2,148.00))</del>	<u>4,296</u>	..	\$	<del>((2,238.00))</del>	<u>4,476</u>
27	94,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((2,253.00))</del>	<u>4,506</u>	..	\$	<del>((2,343.00))</del>	<u>4,686</u>
28	96,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((2,358.00))</del>	<u>4,716</u>	..	\$	<del>((2,448.00))</del>	<u>4,896</u>
29	98,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((2,463.00))</del>	<u>4,926</u>	..	\$	<del>((2,553.00))</del>	<u>5,106</u>
30	100,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((2,568.00))</del>	<u>5,136</u>	..	\$	<del>((2,658.00))</del>	<u>5,316</u>
31	102,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((2,673.00))</del>	<u>5,346</u>	..	\$	<del>((2,763.00))</del>	<u>5,526</u>
32	104,000 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((2,778.00))</del>	<u>5,556</u>	..	\$	<del>((2,868.00))</del>	<u>5,736</u>
33	105,500 lbs. . . . .	\$	<del>((2,883.00))</del>	<u>5,766</u>	..	\$	<del>((2,973.00))</del>	<u>5,946</u>

34 Schedule A applies to vehicles either used exclusively for hauling  
35 logs or that do not tow trailers. Schedule B applies to vehicles that  
36 tow trailers and are not covered under Schedule A.

37 Every truck, motor truck, truck tractor, and tractor exceeding  
38 6,000 pounds empty scale weight registered under chapter 46.16, 46.87,  
39 or 46.88 RCW shall be licensed for not less than one hundred fifty  
40 percent of its empty weight unless the amount would be in excess of the  
41 legal limits prescribed for such a vehicle in RCW 46.44.041 or  
42 46.44.042, in which event the vehicle shall be licensed for the maximum  
43 weight authorized for such a vehicle or unless the vehicle is used only  
44 for the purpose of transporting any well drilling machine, air

1 compressor, rock crusher, conveyor, hoist, donkey engine, cook house,  
2 tool house, bunk house, or similar machine or structure attached to or  
3 made a part of such vehicle.

4 The following provisions apply when increasing gross or combined  
5 gross weight for a vehicle licensed under this section:

6 (a) The new license fee will be (~~(one-twelfth)~~) one twenty-fourth  
7 of the fee listed above for the new gross weight, multiplied by the  
8 number of months remaining in the period for which licensing fees have  
9 been paid, including the month in which the new gross weight is  
10 effective.

11 (b) Upon surrender of the current certificate of registration or  
12 cab card, the new licensing fees due shall be reduced by the amount of  
13 the licensing fees previously paid for the same period for which new  
14 fees are being charged.

15 (2) The proceeds from the fees collected under subsection (1) of  
16 this section shall be distributed in accordance with RCW 46.68.035.

17 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.16.071 and 1996 c 315 s 4 are each amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 (1) In addition to the fees set forth in RCW 46.16.070, there shall  
20 be paid and collected (~~(annually)~~) every two years upon registration,  
21 a fee of (~~(one)~~) two dollars for each truck, motor truck, truck  
22 tractor, road tractor, tractor, bus, auto stage, or for hire vehicle  
23 with seating capacity of more than six, notwithstanding the provisions  
24 of RCW 46.16.070.

25 (2) In addition to the fees set forth in RCW 46.16.085, there shall  
26 be paid and collected (~~(annually)~~) every two years upon registration,  
27 a fee of (~~(one)~~) two dollars for each trailer, semitrailer, and pole  
28 trailer, notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 46.16.085.

29 (3) The proceeds from the fees collected under subsections (1) and  
30 (2) of this section shall be deposited into the highway safety fund,  
31 except that for each vehicle registered by a county auditor or agent to  
32 a county auditor under RCW 46.01.140, the proceeds shall be credited to  
33 the current county expense fund.

34 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.16.079 and 1986 c 18 s 5 are each amended to read  
35 as follows:

36 The licensee of any fixed load motor vehicle equipped for lifting  
37 or towing any disabled, impounded, or abandoned vehicle or part

1 thereof, may pay a capacity fee of (~~twenty-five~~) fifty dollars in  
2 addition to all other fees required for the (~~annual~~) licensing of  
3 motor vehicles in lieu of the licensing fees provided in RCW 46.16.070.

