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By Senators Swecker, Haugen and Oke; by request of Department of Licensing

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1 AN ACT Relating to commercial driver's licenses; amending RCW
2 46.25.010, 46.25.060, 46.25.070, 46.25.080, 46.25.130, 46.25.160, and
3 46.63.070; reenacting and amending RCW 46.20.308 and 46.25.090; adding
4 a new section to chapter 46.25 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.308 and 1999 c 331 s 2 and 1999 c 274 s 2 are
7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 (1) Any person who operates a motor vehicle within this state is
9 deemed to have given consent, subject to the provisions of RCW
10 46.61.506, to a test or tests of his or her breath or blood for the
11 purpose of determining the alcohol concentration or presence of any
12 drug in his or her breath or blood if arrested for any offense where,
13 at the time of the arrest, the arresting officer has reasonable grounds
14 to believe the person had been driving or was in actual physical
15 control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating
16 liquor or any drug or was in violation of RCW 46.61.503.

17 (2) The test or tests of breath shall be administered at the
18 direction of a law enforcement officer having reasonable grounds to
19 believe the person to have been driving or in actual physical control

1 of a motor vehicle within this state while under the influence of
2 intoxicating liquor or any drug or the person to have been driving or
3 in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while having alcohol in
4 a concentration in violation of RCW 46.61.503 in his or her system and
5 being under the age of twenty-one. However, in those instances where
6 the person is incapable due to physical injury, physical incapacity, or
7 other physical limitation, of providing a breath sample or where the
8 person is being treated in a hospital, clinic, doctor's office,
9 emergency medical vehicle, ambulance, or other similar facility in
10 which a breath testing instrument is not present or where the officer
11 has reasonable grounds to believe that the person is under the
12 influence of a drug, a blood test shall be administered by a qualified
13 person as provided in RCW 46.61.506(4). The officer shall inform the
14 person of his or her right to refuse the breath or blood test, and of
15 his or her right to have additional tests administered by any qualified
16 person of his or her choosing as provided in RCW 46.61.506. The
17 officer shall warn the driver that:

18 (a) His or her license, permit, or privilege to drive will be
19 revoked or denied if he or she refuses to submit to the test;

20 (b) His or her license, permit, or privilege to drive will be
21 suspended, revoked, or denied if the test is administered and the test
22 indicates the alcohol concentration of the person's breath or blood is
23 0.08 or more, in the case of a person age twenty-one or over, or in
24 violation of RCW 46.61.502, 46.61.503, or 46.61.504 in the case of a
25 person under age twenty-one; and

26 (c) His or her refusal to take the test may be used in a criminal
27 trial.

28 (3) Except as provided in this section, the test administered shall
29 be of the breath only. If an individual is unconscious or is under
30 arrest for the crime of vehicular homicide as provided in RCW 46.61.520
31 or vehicular assault as provided in RCW 46.61.522, or if an individual
32 is under arrest for the crime of driving while under the influence of
33 intoxicating liquor or drugs as provided in RCW 46.61.502, which arrest
34 results from an accident in which there has been serious bodily injury
35 to another person, a breath or blood test may be administered without
36 the consent of the individual so arrested.

37 (4) Any person who is dead, unconscious, or who is otherwise in a
38 condition rendering him or her incapable of refusal, shall be deemed

1 not to have withdrawn the consent provided by subsection (1) of this
2 section and the test or tests may be administered, subject to the
3 provisions of RCW 46.61.506, and the person shall be deemed to have
4 received the warnings required under subsection (2) of this section.

5 (5) If, following his or her arrest and receipt of warnings under
6 subsection (2) of this section, the person arrested refuses upon the
7 request of a law enforcement officer to submit to a test or tests of
8 his or her breath or blood, no test shall be given except as authorized
9 under subsection (3) or (4) of this section.

10 (6) If, after arrest and after the other applicable conditions and
11 requirements of this section have been satisfied, a test or tests of
12 the person's blood or breath is administered and the test results
13 indicate that the alcohol concentration of the person's breath or blood
14 is 0.08 or more if the person is age twenty-one or over, or is in
15 violation of RCW 46.61.502, 46.61.503, or 46.61.504 if the person is
16 under the age of twenty-one, or the person refuses to submit to a test,
17 the arresting officer or other law enforcement officer at whose
18 direction any test has been given, or the department, where applicable,
19 if the arrest results in a test of the person's blood, shall:

20 (a) Serve notice in writing on the person on behalf of the
21 department of its intention to suspend, revoke, or deny the person's
22 license, permit, or privilege to drive as required by subsection (7) of
23 this section;

24 (b) Serve notice in writing on the person on behalf of the
25 department of his or her right to a hearing, specifying the steps he or
26 she must take to obtain a hearing as provided by subsection (8) of this
27 section;

28 (c) Mark the person's Washington state driver's license or permit
29 to drive, if any, in a manner authorized by the department;

30 (d) Serve notice in writing that the marked license or permit, if
31 any, is a temporary license that is valid for sixty days from the date
32 of arrest or from the date notice has been given in the event notice is
33 given by the department following a blood test, or until the
34 suspension, revocation, or denial of the person's license, permit, or
35 privilege to drive is sustained at a hearing pursuant to subsection (8)
36 of this section, whichever occurs first. No temporary license is valid
37 to any greater degree than the license or permit that it replaces; and

