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1 On page 63, after line 24, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 57.** A new section is added to chapter 35.102
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, all
5 cities that impose a business and occupation tax under this chapter
6 must have by July 1, 2016, their general business licenses issued and
7 renewed, if the license is required to be renewed, through the business
8 licensing system in accordance with chapter 19.02 RCW or through a
9 city-developed portal.

10 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, by
11 January 1, 2019, all cities that require general business licenses and
12 that do not impose a business and occupation tax must have such
13 licenses issued and renewed, if the license is required to be renewed,
14 through the business licensing system in accordance with chapter 19.02
15 RCW or through a city-developed portal.

16 (3) The department may delay or phase-in the issuance and renewal
17 of general business licenses beyond the dates provided in subsections
18 (1) and (2) of this section if funding or other resources are
19 insufficient to enable the department to meet the deadlines in
20 subsection (1) or (2) of this section or as necessary to ensure the
21 business licensing system is adequately prepared to handle all general
22 business licenses and that the transition to mandatory department
23 issuance and renewal of general business licenses is as seamless as
24 possible. To that end, the department, working with affected cities,
25 is authorized to establish a schedule for assuming the issuance and
26 renewal of general business licenses as required by this section.
27 Cities may continue to issue and renew their general business licenses
28 until those licenses have been incorporated into the business licensing
29 system. A city whose general business license has been incorporated

1 into the business licensing system may no longer issue and renew those
2 licenses.

3 (4) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
4 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

5 (a) "Business and occupation tax" has the same meaning as in RCW
6 35.102.030.

7 (b) "City-developed portal" means a single portal with at least
8 five participating cities that allows for the issuance or renewal of
9 general business licenses for all participating cities."

10 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively.

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11 On page 1, line 13 of the title, after "70.290 RCW;" insert "adding
12 a new section to chapter 35.102 RCW;"

EFFECT: All cities that impose a business and occupation tax must have their general business licenses issued and renewed, if renewal is applicable, through the state's BLS or a city-developed portal by July 1, 2016. Cities that do not impose a business and occupation tax must have their general business licenses issued and renewed, if renewal is applicable, through the state's BLS or a city-developed portal by January 1, 2019.

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