4 **Sec. 7.** RCW 46.16.085 and 1991 c 163 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 In lieu of all other licensing fees, (~~an annual~~) a license fee of  
7 (~~thirty-six~~) seventy-two dollars shall be collected (~~in addition to~~  
8 ~~the excise tax prescribed in chapter 82.44 RCW~~) for: (1) Each trailer  
9 and semitrailer not subject to the license fee under RCW 46.16.065 or  
10 the capacity fees under RCW (~~46.16.080~~) 46.16.079; (2) every pole  
11 trailer. The proceeds from this fee shall be distributed in accordance  
12 with RCW 46.68.035. This section does not pertain to travel trailers  
13 or personal use trailers that are not used for commercial purposes or  
14 owned by commercial enterprises.

15 **Sec. 8.** RCW 46.16.121 and 1967 ex.s. c 83 s 58 are each amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 In addition to other fees for the licensing of vehicles, there  
18 shall be paid and collected (~~annually~~) every two years, for each auto  
19 stage and for hire vehicle, except taxicabs, with a seating capacity of  
20 six or less the sum of (~~fifteen~~) thirty dollars.

21 **Sec. 9.** RCW 46.16.135 and 1986 c 18 s 12 are each amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 The (~~annual~~) vehicle licensing fees as provided in RCW 46.16.070  
24 for any motor vehicle or combination of vehicles having a declared  
25 gross weight in excess of twelve thousand pounds may be paid for any  
26 full registration month or months at (~~one-twelfth~~) one twenty-fourth  
27 of the usual (~~annual~~) biennial fee plus two dollars, this sum to be  
28 multiplied by the number of full months for which the fees are paid if  
29 for less than a full year. An additional fee of two dollars shall be  
30 collected each time a license fee is paid.

31 Operation of a vehicle licensed under the provisions of this  
32 section by any person upon the public highways after the expiration of  
33 the monthly license is a traffic infraction, and in addition the person  
34 shall be required to pay a license fee for the vehicle involved  
35 covering an entire registration (~~year's~~) period's operation, less the  
36 fees for any registration month or months of the registration (~~year~~)

1 period already paid. If, within five days, no license fee for a full  
2 registration ((year)) period has been paid as required aforesaid, the  
3 Washington state patrol, county sheriff, or city police shall impound  
4 such vehicle in such manner as may be directed for such cases by the  
5 chief of the Washington state patrol, until such requirement is met.

6 **Sec. 10.** RCW 46.16.160 and 1999 c 270 s 1 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 (1) The owner of a vehicle which under reciprocal relations with  
9 another jurisdiction would be required to obtain a license registration  
10 in this state or an unlicensed vehicle which would be required to  
11 obtain a license registration for operation on public highways of this  
12 state may, as an alternative to such license registration, secure and  
13 operate such vehicle under authority of a trip permit issued by this  
14 state in lieu of a Washington certificate of license registration, and  
15 licensed gross weight if applicable. The licensed gross weight may not  
16 exceed eighty thousand pounds for a combination of vehicles nor forty  
17 thousand pounds for a single unit vehicle with three or more axles.  
18 Trip permits may also be issued for movement of mobile homes pursuant  
19 to RCW 46.44.170. For the purpose of this section, a vehicle is  
20 considered unlicensed if the licensed gross weight currently in effect  
21 for the vehicle or combination of vehicles is not adequate for the load  
22 being carried. Vehicles registered under RCW 46.16.135 shall not be  
23 operated under authority of trip permits in lieu of further  
24 registration within the same registration ((year)) period.

25 (2) Each trip permit shall authorize the operation of a single  
26 vehicle at the maximum legal weight limit for such vehicle for a period  
27 of three consecutive days commencing with the day of first use. No  
28 more than three such permits may be used for any one vehicle in any  
29 period of thirty consecutive days, except that in the case of a  
30 recreational vehicle as defined in RCW 43.22.335, no more than two trip  
31 permits may be used for any one vehicle in a one-year period. Every  
32 permit shall identify, as the department may require, the vehicle for  
33 which it is issued and shall be completed in its entirety and signed by  
34 the operator before operation of the vehicle on the public highways of  
35 this state. Correction of data on the permit such as dates, license  
36 number, or vehicle identification number invalidates the permit. The  
37 trip permit shall be displayed on the vehicle to which it is issued as  
38 prescribed by the department.

1 (3) Vehicles operating under authority of trip permits are subject  
2 to all laws, rules, and regulations affecting the operation of like  
3 vehicles in this state.

4 (4) Prorate operators operating commercial vehicles on trip permits  
5 in Washington shall retain the customer copy of such permit for four  
6 years.