1 (e) Immediately notify the department of the arrest and transmit to
2 the department within seventy-two hours, except as delayed as the
3 result of a blood test, a sworn report or report under a declaration
4 authorized by RCW 9A.72.085 that states:

5 (i) That the officer had reasonable grounds to believe the arrested
6 person had been driving or was in actual physical control of a motor
7 vehicle within this state while under the influence of intoxicating
8 liquor or drugs, or both, or was under the age of twenty-one years and
9 had been driving or was in actual physical control of a motor vehicle
10 while having an alcohol concentration in violation of RCW 46.61.503;

11 (ii) That after receipt of the warnings required by subsection (2)
12 of this section the person refused to submit to a test of his or her
13 blood or breath, or a test was administered and the results indicated
14 that the alcohol concentration of the person's breath or blood was 0.08
15 or more if the person is age twenty-one or over, or was in violation of
16 RCW 46.61.502, 46.61.503, or 46.61.504 if the person is under the age
17 of twenty-one; and

18 (iii) Any other information that the director may require by rule.

19 (7) The department of licensing, upon the receipt of a sworn report
20 or report under a declaration authorized by RCW 9A.72.085 under
21 subsection (6)(e) of this section, shall suspend, revoke, or deny the
22 person's license, permit, or privilege to drive or any nonresident
23 operating privilege, as provided in RCW 46.20.3101, such suspension,
24 revocation, or denial to be effective beginning sixty days from the
25 date of arrest or from the date notice has been given in the event
26 notice is given by the department following a blood test, or when
27 sustained at a hearing pursuant to subsection (8) of this section,
28 whichever occurs first.

29 (8) A person receiving notification under subsection (6)(b) of this
30 section may, within thirty days after the notice has been given,
31 request in writing a formal hearing before the department. The person
32 shall pay a fee of one hundred dollars as part of the request. If the
33 request is mailed, it must be postmarked within thirty days after
34 receipt of the notification. Upon timely receipt of such a request for
35 a formal hearing, including receipt of the required one hundred dollar
36 fee, the department shall afford the person an opportunity for a
37 hearing. The department may waive the required one hundred dollar fee
38 if the person is an indigent as defined in RCW 10.101.010. Except as

1 otherwise provided in this section, the hearing is subject to and shall
2 be scheduled and conducted in accordance with RCW 46.20.329 and
3 46.20.332. The hearing shall be conducted in the county of the arrest,
4 except that all or part of the hearing may, at the discretion of the
5 department, be conducted by telephone or other electronic means. The
6 hearing shall be held within sixty days following the arrest or
7 following the date notice has been given in the event notice is given
8 by the department following a blood test, unless otherwise agreed to by
9 the department and the person, in which case the action by the
10 department shall be stayed, and any valid temporary license marked
11 under subsection (6)(c) of this section extended, if the person is
12 otherwise eligible for licensing. For the purposes of this section,
13 the scope of the hearing shall cover the issues of whether a law
14 enforcement officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person had
15 been driving or was in actual physical control of a motor vehicle
16 within this state while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or
17 any drug or had been driving or was in actual physical control of a
18 motor vehicle within this state while having alcohol in his or her
19 system in a concentration in violation of RCW 46.61.503 and was under
20 the age of twenty-one, whether the person was placed under arrest, and
21 (a) whether the person refused to submit to the test or tests upon
22 request of the officer after having been informed that such refusal
23 would result in the revocation of the person's license, permit, or
24 privilege to drive, or (b) if a test or tests were administered,
25 whether the applicable requirements of this section were satisfied
26 before the administration of the test or tests, whether the person
27 submitted to the test or tests, or whether a test was administered
28 without express consent as permitted under this section, and whether
29 the test or tests indicated that the alcohol concentration of the
30 person's breath or blood was 0.08 or more if the person was age twenty-
31 one or over at the time of the arrest, or was in violation of RCW
32 46.61.502, 46.61.503, or 46.61.504 if the person was under the age of
33 twenty-one at the time of the arrest. The sworn report or report under
34 a declaration authorized by RCW 9A.72.085 submitted by a law
35 enforcement officer is prima facie evidence that the officer had
36 reasonable grounds to believe the person had been driving or was in
37 actual physical control of a motor vehicle within this state while
38 under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, or both, or the

1 person had been driving or was in actual physical control of a motor
2 vehicle within this state while having alcohol in his or her system in
3 a concentration in violation of RCW 46.61.503 and was under the age of
4 twenty-one and that the officer complied with the requirements of this
5 section.

6 A hearing officer shall conduct the hearing, may issue subpoenas
7 for the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, and
8 shall administer oaths to witnesses. The hearing officer shall not
9 issue a subpoena for the attendance of a witness at the request of the
10 person unless the request is accompanied by the fee required by RCW
11 5.56.010 for a witness in district court. The sworn report or report
12 under a declaration authorized by RCW 9A.72.085 of the law enforcement
13 officer and any other evidence accompanying the report shall be
14 admissible without further evidentiary foundation and the
15 certifications authorized by the criminal rules for courts of limited
16 jurisdiction shall be admissible without further evidentiary
17 foundation. The person may be represented by counsel, may question
18 witnesses, may present evidence, and may testify. The department shall
19 order that the suspension, revocation, or denial either be rescinded or
20 sustained.

