

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1269**

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MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSPORTERS—LICENSE PLATES

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Yeas 93 Nays 4

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

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Yeas 44 Nays 4

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

Approved May 3, 2021 2:15 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1269** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

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State of Washington**

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**By** House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Kirby, Barkis, Robertson, and Chambers)

READ FIRST TIME 02/15/21.

1       AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle transporter license plates;  
2 amending RCW 46.76.030, 46.76.040, and 46.76.050; reenacting and  
3 amending RCW 46.76.060 and 46.76.065; and providing an effective  
4 date.

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

6       **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.76.030 and 2018 c 135 s 3 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8       Upon receiving an application for transporter's license the  
9 director, if satisfied that the applicant is entitled thereto, shall  
10 issue a proper certificate of license registration and ~~((a))~~ up to  
11 three distinctive ~~((set))~~ sets of license plates or an indicator tab  
12 pursuant to RCW 46.55.065 and shall transmit the fees obtained  
13 therefor with a proper identifying report to the state treasurer, who  
14 shall deposit such fees in the motor vehicle fund. The certificate of  
15 license registration and license plates or indicator tab issued by  
16 the director shall authorize the holder of the license to drive or  
17 tow any motor vehicle or trailers upon the public highways of  
18 Washington state. The director, if satisfied that the applicant has  
19 sufficient business need, may issue more than three, but no more than  
20 10, sets of license plates to meet the business need of the  
21 applicant. Registered tow truck operators licensed under chapter

1 46.55 RCW are not subject to this limit, with respect to indicator  
2 tabs.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.76.040 and 2019 c 44 s 7 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 The fee for an original transporter's license is (~~twenty-five~~  
6 ~~dollars~~) \$150. Transporter license number plates bearing an  
7 appropriate symbol and serial number or an indicator tab pursuant to  
8 RCW 46.55.065 must be attached to all vehicles being delivered or  
9 evaluated in the conduct of the business licensed under this chapter.  
10 The plates (~~or indicator tab~~) may be obtained for a fee of (~~two~~  
11 ~~dollars~~) \$50 for each set. Indicator tabs may be obtained by a  
12 registered tow truck operator licensed under chapter 46.55 RCW for a  
13 fee of \$2 per tab.

14 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.76.050 and 1985 c 109 s 3 are each amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 A transporter's license expires on the date assigned by the  
17 director, and may be renewed by filing a proper application and  
18 paying an annual fee of (~~fifteen dollars~~) \$100.

19 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.76.060 and 2018 c 135 s 4 and 2018 c 16 s 3 are  
20 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

21 Transporter's license plates or indicator tabs pursuant to RCW  
22 46.55.065 must be conspicuously displayed on all vehicles being  
23 delivered by the driveway or towaway methods or being driven on the  
24 public roads of the state for the purpose of repair evaluation. These  
25 plates or indicator tabs must not be loaned to or used by any person  
26 other than the holder of the license or his or her employees. If a  
27 transporter license plate or indicator tab is lost, stolen, or  
28 damaged, the holder of the license must report the event to the  
29 department within 10 days of discovering that the transporter license  
30 plate or indicator tab has been lost, stolen, or damaged.

31 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.76.065 and 2018 c 135 s 5 and 2018 c 16 s 4 are  
32 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

33 The following conduct shall be sufficient grounds pursuant to RCW  
34 34.05.422 for the director or a designee to deny, suspend, or revoke  
35 the license of a motor vehicle transporter:

- 1 (1) Using transporter plates or indicator tabs pursuant to RCW  
2 46.55.065 for driveaway or towaway of any vehicle owned by such  
3 transporter;
- 4 (2) Knowingly, as that term is defined in RCW 9A.08.010(1)(b),  
5 having possession of a stolen vehicle or a vehicle with a defaced,  
6 missing, or obliterated manufacturer's identification serial number;
- 7 (3) Loaning transporter plates or indicator tabs;
- 8 (4) Using transporter plates or indicator tabs for any purpose  
9 other than as provided under RCW 46.76.010 or 46.76.015; ((~~or~~))
- 10 (5) Violation of provisions of this chapter or of rules and  
11 regulations adopted relating to enforcement and proper operation of  
12 this chapter; or
- 13 (6) Using transporter plates on public highways located outside  
14 of Washington state.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act takes effect January 1, 2022.

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