7 (5) Trip permits may be obtained from field offices of the  
8 department of transportation, Washington state patrol, department of  
9 licensing, or other agents appointed by the department. For each  
10 permit issued, there shall be collected a filing fee as provided by RCW  
11 46.01.140, an administrative fee of eight dollars, and an excise tax of  
12 one dollar. If the filing fee amount of one dollar prescribed by RCW  
13 46.01.140 is increased or decreased after January 1, 1981, the  
14 administrative fee shall be adjusted to compensate for such change to  
15 insure that the total amount collected for the filing fee,  
16 administrative fee, and excise tax remain at ten dollars. These fees  
17 and taxes are in lieu of all other vehicle license fees and taxes. No  
18 exchange, credits, or refunds may be given for trip permits after they  
19 have been purchased.

20 (6) The department may appoint county auditors or businesses as  
21 agents for the purpose of selling trip permits to the public. County  
22 auditors or businesses so appointed may retain the filing fee collected  
23 for each trip permit to defray expenses incurred in handling and  
24 selling the permits.

25 (7) A violation of or a failure to comply with any provision of  
26 this section is a gross misdemeanor.

27 (8) The department of licensing may adopt rules as it deems  
28 necessary to administer this section.

29 (9) A surcharge of five dollars is imposed on the issuance of trip  
30 permits. The portion of the surcharge paid by motor carriers must be  
31 deposited in the motor vehicle fund for the purpose of supporting  
32 vehicle weigh stations, weigh-in-motion programs, and the commercial  
33 vehicle information systems and networks program. The remaining  
34 portion of the surcharge must be deposited in the motor vehicle fund  
35 for the purpose of supporting congestion relief programs. All other  
36 administrative fees and excise taxes collected under the provisions of  
37 this chapter shall be forwarded by the department with proper  
38 identifying detailed report to the state treasurer who shall deposit  
39 the administrative fees to the credit of the motor vehicle fund and the



1 excise taxes to the credit of the general fund. Filing fees will be  
2 forwarded and reported to the state treasurer by the department as  
3 prescribed in RCW 46.01.140.

4 **Sec. 11.** RCW 46.16.210 and 1997 c 241 s 8 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) Upon receipt of the application and proper fee for original  
7 vehicle license, the director shall make a recheck of the application  
8 and in the event that there is any error in the application it may be  
9 returned to the county auditor or other agent to effectively secure the  
10 correction of such error, who shall return the same corrected to the  
11 director.

12 (2) Application for the renewal of a vehicle license shall be made  
13 to the director or his agents, including county auditors, by the  
14 registered owner on a form prescribed by the director. The application  
15 must be accompanied by the certificate of registration for the last  
16 registration period in which the vehicle was registered in Washington  
17 unless the applicant submits a preprinted application mailed from  
18 Olympia, and the payment of such license fees and excise tax as may be  
19 required by law. Such application shall be handled in the same manner  
20 and the fees transmitted to the state treasurer in the same manner as  
21 in the case of an original application. Any such application which  
22 upon validation becomes a renewal certificate need not have entered  
23 upon it the name of the lien holder, if any, of the vehicle concerned.

24 (3) Persons expecting to be out of the state during the normal  
25 renewal period of a vehicle license may secure renewal of such vehicle  
26 license and have license plates or tabs preissued by making application  
27 to the director or his agents upon forms prescribed by the director.  
28 The application must be accompanied by the certificate of registration  
29 for the last registration period in which the vehicle was registered in  
30 Washington and be accompanied by such license fees, and excise tax as  
31 may be required by law.

32 (4) Application for the (~~annual~~) renewal of a vehicle license  
33 number plate to the director or the director's agents shall not be  
34 required for those vehicles owned, rented, or leased by the state of  
35 Washington, or by any county, city, town, school district, or other  
36 political subdivision of the state of Washington or a governing body of  
37 an Indian tribe located within this state and recognized as a  
38 governmental entity by the United States department of the interior.

1       **Sec. 12.** RCW 46.16.220 and 1997 c 241 s 9 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       Vehicle licenses and vehicle license number plates may be renewed  
4 for the subsequent registration (~~(year)~~) period up to eighteen months  
5 before the current expiration date and must be used and displayed from  
6 the date of issue or from the day of the expiration of the preceding  
7 registration (~~(year)~~) period, whichever date is later.

8       **Sec. 13.** RCW 46.16.280 and 1987 c 244 s 7 are each amended to read  
9 as follows:

10       In case of loss, destruction, sale, or transfer of any motor  
11 vehicle with a registered gross weight in excess of twelve thousand  
12 pounds and subject to the license fees under RCW 46.16.070, the  
13 registered owner thereof may, under the following conditions, obtain  
14 credit for the unused portion of the licensing fee paid for the vehicle  
15 or may transfer such credit to the new owner if desired:

16       (1) The licensing fee paid for the motor vehicle will be reduced by  
17 (~~(one-twelfth)~~) one twenty-fourth for each calendar month and fraction  
18 thereof elapsing between the first month of the current registration  
19 (~~(year)~~) period in which the motor vehicle was registered and the month  
20 the registrant surrenders the vehicle's registration certificate for  
21 the registration (~~(year)~~) period to the department or an authorized  
22 agent of the department.