21 (9) If the suspension, revocation, or denial is sustained after
22 such a hearing, the person whose license, privilege, or permit is
23 suspended, revoked, or denied has the right to file a petition in the
24 superior court of the county of arrest to review the final order of
25 revocation by the department in the same manner as an appeal from a
26 decision of a court of limited jurisdiction. Notice of appeal must be
27 filed within thirty days after the date the final order is served or
28 the right to appeal is waived. Notwithstanding RCW 46.20.334, RALJ
29 1.1, or other statutes or rules referencing de novo review, the appeal
30 shall be limited to a review of the record of the administrative
31 hearing. The appellant must pay the costs associated with obtaining
32 the record of the hearing before the hearing officer. The filing of
33 the appeal does not stay the effective date of the suspension,
34 revocation, or denial. A petition filed under this subsection must
35 include the petitioner's grounds for requesting review. Upon granting
36 petitioner's request for review, the court shall review the
37 department's final order of suspension, revocation, or denial as
38 expeditiously as possible. The review must be limited to a

1 determination of whether the department has committed any errors of
2 law. The superior court shall accept those factual determinations
3 supported by substantial evidence in the record: (a) That were
4 expressly made by the department; or (b) that may reasonably be
5 inferred from the final order of the department. The superior court
6 may reverse, affirm, or modify the decision of the department or remand
7 the case back to the department for further proceedings. The decision
8 of the superior court must be in writing and filed in the clerk's
9 office with the other papers in the case. The court shall state the
10 reasons for the decision. If judicial relief is sought for a stay or
11 other temporary remedy from the department's action, the court shall
12 not grant such relief unless the court finds that the appellant is
13 likely to prevail in the appeal and that without a stay the appellant
14 will suffer irreparable injury. If the court stays the suspension,
15 revocation, or denial it may impose conditions on such stay.

16 (10)(a) If a person whose driver's license, permit, or privilege to
17 drive has been or will be suspended, revoked, or denied under
18 subsection (7) of this section, other than as a result of a breath or
19 blood test refusal, and who has not committed an offense for which he
20 or she was granted a deferred prosecution under chapter 10.05 RCW,
21 petitions a court for a deferred prosecution on criminal charges
22 arising out of the arrest for which action has been or will be taken
23 under subsection (7) of this section, the court may direct the
24 department to stay any actual or proposed suspension, revocation, or
25 denial for at least forty-five days but not more than ninety days. If
26 the court stays the suspension, revocation, or denial, it may impose
27 conditions on such stay. If the person is otherwise eligible for
28 licensing, the department shall issue a temporary license, or extend
29 any valid temporary license marked under subsection (6) of this
30 section, for the period of the stay. If a deferred prosecution
31 treatment plan is not recommended in the report made under RCW
32 10.05.050, or if treatment is rejected by the court, or if the person
33 declines to accept an offered treatment plan, or if the person violates
34 any condition imposed by the court, then the court shall immediately
35 direct the department to cancel the stay and any temporary marked
36 license or extension of a temporary license issued under this
37 subsection.

1 **(b)** A suspension, revocation, or denial imposed under this section,
2 other than as a result of a breath or blood test refusal, shall be
3 stayed if the person is accepted for deferred prosecution as provided
4 in chapter 10.05 RCW for the incident upon which the suspension,
5 revocation, or denial is based. If the deferred prosecution is
6 terminated, the stay shall be lifted and the suspension, revocation, or
7 denial reinstated. If the deferred prosecution is completed, the stay
8 shall be lifted and the suspension, revocation, or denial canceled.

9 **(c)** The provisions of (b) of this subsection relating to a stay of
10 a suspension, revocation, or denial and the cancellation of any
11 suspension, revocation, or denial do not apply to the suspension,
12 revocation, denial, or disqualification of a person's commercial
13 driver's license or privilege to operate a commercial motor vehicle.

14 (11) When it has been finally determined under the procedures of
15 this section that a nonresident's privilege to operate a motor vehicle
16 in this state has been suspended, revoked, or denied, the department
17 shall give information in writing of the action taken to the motor
18 vehicle administrator of the state of the person's residence and of any
19 state in which he or she has a license.

20 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.25.010 and 1996 c 30 s 1 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 The definitions set forth in this section apply throughout this
23 chapter.

24 (1) "Alcohol" means any substance containing any form of alcohol,
25 including but not limited to ethanol, methanol, propanol, and
26 isopropanol.

27 (2) "Alcohol concentration" means:

28 (a) The number of grams of alcohol per one hundred milliliters of
29 blood; or

30 (b) The number of grams of alcohol per two hundred ten liters of
31 breath.

32 (3) "Commercial driver's license" (CDL) means a license issued in
33 accordance with the requirements of this chapter to an individual that
34 authorizes the individual to drive a class of commercial motor vehicle.

35 (4) The "commercial driver's license information system" (CDLIS) is
36 the information system established pursuant to the CMVSA to serve as a

1 clearinghouse for locating information related to the licensing and
2 identification of commercial motor vehicle drivers.

3 (5) "Commercial driver's instruction permit" means a permit issued
4 under RCW 46.25.060(4).

