
HOUSE BILL 3236

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By Representatives Ahern, Ross, and Warnick

1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the penalty for failing to provide
2 proof of motor vehicle insurance; and amending RCW 46.30.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.30.020 and 2003 c 221 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1)(a) No person may operate a motor vehicle subject to
7 registration under chapter 46.16 RCW in this state unless the person is
8 insured under a motor vehicle liability policy with liability limits of
9 at least the amounts provided in RCW 46.29.090, is self-insured as
10 provided in RCW 46.29.630, is covered by a certificate of deposit in
11 conformance with RCW 46.29.550, or is covered by a liability bond of at
12 least the amounts provided in RCW 46.29.090. Written proof of
13 financial responsibility for motor vehicle operation must be provided
14 on the request of a law enforcement officer in the format specified
15 under RCW 46.30.030.

16 (b) A person who drives a motor vehicle that is required to be
17 registered in another state that requires drivers and owners of
18 vehicles in that state to maintain insurance or financial

1 responsibility shall, when requested by a law enforcement officer,
2 provide evidence of financial responsibility or insurance as is
3 required by the laws of the state in which the vehicle is registered.

4 (c) When asked to do so by a law enforcement officer, failure to
5 display an insurance identification card as specified under RCW
6 46.30.030 creates a presumption that the person does not have motor
7 vehicle insurance.

8 (d) Failure to provide proof of motor vehicle insurance is a
9 traffic infraction and is subject to (~~penalties as set by the supreme
10 court under RCW 46.63.110 or community restitution~~) a penalty of five
11 hundred dollars.

12 (2) If a person cited for a violation of subsection (1) of this
13 section appears in person before the court or a violations bureau and
14 provides written evidence that at the time the person was cited, he or
15 she was in compliance with the financial responsibility requirements of
16 subsection (1) of this section, the citation shall be dismissed and the
17 court or violations bureau may assess court administrative costs of
18 twenty-five dollars at the time of dismissal. In lieu of personal
19 appearance, a person cited for a violation of subsection (1) of this
20 section may, before the date scheduled for the person's appearance
21 before the court or violations bureau, submit by mail to the court or
22 violations bureau written evidence that at the time the person was
23 cited, he or she was in compliance with the financial responsibility
24 requirements of subsection (1) of this section, in which case the
25 citation shall be dismissed without cost, except that the court or
26 violations bureau may assess court administrative costs of twenty-five
27 dollars at the time of dismissal.

28 (3) The provisions of this chapter shall not govern:

29 (a) The operation of a motor vehicle registered under RCW
30 46.16.305(1), governed by RCW 46.16.020, or registered with the
31 Washington utilities and transportation commission as common or
32 contract carriers; or

33 (b) The operation of a motorcycle as defined in RCW 46.04.330, a
34 motor-driven cycle as defined in RCW 46.04.332, or a moped as defined
35 in RCW 46.04.304.

36 (4) RCW 46.29.490 shall not be deemed to govern all motor vehicle

1 liability policies required by this chapter but only those certified
2 for the purposes stated in chapter 46.29 RCW.

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