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1 AN ACT Relating to high-occupancy vehicle lanes; and amending RCW
2 46.61.165.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.165 and 1999 c 206 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The state department of transportation and the local authorities
7 are authorized to reserve all or any portion of any highway under their
8 respective jurisdictions as high-occupancy vehicle lanes, including any
9 designated lane or ramp, for the exclusive or preferential use of
10 public transportation vehicles or private motor vehicles carrying no
11 fewer than a specified number of passengers when such limitation will
12 increase the efficient utilization of the highway or will aid in the
13 conservation of energy resources. Regulations authorizing ~~((such))~~
14 exclusive or preferential use of a highway facility ~~((may be declared~~
15 ~~to be))~~ are effective ~~((at all times or at specified times of day or on~~
16 ~~specified days))~~ only from 6:00 a.m. through 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
17 through 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays.

1 Violation of a restriction of highway usage prescribed by the
2 appropriate authority under this section is a traffic infraction.

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