5 (6) "Commercial motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle designed or
6 used to transport passengers or property:

7 (a) If the vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 or
8 more pounds;

9 (b) If the vehicle is designed to transport sixteen or more
10 passengers, including the driver;

11 (c) If the vehicle is transporting hazardous materials (~~and is~~
12 ~~required to be identified by a placard in accordance with 49 C.F.R.~~
13 ~~part 172, subpart F~~) as defined in this section; or

14 (d) If the vehicle is a school bus (~~as defined in RCW 46.04.521~~)
15 regardless of weight or size.

16 (7) "Conviction" has the definition set forth in RCW 46.20.270.

17 (8) "Disqualification" means a prohibition against driving a
18 commercial motor vehicle.

19 (9) "Drive" means to drive, operate, or be in physical control of
20 a motor vehicle in any place open to the general public for purposes of
21 vehicular traffic. For purposes of RCW 46.25.100, 46.25.110, and
22 46.25.120, "drive" includes operation or physical control of a motor
23 vehicle anywhere in the state.

24 (10) "Drugs" are those substances as defined by RCW 69.04.009.

25 (11) "Employer" means any person, including the United States, a
26 state, or a political subdivision of a state, who owns or leases a
27 commercial motor vehicle, or assigns a person to drive a commercial
28 motor vehicle.

29 (12) "Gross vehicle weight rating" (GVWR) means the value specified
30 by the manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of a single or a
31 combination or articulated vehicle, or the registered gross weight,
32 where this value cannot be determined. The GVWR of a combination or
33 articulated vehicle, commonly referred to as the "gross combined weight
34 rating" or GCWR, is the GVWR of the power unit plus the GVWR of the
35 towed unit or units.

36 (13) "Hazardous materials" (~~has the same meaning found in Section~~
37 ~~103 of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 App. U.S.C. 1801~~
38 ~~et seq.)~~) means any material that has been designated as hazardous

1 under 49 U.S.C. Sec. 5103 and is required to be placarded under subpart
2 F of 49 C.F.R. part 172 or any quantity of a material listed as a
3 select agent or toxin in 42 C.F.R. part 73.

4 (14) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle, machine, tractor, trailer, or
5 semitrailer propelled or drawn by mechanical power used on highways, or
6 any other vehicle required to be registered under the laws of this
7 state, but does not include a vehicle, machine, tractor, trailer, or
8 semitrailer operated exclusively on a rail.

9 (15) "Out-of-service order" means a temporary prohibition against
10 driving a commercial motor vehicle.

11 (16) "School bus" means a commercial motor vehicle used to
12 transport preprimary, primary, or secondary school students from home
13 to school, from school to home, or to and from school-sponsored events.
14 School bus does not include a bus used as a common carrier.

15 (17) "Serious traffic violation" means:

16 (a) Excessive speeding, defined as fifteen miles per hour or more
17 in excess of the posted limit;

18 (b) Reckless driving, as defined under state or local law;

19 (c) A violation of a state or local law relating to motor vehicle
20 traffic control, other than a parking violation, arising in connection
21 with an accident or collision resulting in death to any person; ~~((and))~~

22 (d) Driving a commercial motor vehicle without obtaining a
23 commercial driver's license;

24 (e) Driving a commercial motor vehicle without a commercial
25 driver's license in the driver's possession;

26 (f) Driving a commercial motor vehicle without the proper class of
27 commercial driver's license endorsement or endorsements for the
28 specific vehicle group being operated or for the passenger or type of
29 cargo being transported; and

30 (g) Any other violation of a state or local law relating to motor
31 vehicle traffic control, other than a parking violation, that the
32 department determines by rule to be serious.

33 ~~((+17))~~ (18) "State" means a state of the United States and the
34 District of Columbia.

35 ~~((+18))~~ (19) "Tank vehicle" means a vehicle that is designed to
36 transport a liquid or gaseous material within a tank that is either
37 permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or the chassis.

1 Tank vehicles include, but are not limited to cargo tanks and portable
2 tanks. However, this definition does not include portable tanks having
3 a rated capacity under one thousand gallons.

4 ~~((19))~~ (20) "United States" means the fifty states and the
5 District of Columbia.

6 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.25.060 and 2002 c 352 s 18 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1)(a) No person may be issued a commercial driver's license unless
9 that person is a resident of this state and has passed a knowledge and
10 skills test for driving a commercial motor vehicle that complies with
11 minimum federal standards established by federal regulation enumerated
12 in 49 C.F.R. part 383, subparts G and H, and has satisfied all other
13 requirements of the CMVSA in addition to other requirements imposed by
14 state law or federal regulation. The tests must be prescribed and
15 conducted by the department. In addition to the fee charged for
16 issuance or renewal of any license, the applicant shall pay a fee of no
17 more than ten dollars for each classified knowledge examination,
18 classified endorsement knowledge examination, or any combination of
19 classified license and endorsement knowledge examinations. The
20 applicant shall pay a fee of no more than fifty dollars for each
21 classified skill examination or combination of classified skill
22 examinations conducted by the department.

