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By Representatives Anderson, Lovick and Ahern; by request of Washington State Patrol

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1 AN ACT Relating to traffic citations; and amending RCW 46.64.010.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.64.010 and 1961 c 12 s 46.64.010 are each amended
4 to read as follows:

5 Every traffic enforcement agency in this state shall provide in
6 appropriate form traffic citations containing notices to appear which
7 shall be issued in books with citations in quadruplicate and meeting
8 the requirements of this section, or issued by an electronic device
9 capable of producing a printed copy and electronic copies of the
10 citations.

11 The chief administrative officer of every such traffic enforcement
12 agency shall be responsible for the issuance of such books or
13 electronic devices and shall maintain a record of every such book and
14 each citation contained therein and every electronic device issued to
15 individual members of the traffic enforcement agency and shall require
16 and retain a receipt for every book or electronic device so issued.

17 Every traffic enforcement officer upon issuing a traffic citation
18 to an alleged violator of any provision of the motor vehicle laws of
19 this state or of any traffic ordinance of any city or town shall

1 deposit the original or a printed or electronic copy of such traffic
2 citation with a court having competent jurisdiction over the alleged
3 offense or with its traffic violations bureau.

4 Upon the deposit of the original or a copy of such traffic citation
5 with a court having competent jurisdiction over the alleged offense or
6 with its traffic violations bureau as aforesaid, (~~said~~) the original
7 or copy of such traffic citation may be disposed of only by trial in
8 (~~said~~) the court or other official action by a judge of (~~said~~) the
9 court, including forfeiture of the bail or by the deposit of sufficient
10 bail with or payment of a fine to (~~said~~) the traffic violations
11 bureau by the person to whom (~~such~~) the traffic citation has been
12 issued by the traffic enforcement officer.

13 It shall be unlawful and official misconduct for any traffic
14 enforcement officer or other officer or public employee to dispose of
15 a traffic citation or copies thereof or of the record of the issuance
16 of the same in a manner other than as required (~~herein~~) in this
17 section.

18 The chief administrative officer of every traffic enforcement
19 agency shall require the return to him or her of a printed or
20 electronic copy of every traffic citation issued by an officer under
21 his or her supervision to an alleged violator of any traffic law or
22 ordinance and of all copies of every traffic citation which has been
23 spoiled or upon which any entry has been made and not issued to an
24 alleged violator.

25 Such chief administrative officer shall also maintain or cause to
26 be maintained in connection with every traffic citation issued by an
27 officer under his or her supervision a record of the disposition of the
28 charge by the court or its traffic violations bureau in which the
29 original or copy of the traffic citation was deposited.

30 Any person who cancels or solicits the cancellation of any traffic
31 citation, in any manner other than as provided in this section, (~~shall~~
32 ~~be~~) is guilty of a misdemeanor.

33 Every record of traffic citations required in this section shall be
34 audited monthly by the appropriate fiscal officer of the government
35 agency to which the traffic enforcement agency is responsible.

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