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By Senators Esser, Sheldon and Berkey; by request of Department of Licensing

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1 AN ACT Relating to regulation of limousines; amending RCW
2 46.04.274; and providing an effective date.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.04.274 and 1996 c 87 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 "Limousine" means a category of for hire, chauffeur-driven,
7 unmetered, unmarked luxury motor vehicles (~~that meets one of the~~
8 ~~following definitions:~~

9 ~~(1) "Stretch limousine" means an automobile with a seating capacity~~
10 ~~of not more than twelve passengers in the rear seating area. The~~
11 ~~wheelbase has been factory or otherwise altered beyond the original~~
12 ~~manufacturer's specifications and meets standards of the United States~~
13 ~~department of transportation. The automobile is equipped with~~
14 ~~amenities in the rear seating area not normally found in passenger~~
15 ~~cars. These amenities may include, but are not limited to a~~
16 ~~television, musical sound system, telephone, ice storage, power-~~
17 ~~operated dividers, or additional interior lighting. The term "stretch~~
18 ~~limousine" excludes trucks, auto transportation companies, excursion~~

1 buses, charter buses, minibuses, vehicles regulated under chapter 81.66
2 RCW, taxicabs, executive sedans, funeral home vehicles, station wagons,
3 executive vans, vans, minivans, and courtesy vans.

4 (2) "Executive sedan" means a four door sedan automobile having a
5 seating capacity of not more than three passengers behind the driver
6 and a minimum wheelbase of 114.5 inches. An executive sedan is
7 equipped with standard factory amenities, and the wheelbase may not be
8 altered. The term "executive sedan" excludes trucks, auto
9 transportation companies, excursion buses, minibuses, charter buses,
10 vehicles regulated under chapter 81.66 RCW, taxicabs, stretch
11 limousines, funeral home vehicles, station wagons, executive vans,
12 vans, minivans, and courtesy vans.

13 (3) "Executive van" means a van, minivan, or minibus having a
14 seating capacity of not less than seven passengers and not more than
15 fourteen passengers behind the driver. The term "executive van"
16 excludes trucks, auto transportation companies, excursion buses,
17 charter buses, vehicles regulated under chapter 81.66 RCW, taxicabs,
18 stretch limousines, executive sedans, funeral home vehicles, station
19 wagons, and courtesy vans.

20 (4) "Classic car" means a fine or distinctive, American or foreign
21 automobile that is thirty years old or older)). The director in
22 consultation with the Washington state patrol will by rule define the
23 categories of limousines.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect November 1, 2006.

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