23 (b) The department may authorize a person, including an agency of
24 this or another state, an employer, a private driver training facility,
25 or other private institution, or a department, agency, or
26 instrumentality of local government, to administer the skills test
27 specified by this section under the following conditions:

28 (i) The test is the same which would otherwise be administered by
29 the state;

30 (ii) The third party has entered into an agreement with the state
31 that complies with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 383.75; and

32 (iii) The director has adopted rules as to the third party testing
33 program and the development and justification for fees charged by any
34 third party.

35 (2) The department may waive the skills test specified in this
36 section for a commercial driver's license applicant who meets the
37 requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 383.77.

1 (3) A commercial driver's license or commercial driver's
2 instruction permit may not be issued to a person while the person is
3 subject to a disqualification from driving a commercial motor vehicle,
4 or while the person's driver's license is suspended, revoked, or
5 canceled in any state, nor may a commercial driver's license be issued
6 to a person who has a commercial driver's license issued by any other
7 state unless the person first surrenders all such licenses, which must
8 be returned to the issuing state for cancellation.

9 (4)(a) The department may issue a commercial driver's instruction
10 permit (~~may be issued~~) to an (~~individual~~) applicant who is at least
11 eighteen years of age and holds a valid (~~automobile or classified~~)
12 Washington state driver's license and who has submitted a proper
13 application, passed the general knowledge examination required for
14 issuance of a commercial driver's license under subsection (1) of this
15 section, and paid the appropriate fee for the knowledge examination and
16 an application fee of ten dollars.

17 (b) A commercial driver's instruction permit may not be issued for
18 a period to exceed six months. Only one renewal or reissuance may be
19 granted within a two-year period.

20 (c) The holder of a commercial driver's instruction permit may
21 drive a commercial motor vehicle on a highway only when accompanied by
22 the holder of a commercial driver's license valid for the type of
23 vehicle driven who occupies a seat beside the individual for the
24 purpose of giving instruction in driving the commercial motor vehicle.
25 (~~An application for a commercial driver's instruction permit shall be~~
26 ~~accompanied by a fee of ten dollars.~~) The holder of a commercial
27 driver's instruction permit is not authorized to operate a commercial
28 motor vehicle transporting hazardous materials.

29 (d) The department shall (~~forthwith~~) transmit the fees collected
30 for commercial driver's instruction permits to the state treasurer.

31 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.25.070 and 2003 c 195 s 2 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 (1) The application for a commercial driver's license or commercial
34 driver's instruction permit must include the following:

35 (a) The full name and current mailing and residential address of
36 the person;

1 (b) A physical description of the person, including sex, height,
2 weight, and eye color;

3 (c) Date of birth;

4 (d) The applicant's Social Security number;

5 (e) The person's signature;

6 (f) Certifications including those required by 49 C.F.R. part
7 383.71(a);

8 (g) The names of all states where the applicant has previously been
9 licensed to drive any type of motor vehicle during the previous ten
10 years;

11 (h) Any other information required by the department; and

12 (~~(h)~~) (i) A consent to release driving record information to
13 parties identified in chapter 46.52 RCW and this chapter.

14 (2) An applicant for a hazardous materials endorsement must submit
15 an application and comply with federal transportation security
16 administration requirements as specified in 49 C.F.R. part 1572, and
17 meet the requirements specified in 49 C.F.R. 383.71(a)(9).

18 (3) When a licensee changes his or her name, mailing address, or
19 residence address, the person shall notify the department as provided
20 in RCW 46.20.205.

21 (~~(3)~~) (4) No person who has been a resident of this state for
22 thirty days may drive a commercial motor vehicle under the authority of
23 a commercial driver's license issued by another jurisdiction.

24 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.25.080 and 1996 c 30 s 2 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (1) The commercial driver's license must be marked "commercial
27 driver's license" or "CDL," and must be, to the maximum extent
28 practicable, tamperproof. It must include, but not be limited to, the
29 following information:

30 (a) The name and residence address of the person;

31 (b) The person's color photograph;

32 (c) A physical description of the person including sex, height,
33 weight, and eye color;

34 (d) Date of birth;

35 (e) The person's Social Security number or any number or identifier
36 deemed appropriate by the department;

37 (f) The person's signature;

1 (g) The class or type of commercial motor vehicle or vehicles that
2 the person is authorized to drive, together with any endorsements or
3 restrictions;

4 (h) The name of the state; and

5 (i) The dates between which the license is valid.

6 (2) Commercial driver's licenses may be issued with the
7 classifications, endorsements, and restrictions set forth in this
8 subsection. The holder of a valid commercial driver's license may
9 drive all vehicles in the class for which that license is issued and
10 all lesser classes of vehicles except motorcycles and vehicles that
11 require an endorsement, unless the proper endorsement appears on the
12 license.

13 (a) Licenses may be classified as follows:

14 (i) Class A is a combination of vehicles with a gross combined
15 weight rating (GCWR) of 26,001 pounds or more, if the GVWR of the
16 vehicle or vehicles being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds.

17 (ii) Class B is a single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 pounds or
18 more, and any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000
19 pounds.

20 (iii) Class C is a single vehicle with a GVWR of less than 26,001
21 pounds or any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a GVWR not in excess
22 of 10,000 pounds consisting of:

23 (A) Vehicles designed to transport sixteen or more passengers,
24 including the driver; or

25 (B) Vehicles used in the transportation of hazardous materials
26 (~~that requires the vehicle to be identified with a placard under 49~~
27 ~~C.F.R., part 172, subpart F~~)).

