

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 2029**

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MOTOR VEHICLES--REGISTRATION

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Passed by the House April 16, 2001  
Yeas 81 Nays 13

FRANK CHOPP  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

CLYDE BALLARD  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 23, 2001  
Yeas 47 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN  
**President of the Senate**

Approved April 27, 2001

GARY LOCKE  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

We, Timothy A. Martin and Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2029** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER  
**Chief Clerk**

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN  
**Chief Clerk**

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By Representatives Hurst, Mitchell, Fisher, Hankins, Haigh, Anderson, Cooper, Ericksen, Ogden, Marine, Jarrett, Wood, Romero, Armstrong, Rockefeller, Mielke, Hatfield, Sump, Lovick, Simpson, Woods, Reardon, Morell, Skinner, Ahern, Jackley, Murray, Edmonds and Kenney

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1 AN ACT Relating to certificates of ownership and registration;  
2 amending RCW 46.12.040 and 46.12.060; reenacting and amending RCW  
3 46.12.030; adding a new section to chapter 46.12 RCW; providing an  
4 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.12.030 and 1995 c 274 s 1 and 1995 c 256 s 23 are  
7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 The application for (({a})) a certificate of ownership shall be  
9 upon a form furnished or approved by the department and shall contain:

10 (1) A full description of the vehicle, which shall contain the  
11 proper vehicle identification number, the number of miles indicated on  
12 the odometer at the time of delivery of the vehicle, and any  
13 distinguishing marks of identification;

14 (2) The name and address of the person who is to be the registered  
15 owner of the vehicle and, if the vehicle is subject to a security  
16 interest, the name and address of the secured party;

17 (3) Such other information as the department may require. The  
18 department may in any instance, in addition to the information required  
19 on the application, require additional information and a physical

1 examination of the vehicle or of any class of vehicles, or either. A  
2 physical examination of the vehicle is mandatory if (~~it previously was~~  
3 ~~registered in any other state or country or if~~) it has been rebuilt  
4 after surrender of the certificate of ownership to the department under  
5 RCW 46.12.070 due to the vehicle's destruction or declaration as a  
6 total loss. The inspection must verify that the vehicle identification  
7 number is genuine and agrees with the number shown on the (~~foreign~~)  
8 title and registration certificate. (~~If the vehicle is from a~~  
9 ~~jurisdiction that does not issue titles, the inspection must verify~~  
10 ~~that the vehicle identification number is genuine and agrees with the~~  
11 ~~number shown on the registration certificate. The inspection must also~~  
12 ~~confirm that the license plates on the vehicle are those assigned to~~  
13 ~~the vehicle by the jurisdiction in which the vehicle was previously~~  
14 ~~licensed.)) The inspection must be made by a member of the Washington  
15 state patrol or other person authorized by the department to make such  
16 inspections.~~

17 The application shall be subscribed by the registered owner and be  
18 sworn to by that applicant in the manner described by RCW 9A.72.085.  
19 The department shall retain the application in either the original,  
20 computer, or photostatic form.

21 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.12.040 and 1990 c 238 s 2 are each amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 The application accompanied by a draft, money order, certified bank  
24 check, or cash for one dollar and twenty-five cents, together with the  
25 last preceding certificates or other satisfactory evidence of  
26 ownership, shall be forwarded to the director.

27 The fee shall be in addition to any other fee for the license  
28 registration of the vehicle. The certificate of ownership shall not be  
29 required to be renewed annually, or at any other time, except as by law  
30 provided.

31 In addition to the application fee and any other fee for the  
32 license registration of a vehicle, (~~there shall be collected from the~~  
33 ~~applicant an inspection fee whenever a physical examination of the~~  
34 ~~vehicle is required as a part of the vehicle licensing or titling~~  
35 ~~process.~~

36 ~~For vehicles previously registered in any other state or country,~~  
37 ~~the inspection)) the department shall collect from the applicant a fee  
38 (~~shall be~~) of fifteen dollars (~~and~~) for vehicles previously~~

1 registered in any other state or country. The proceeds from the fee  
2 shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund. For ~~((all other))~~  
3 vehicles requiring a physical examination, the inspection fee shall be  
4 ~~((twenty))~~ fifty dollars and shall be deposited in the motor vehicle  
5 fund.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.12 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 The department shall institute software and systems modifications  
9 to enable a WACIC/NCIC stolen vehicle search of out-of-state vehicles  
10 as part of the title transaction. During the stolen vehicle search, if  
11 the information obtained indicates the vehicle is stolen, that  
12 information shall be immediately reported to the state patrol and the  
13 applicant shall not be permitted to register the vehicle. Vehicles for  
14 which the stolen vehicle check is negative shall be registered if the  
15 department is satisfied that all other requirements have been met.

16 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.12.060 and 1975 c 25 s 10 are each amended to read  
17 as follows:

18 Before the department shall issue a certificate of ownership, or  
19 reissue such a certificate, covering any vehicle, the identification  
20 number of which has been altered, removed, obliterated, defaced,  
21 omitted, or is otherwise absent, the registered owner of the vehicle  
22 shall file an application with the department, accompanied by a fee of  
23 five dollars, upon a form provided, and containing such facts and  
24 information as shall be required by the department for the assignment  
25 of a special number for such vehicle. Upon receipt of such  
26 application, the department, if satisfied the applicant is entitled to  
27 the assignment of an identification number, shall designate a special  
28 identification number for such vehicle, which shall be noted upon the  
29 application therefor, and likewise upon a suitable record of the  
30 authorization of the use thereof, to be kept by the department. This  
31 assigned identification number shall be placed or stamped in a  
32 conspicuous position upon the vehicle in such manner and form as may be  
33 prescribed by the department. Upon receipt by the department of ~~((a  
34 certificate by an officer of the Washington state patrol, or other  
35 person authorized by the department, that the vehicle has been  
36 inspected and that the identification number or the special number  
37 plate, has been stamped or securely attached in a conspicuous position~~

1 ~~upon the vehicle, accompanied by~~) an application for a certificate of  
2 ownership or application for reissue of such certificate and the  
3 required fee therefor, the department shall use such number as the  
4 numerical or alpha-numerical identification marks for the vehicle in  
5 any certificate of license registration or certificate of ownership  
6 that may thereafter be issued therefor.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
9 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
10 July 1, 2001.

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