23       (2) If any such credit is less than fifteen dollars, no credit may  
24 be given.

25       (3) The credit may only be applied against the licensing fee  
26 liability due under RCW 46.16.070 for the replacement motor vehicle or  
27 if such credit was transferred to the new owner, it shall remain with  
28 the vehicle. The credit may only be used during the registration  
29 (~~(year)~~) period from which it was obtained.

30       (4) In no event is such credit subject to refund.

31       Whenever any vehicle has been so altered as to change its license  
32 classification in such a manner that the vehicle license number plates  
33 are rendered improper, the current license plates shall be surrendered  
34 to the department. New license plates shall be issued upon application  
35 accompanied by a one dollar fee in addition to any other or different  
36 charge by reason of licensing under a new classification. Such  
37 application shall be on forms prescribed by the department and

1 forwarded with the proper fee to the department or the office of a duly  
2 authorized agent of the department.

3       **Sec. 14.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1997 c 291 s 8 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5       (1) The department may establish a fee for each type of special  
6 license plates issued under RCW 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as  
7 existing before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in  
8 an amount calculated to offset the cost of production of the special  
9 license plates and the administration of this program. Until December  
10 31, 1997, the fee shall not exceed thirty-five dollars, but effective  
11 with vehicle registrations due or to become due on January 1, 1998, the  
12 department may adjust the fee to no more than forty dollars. This fee  
13 is in addition to all other fees required to register and license the  
14 vehicle for which the plates have been requested. All such additional  
15 special license plate fees collected by the department shall be  
16 deposited in the state treasury and credited to the motor vehicle fund.

17       (2) Until December 31, 1997, in addition to all fees and taxes  
18 required to be paid upon application, registration, and renewal  
19 registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a collegiate license  
20 plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct  
21 an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this  
22 subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.  
23 The remaining proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be  
24 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper  
25 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the  
26 funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in  
27 RCW 28B.10.890.

28       (3) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on  
29 January 1, 1998, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
30 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a  
31 collegiate license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty dollars.  
32 The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve dollars of  
33 each fee collected under this subsection for administration and  
34 collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be  
35 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper  
36 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the  
37 funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in  
38 RCW 28B.10.890.

1 (4) Effective with (~~annual~~) renewals due or to become due on  
2 January 1, 1999, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
3 upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a  
4 collegiate license plate shall pay a fee of (~~thirty~~) sixty dollars.  
5 The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed (~~two~~) four  
6 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
7 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall  
8 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper  
9 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the  
10 funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in  
11 RCW 28B.10.890.

12 (5) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
13 application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a  
14 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of  
15 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed  
16 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for  
17 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining  
18 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to  
19 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments  
20 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as  
21 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary  
22 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW  
23 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds  
24 to the state general fund.

25 (6) Effective with (~~annual~~) renewals due or to become due on  
26 January 1, 1999, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
27 upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a special  
28 baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of (~~thirty~~) sixty  
29 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed (~~two~~)  
30 four dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for  
31 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining  
32 proceeds shall be distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the  
33 principal and interest payments on bonds issued by the county to  
34 construct a baseball stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including  
35 reasonably necessary preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being  
36 collected under RCW 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer  
37 shall credit the funds to the state general fund.

1       **Sec. 15.** RCW 46.16.505 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 118 s 11 are each  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       It shall be unlawful for a person to operate any vehicle equipped  
4 with a camper over and along a public highway of this state without  
5 first having obtained and having in full force and effect a current and  
6 proper camper license and displaying a camper license number plate  
7 therefor as required by law: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That if a camper is  
8 part of the inventory of a manufacturer or dealer and is unoccupied at  
9 all times, and a dated demonstration permit, valid for no more than  
10 seventy-two hours is carried in the motor vehicle at all times it is  
11 operated by any such individual, such camper may be demonstrated if  
12 carried upon an appropriately licensed vehicle.

13       Application for an original camper license shall be made on a form  
14 furnished for the purpose by the director. Such application shall be  
15 made by the owner of the camper or his duly authorized agent over the  
16 signature of such owner or agent, and he shall certify that the  
17 statements therein are true and to the best of his knowledge. The  
18 application must show:

- 19       (1) Name and address of the owner of the camper;  
20       (2) Trade name of the camper, model, year, and the serial number  
21 thereof;  
22       (3) Such other information as the director requires.