28 (b) The following endorsements and restrictions may be placed on a
29 license:

30 (i) "H" authorizes the driver to drive a vehicle transporting
31 hazardous materials.

32 (ii) "K" restricts the driver to vehicles not equipped with air
33 brakes.

34 (iii) "T" authorizes driving double and triple trailers.

35 (iv) "P1" authorizes driving all vehicles, other than school buses,
36 carrying passengers.

37 (v) "P2" authorizes driving vehicles with a GVWR of less than

1 26,001 pounds, other than school buses, carrying sixteen or more
2 passengers, including the driver.

3 (vi) "N" authorizes driving tank vehicles.

4 (vii) "X" represents a combination of hazardous materials and tank
5 vehicle endorsements.

6 (viii) "S" authorizes driving school buses.

7 The license may be issued with additional endorsements and
8 restrictions as established by rule of the director.

9 (3) All school bus drivers must have either a "P1" or "P2"
10 endorsement depending on the GVWR of the school bus being driven.

11 (4) Before issuing a commercial driver's license, the department
12 shall obtain driving record information:

13 (a) Through the commercial driver's license information
14 system((~~7~~)):

15 (b) Through the national driver register((~~7~~ and)):

16 (c) From the current state of record; and

17 (d) From all states where the applicant was previously licensed
18 over the last ten years to drive any type of motor vehicle.

19 A check under (d) of this subsection need be done only once, either
20 at the time of application for a new commercial driver's license, or
21 upon application for a renewal of a commercial driver's license for the
22 first time after the effective date of this section, provided a
23 notation is made on the driver's record confirming that the driving
24 record check has been made and noting the date it was completed.

25 (5) Within ten days after issuing a commercial driver's license,
26 the department must notify the commercial driver's license information
27 system of that fact, and provide all information required to ensure
28 identification of the person.

29 (6) A commercial driver's license shall expire in the same manner
30 as provided in RCW 46.20.181.

31 (7) When applying for renewal of a commercial driver's license, the
32 applicant shall complete the application form required by RCW
33 46.25.070(1), providing updated information and required
34 certifications. If the applicant wishes to retain a hazardous
35 materials endorsement, the applicant shall take and pass the written
36 test for a hazardous materials endorsement.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 46.25 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) The department may not issue, renew, upgrade, or transfer a
4 hazardous materials endorsement for a commercial driver's license to
5 any individual authorizing that individual to operate a commercial
6 motor vehicle transporting a hazardous material in commerce unless the
7 federal transportation security administration has determined that the
8 individual does not pose a security risk warranting denial of the
9 endorsement.

10 (2) An individual who is prohibited from holding a commercial
11 driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement under 49 C.F.R.
12 1572.5 must surrender any hazardous materials endorsement in his or her
13 possession to the department.

14 (3) The department may adopt such rules as may be necessary to
15 comply with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. part 1572.

16 **Sec. 7.** RCW 46.25.090 and 2002 c 272 s 3 and 2002 c 193 s 1 are
17 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

18 (1) A person is disqualified from driving a commercial motor
19 vehicle for a period of not less than one year if a report has been
20 received by the department pursuant to RCW 46.25.120, or if the person
21 has been convicted of a first violation, within this or any other
22 jurisdiction, of:

23 (a) Driving a (~~commercial~~) motor vehicle under the influence of
24 alcohol or any drug;

25 (b) Driving a (~~commercial~~) motor vehicle while the alcohol
26 concentration in the person's system is 0.04 or more as determined by
27 any testing methods approved by law in this state or any other state or
28 jurisdiction;

29 (c) Leaving the scene of an accident involving a (~~commercial~~)
30 motor vehicle driven by the person;

31 (d) Using a (~~commercial~~) motor vehicle in the commission of a
32 felony;

33 (e) Refusing to submit to a test to determine the driver's alcohol
34 concentration while driving a motor vehicle;

35 (f) Driving a commercial motor vehicle when, as a result of prior
36 violations committed while operating a commercial motor vehicle, the

1 driver's commercial driver's license is revoked, suspended, or
2 canceled, or the driver is disqualified from operating a commercial
3 motor vehicle;

4 (g) Causing a fatality through the negligent operation of a
5 commercial motor vehicle, including but not limited to the crimes of
6 vehicular homicide and negligent homicide.

7 If any of the violations set forth in this subsection occurred
8 while transporting ((a)) hazardous material ((~~required to be identified~~
9 ~~by a placard~~)), the person is disqualified for a period of not less
10 than three years.

11 (2) A person is disqualified for life if it has been determined
12 that the person has committed or has been convicted of two or more
13 violations of any of the offenses specified in subsection (1) of this
14 section, or any combination of those offenses, arising from two or more
15 separate incidents. ((~~Only offenses committed after October 1, 1989,~~
16 ~~may be considered in applying this subsection.~~))

17 (3) The department may adopt rules, in accordance with federal
18 regulations, establishing guidelines, including conditions, under which
19 a disqualification for life under subsection (2) of this section may be
20 reduced to a period of not less than ten years.

21 (4) A person is disqualified from driving a commercial motor
22 vehicle for life who uses a ((~~commercial~~)) motor vehicle in the
23 commission of a felony involving the manufacture, distribution, or
24 dispensing of a controlled substance, as defined by chapter 69.50 RCW,
25 or possession with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense a
26 controlled substance, as defined by chapter 69.50 RCW.

