

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 2259

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DRIVERS' LICENSES--PERIOD AND FEES

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/25/99 - Except sections 1 through 5 which become effective on July 1, 2000.

Passed by the House April 24, 1999
Yeas 91 Nays 5

JOHN E. PENNINGTON, JR.
Speaker of the House of Representatives

FRANK CHOPP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 23, 1999
Yeas 34 Nays 12

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

Approved May 13, 1999

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

We, Dean R. Foster and Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2259** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

DEAN R. FOSTER
Chief Clerk

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Chief Clerk

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By Representatives Murray, Hankins, Ogden, K. Schmidt, Fisher,
Radcliff, Hatfield, Hurst and Morris

Read first time 03/03/1999. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 AN ACT Relating to issuing drivers' licenses; amending RCW
2 46.20.120, 46.20.161, 46.20.181, 46.20.470, and 46.20.505; and
3 providing an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.120 and 1999 c 6 s 19 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 An applicant for a new or renewed driver's license must
8 successfully pass a driver licensing examination to qualify for a
9 driver's license. The department shall give examinations at places and
10 times reasonably available to the people of this state.

11 (1) **Waiver.** The department may waive:

12 (a) All or any part of the examination of any person applying for
13 the renewal of a driver's license unless the department determines that
14 the applicant is not qualified to hold a driver's license under this
15 title; or

16 (b) The actual demonstration of the ability to operate a motor
17 vehicle if the applicant:

18 (i) Surrenders a valid driver's license issued by the person's
19 previous home state; and

1 (ii) Is otherwise qualified to be licensed.

2 (2) **Fee.** Each applicant for a new license must pay an examination
3 fee of seven dollars.

4 (a) The examination fee is in addition to the fee charged for
5 issuance of the license.

6 (b) "New license" means a license issued to a driver:

7 (i) Who has not been previously licensed in this state; or

8 (ii) Whose last previous Washington license has been expired for
9 more than (~~four~~) five years.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.20.161 and 1999 c 6 s 22 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 The department, upon receipt of a fee of (~~fourteen~~) twenty-five
13 dollars, unless the driver's license is issued for a period other than
14 five years, in which case the fee shall be five dollars for each year
15 that the license is issued, which includes the fee for the required
16 photograph, shall issue to every qualifying applicant a driver's
17 license. The license must include a distinguishing number assigned to
18 the licensee, the name of record, date of birth, Washington residence
19 address, photograph, a brief description of the licensee, and either a
20 facsimile of the signature of the licensee or a space upon which the
21 licensee shall write his or her usual signature with pen and ink
22 immediately upon receipt of the license. No license is valid until it
23 has been so signed by the licensee.

24 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.20.181 and 1999 c 6 s 23 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, every
27 driver's license expires on the (~~fourth~~) fifth anniversary of the
28 licensee's birthdate following the issuance of the license.

29 (2) A person may renew his or her license on or before the
30 expiration date by submitting an application as prescribed by the
31 department and paying a fee of (~~fourteen~~) twenty-five dollars. This
32 fee includes the fee for the required photograph.

33 (3) A person renewing his or her driver's license more than sixty
34 days after the license has expired shall pay a penalty fee of ten
35 dollars in addition to the renewal fee, unless his or her license
36 expired when:

1 (a) The person was outside the state and he or she renews the
2 license within sixty days after returning to this state; or

3 (b) The person was incapacitated and he or she renews the license
4 within sixty days after the termination of the incapacity.

5 (4) During the period from July 1, 2000, to July 1, 2006, the
6 department may issue or renew a driver's license for a period other
7 than five years, or may extend by mail a license that has already been
8 issued, in order to evenly distribute, as nearly as possible, the
9 yearly renewal rate of licensed drivers. The fee for a driver's
10 license issued or renewed for a period other than five years, or that
11 has been extended by mail, is five dollars for each year that the
12 license is issued, renewed, or extended. The department may adopt any
13 rules as are necessary to carry out this subsection.

14 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.20.470 and 1989 c 178 s 21 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 There shall be an additional fee for issuing any class of
17 commercial driver's license in addition to the prescribed fee required
18 for the issuance of the original driver's license. The additional fee
19 for each class shall not exceed ~~((twelve))~~ twenty dollars for the
20 original commercial driver's license or subsequent renewals, unless the
21 commercial driver's license is renewed or extended for a period other
22 than five years, in which case the fee for each class shall not exceed
23 four dollars for each year that the commercial driver's license is
24 renewed or extended. The fee shall be deposited in the highway safety
25 fund.

26 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.20.505 and 1993 c 115 s 1 are each amended to read
27 as follows:

28 Every person applying for a special endorsement or a new category
29 of endorsement of a driver's license authorizing such person to drive
30 a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle shall pay an examination fee of
31 two dollars which is not refundable. In addition, the endorsement fee
32 for the initial or new category motorcycle endorsement shall ~~((be six))~~
33 not exceed ten dollars, and the subsequent renewal endorsement fee
34 shall ~~((be fourteen))~~ not exceed twenty-five dollars, unless the
35 endorsement is renewed or extended for a period other than five years,
36 in which case the subsequent renewal endorsement fee shall not exceed
37 five dollars for each year that the endorsement is renewed or extended.

1 The initial or new category and renewal endorsement fees shall be
2 deposited in the motorcycle safety education account of the highway
3 safety fund.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act take effect
5 July 1, 2000.

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