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SENATE BILL 6579

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By Senators Jacobsen and Brandland

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1            AN ACT Relating to driver's license restrictions for alcohol  
2 violators; and adding a new section to chapter 46.20 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1)(a) Any person who (i) has had his or her driver's license  
7 revoked for a third or subsequent time due to an alcohol-related  
8 violation of RCW 46.20.308, 46.20.3101, 46.61.502, or 46.61.504, (ii)  
9 is eligible for licensing based on reports provided by the alcoholism  
10 agency or probation department designated by RCW 46.61.5056, and (iii)  
11 has successfully completed, as determined by the department of  
12 licensing, an approved rehabilitation program, may apply for a  
13 restricted driver's license if he or she signs a sworn affidavit or  
14 declaration that he or she will never consume alcohol again for any  
15 purposes, including religious services or medication.

16            (b) The department of licensing shall adopt rules to establish the  
17 following rehabilitation time frame for a person to successfully  
18 complete the rehabilitation program described in (a) of this  
19 subsection:

1 (i) One year for the first rehabilitation;  
2 (ii) Three years for the second rehabilitation; and  
3 (iii) Six years for the third or subsequent rehabilitation.  
4 (2) The department of licensing shall affix a "No Alcohol" label to  
5 the back of the restricted driver's license upon issuance, which  
6 enables the department and law enforcement personnel to determine that  
7 the person is driving on a restricted status. The department shall  
8 also make a permanent note of this restriction in the person's driving  
9 record that is available to insurance companies. The "No Alcohol"  
10 label may be removed from the back of the restricted driver's license  
11 only upon request and if the person has not had an alcohol-related  
12 violation of RCW 46.20.308, 46.20.3101, 46.61.502, or 46.61.504 during  
13 the previous ten-year period.

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