27 (5) A person is disqualified from driving a commercial motor
28 vehicle for a period of:

29 (a) Not less than sixty days if:

30 (i) Convicted of or found to have committed ((~~two~~)) a second
31 serious traffic ((~~violations,~~) violation while driving a commercial
32 motor vehicle; or

33 (ii) Convicted of reckless driving, where there has been a prior
34 serious traffic violation; or

35 (b) Not less than one hundred twenty days if:

36 (i) Convicted of or found to have committed ((~~three~~)) a third or
37 subsequent serious traffic ((~~violations, committed in~~) violation while

1 ~~driving a commercial motor vehicle ((arising from separate incidents~~
2 ~~occurring within a three-year period))~~; or

3 (ii) Convicted of reckless driving, where there has been two or
4 more prior serious traffic violations.

5 For purposes of determining prior serious traffic violations under
6 this subsection, each conviction of or finding that a driver has
7 committed a serious traffic violation while driving a commercial motor
8 vehicle or noncommercial motor vehicle, arising from a separate
9 incident occurring within a three-year period, must be counted.

10 (6) A person is disqualified from driving a commercial motor
11 vehicle for a period of:

12 (a) Not less than ninety days nor more than one year if convicted
13 of or found to have committed a first violation of an out-of-service
14 order while driving a commercial vehicle;

15 (b) Not less than one year nor more than five years if, during a
16 ten-year period, the person is convicted of or is found to have
17 committed two violations of out-of-service orders while driving a
18 commercial vehicle in separate incidents;

19 (c) Not less than three years nor more than five years if, during
20 a ten-year period, the person is convicted of or is found to have
21 committed three or more violations of out-of-service orders while
22 driving commercial vehicles in separate incidents;

23 (d) Not less than one hundred eighty days nor more than two years
24 if the person is convicted of or is found to have committed a first
25 violation of an out-of-service order while transporting hazardous
26 materials (~~required to be placarded under the Hazardous Materials~~
27 ~~Transportation Act (46 U.S.C. Sec. 1801-1813))~~), or while operating
28 motor vehicles designed to transport sixteen or more passengers,
29 including the driver. A person is disqualified for a period of not
30 less than three years nor more than five years if, during a ten-year
31 period, the person is convicted of or is found to have committed
32 subsequent violations of out-of-service orders, in separate incidents,
33 while transporting hazardous materials (~~required to be placarded under~~
34 ~~the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act~~), or while operating motor
35 vehicles designed to transport sixteen or more passengers, including
36 the driver.

37 (7) A person is disqualified from driving a commercial motor
38 vehicle if a report has been received by the department under RCW

1 46.25.125 that the person has received a confirmed positive drug or
2 alcohol test either as part of the testing program required by 49
3 C.F.R. 382 or 49 C.F.R. 40 or as part of a preemployment drug test. A
4 disqualification under this subsection remains in effect until the
5 person undergoes a drug and alcohol assessment by an agency certified
6 by the department of social and health services and, if the person is
7 classified as an alcoholic, drug addict, alcohol abuser, or drug
8 abuser, until the person presents evidence of satisfactory
9 participation in or successful completion of a drug or alcohol
10 treatment program that has been certified by the department of social
11 and health services under chapter 70.96A RCW and until the person has
12 met the requirements of RCW 46.25.100. The agency making a drug and
13 alcohol assessment under this section shall forward a diagnostic
14 evaluation and treatment recommendation to the department of licensing
15 for use in determining the person's eligibility for driving a
16 commercial motor vehicle. Persons who are disqualified under this
17 subsection more than twice in a five-year period are disqualified for
18 life.

19 (8)(a) A person is disqualified from driving a commercial motor
20 vehicle for the period of time specified in (b) of this subsection if
21 he or she is convicted of or is found to have committed one of the
22 following six offenses at a railroad-highway grade crossing while
23 operating a commercial motor vehicle in violation of a federal, state,
24 or local law or regulation:

25 (i) For drivers who are not required to always stop, failing to
26 slow down and check that the tracks are clear of an approaching train;

27 (ii) For drivers who are not required to always stop, failing to
28 stop before reaching the crossing, if the tracks are not clear;

29 (iii) For drivers who are always required to stop, failing to stop
30 before driving onto the crossing;

31 (iv) For all drivers, failing to have sufficient space to drive
32 completely through the crossing without stopping;

33 (v) For all drivers, failing to obey a traffic control device or
34 the directions of an enforcement officer at the crossing;

35 (vi) For all drivers, failing to negotiate a crossing because of
36 insufficient undercarriage clearance.

37 (b) A person is disqualified from driving a commercial motor
38 vehicle for a period of:

1 (i) Not less than sixty days if the driver is convicted of or is
2 found to have committed a first violation of a railroad-highway grade
3 crossing violation;

4 (ii) Not less than one hundred twenty days if the driver is
5 convicted of or is found to have committed a second railroad-highway
6 grade crossing violation in separate incidents within a three-year
7 period;

8 (iii) Not less than one year if the driver is convicted of or is
9 found to have committed a third or subsequent railroad-highway grade
10 crossing violation in separate incidents within a three-year period.

