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1 AN ACT Relating to public transit vehicle stops at unmarked stop
2 zones; and amending RCW 46.61.560.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.560 and 1991 c 319 s 408 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Outside of incorporated cities and towns no person may stop,
7 park, or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended,
8 upon the roadway.

9 (2) Subsection (1) of this section and RCW 46.61.570 and 46.61.575
10 do not apply to the driver of any vehicle that is disabled in such
11 manner and to such extent that it is impossible to avoid stopping and
12 temporarily leaving the vehicle in such position. The driver shall
13 nonetheless arrange for the prompt removal of the vehicle as required
14 by RCW 46.61.590.

15 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to the driver of
16 a public transit vehicle who temporarily stops the vehicle upon the
17 roadway for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or
18 discharging passengers at a marked transit vehicle stop zone approved
19 by the state department of transportation or a county upon highways

1 under their respective jurisdictions. However, public transportation
2 service providers, including private, nonprofit transportation
3 providers regulated under chapter 81.66 RCW, may allow the driver of a
4 transit vehicle to stop upon the roadway momentarily to receive or
5 discharge passengers at an unmarked stop zone only under the following
6 circumstances: (a) The driver stops the vehicle as far to the right
7 side of the roadway as is practicable so as to not significantly impede
8 traffic; (b) the driver activates four-way flashing lights; and (c) the
9 driver stops at a portion of the highway with an unobstructed view, for
10 an adequate distance so as to not create a hazard, for other drivers
11 who might approach from the same direction.

12 (4) Subsection (1) of this section and RCW 46.61.570 and 46.61.575
13 do not apply to the driver of a solid waste collection company or
14 recycling company vehicle who temporarily stops the vehicle as close as
15 practical to the right edge of the right-hand shoulder of the roadway
16 or right edge of the roadway if no shoulder exists for the purpose of
17 and while actually engaged in the collection of solid waste or
18 recyclables, or both, under chapters 81.77, 35.21, and 35A.21 RCW or by
19 contract under RCW (~~(36.58.030 [36.58.040])~~) 36.58.040.

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