23       There shall be paid and collected (~~annually for each~~  
24 ~~registration~~) every two years or fractional part thereof and upon each  
25 camper a license fee or, if the camper was previously licensed in this  
26 state and has not been registered in another jurisdiction in the  
27 intervening period, a renewal license fee. Such license fee shall be  
28 in the sum of (~~four~~) nine dollars and (~~ninety~~) eighty cents, and  
29 such renewal license fee shall be in the sum of (~~three~~) seven dollars  
30 (~~and fifty cents~~)).

31       Except as otherwise provided for in this section, the provisions of  
32 chapter 46.16 RCW shall apply to campers in the same manner as they  
33 apply to vehicles.

34       **Sec. 16.** RCW 46.16.585 and 1979 ex.s. c 136 s 51 are each amended  
35 to read as follows:

36       In addition to the regular registration fee, and any other fees and  
37 taxes required to be paid upon registration, the applicant shall be  
38 charged a fee of (~~thirty~~) sixty dollars. In addition to the regular

1 renewal fee, and in addition to any other fees and taxes required to be  
2 paid, the applicant for a renewal of such plates shall be charged an  
3 additional fee of (~~twenty~~) forty dollars: PROVIDED, That any person  
4 who purchased personalized license plates containing three letters and  
5 three digits on or between the dates of August 9, 1971, and November 6,  
6 1973, shall not be required to pay the additional (~~annual~~) renewal  
7 fee of (~~twenty~~) forty dollars commencing with the year 1976. All  
8 personalized license plates must be renewed (~~on an annual basis~~)  
9 every two years, regardless of whether a vehicle on which they are  
10 displayed will not be driven on public highways or may also be eligible  
11 to display permanent license plates valid for the life of such vehicle  
12 without (~~annual~~) periodic renewal. Personalized license plates that  
13 are not renewed must be surrendered to the department, and failure to  
14 do so is a traffic infraction.

15 **Sec. 17.** RCW 46.16.670 and 1991 c 302 s 3 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 In addition to any other fee required under this chapter, boat  
18 trailers shall (~~annually~~) pay a fee of (~~three~~) six dollars. The  
19 proceeds of this fee shall be deposited in the freshwater aquatic weeds  
20 account under RCW 43.21A.650.

21 **Sec. 18.** RCW 81.104.160 and 1998 c 321 s 35 (Referendum Bill No.  
22 49) are each amended to read as follows:

23 (1) Cities that operate transit systems, county transportation  
24 authorities, metropolitan municipal corporations, public transportation  
25 benefit areas, and regional transit authorities may submit an  
26 authorizing proposition to the voters, and if approved, may levy and  
27 collect an excise tax, at a rate approved by the voters, but not  
28 exceeding eighty one-hundredths of one percent on the value, (~~under~~  
29 ~~chapter 82.44 RCW,~~) of every motor vehicle owned by a resident of the  
30 taxing district, solely for the purpose of providing high-capacity  
31 transportation service. In any county imposing a motor vehicle excise  
32 tax surcharge pursuant to RCW 81.100.060, the maximum tax rate under  
33 this section shall be reduced to a rate equal to eighty one-hundredths  
34 of one percent on the value less the equivalent motor vehicle excise  
35 tax rate of the surcharge imposed pursuant to RCW 81.100.060. This  
36 rate shall not apply to vehicles licensed under RCW 46.16.070 except

1 vehicles with an unladen weight of six thousand pounds or less, RCW  
2 46.16.079, 46.16.085, or 46.16.090.

3 (2) An agency imposing a tax under subsection (1) of this section  
4 may also impose a sales and use tax solely for the purpose of providing  
5 high\_capacity transportation service, in addition to the tax authorized  
6 by RCW 82.14.030, upon retail car rentals within the agency's  
7 jurisdiction that are taxable by the state under chapters 82.08 and  
8 82.12 RCW. The rate of tax shall not exceed 2.172 percent. The rate  
9 of tax imposed under this subsection shall bear the same ratio to the  
10 2.172 percent rate authorized that the rate imposed under subsection  
11 (1) of this section bears to the rate authorized under subsection (1)  
12 of this section. The base of the tax shall be the selling price in the  
13 case of a sales tax or the rental value of the vehicle used in the case  
14 of a use tax. The revenue collected under this subsection shall be  
15 used in the same manner as excise taxes under subsection (1) of this  
16 section.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** This act takes effect January 1, 2001.

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