11 (9) A person is disqualified from driving a commercial motor
12 vehicle for not more than one year if a report has been received by the
13 department from the federal motor carrier safety administration that
14 the person's driving has been determined to constitute an imminent
15 hazard as defined by 49 C.F.R. 383.5.

16 (10) Within ten days after suspending, revoking, or canceling a
17 commercial driver's license or disqualifying a driver from operating a
18 commercial motor vehicle, the department shall update its records to
19 reflect that action. (~~After suspending, revoking, or canceling a~~
20 ~~nonresident commercial driver's privileges, the department shall notify~~
21 ~~the licensing authority of the state that issued the commercial~~
22 ~~driver's license.))~~

23 **Sec. 8.** RCW 46.25.130 and 1989 c 178 s 15 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 (1) Within ten days after receiving a report of the conviction of
26 or finding that a traffic infraction has been committed by any
27 nonresident holder of a commercial driver's license, or any nonresident
28 operating a commercial motor vehicle, for any violation of state law or
29 local ordinance relating to motor vehicle traffic control, other than
30 parking violations, (~~committed in a commercial motor vehicle,~~) the
31 department shall notify the driver licensing authority in the licensing
32 state of the conviction.

33 (2)(a) No later than ten days after disqualifying any nonresident
34 holder of a commercial driver's license from operating a commercial
35 motor vehicle, or revoking, suspending, or canceling the nonresident
36 driving privileges of the nonresident holder of a commercial driver's

1 license for at least sixty days, the department must notify the state
2 that issued the license of the disqualification, revocation,
3 suspension, or cancellation.

4 (b) The notification must include both the disqualification and the
5 violation that resulted in the disqualification, revocation,
6 suspension, or cancellation. The notification and the information it
7 provides must be recorded on the driver's record.

8 **Sec. 9.** RCW 46.25.160 and 1989 c 178 s 18 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person may drive a
11 commercial motor vehicle if the person has a commercial driver's
12 license or commercial driver's instruction permit issued by any state
13 or jurisdiction in accordance with the minimum federal standards for
14 the issuance of commercial motor vehicle driver's licenses or permits,
15 if the person's license or permit is not suspended, revoked, or
16 canceled, and if the person is not disqualified from driving a
17 commercial motor vehicle or is subject to an out-of-service order.

18 **Sec. 10.** RCW 46.63.070 and 2000 c 110 s 1 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 (1) Any person who receives a notice of traffic infraction shall
21 respond to such notice as provided in this section within fifteen days
22 of the date of the notice.

23 (2) If the person determined to have committed the infraction does
24 not contest the determination the person shall respond by completing
25 the appropriate portion of the notice of infraction and submitting it,
26 either by mail or in person, to the court specified on the notice. A
27 check or money order in the amount of the penalty prescribed for the
28 infraction must be submitted with the response. When a response which
29 does not contest the determination is received, an appropriate order
30 shall be entered in the court's records, and a record of the response
31 and order shall be furnished to the department in accordance with RCW
32 46.20.270.

33 (3) If the person determined to have committed the infraction
34 wishes to contest the determination the person shall respond by
35 completing the portion of the notice of infraction requesting a hearing
36 and submitting it, either by mail or in person, to the court specified

1 on the notice. The court shall notify the person in writing of the
2 time, place, and date of the hearing, and that date shall not be sooner
3 than seven days from the date of the notice, except by agreement.

4 (4) If the person determined to have committed the infraction does
5 not contest the determination but wishes to explain mitigating
6 circumstances surrounding the infraction the person shall respond by
7 completing the portion of the notice of infraction requesting a hearing
8 for that purpose and submitting it, either by mail or in person, to the
9 court specified on the notice. The court shall notify the person in
10 writing of the time, place, and date of the hearing.

11 (5)(a) Except as provided in (b) and (c) of this subsection, in
12 hearings conducted pursuant to subsections (3) and (4) of this section,
13 the court may defer findings, or in a hearing to explain mitigating
14 circumstances may defer entry of its order, for up to one year and
15 impose conditions upon the defendant the court deems appropriate. Upon
16 deferring findings, the court may assess costs as the court deems
17 appropriate for administrative processing. If at the end of the
18 deferral period the defendant has met all conditions and has not been
19 determined to have committed another traffic infraction, the court may
20 dismiss the infraction.

21 (b) A person may not receive more than one deferral within a seven-
22 year period for traffic infractions for moving violations and more than
23 one deferral within a seven-year period for traffic infractions for
24 nonmoving violations.

25 (c) A person who is the holder of a commercial driver's license may
26 not receive a deferral under this section.

27 (6) If any person issued a notice of traffic infraction:

28 (a) Fails to respond to the notice of traffic infraction as
29 provided in subsection (2) of this section; or

30 (b) Fails to appear at a hearing requested pursuant to subsection
31 (3) or (4) of this section;

32 the court shall enter an appropriate order assessing the monetary
33 penalty prescribed for the traffic infraction and any other penalty
34 authorized by this chapter and shall notify the department in
35 accordance with RCW 46.20.270, of the failure to respond to the notice
36 of infraction or to appear at a requested hearing.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** Sections 1, 5, 7, 8, and 10 of this act
2 take effect July 1, 2005.

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