

ESHB 1493 - S AMD TO TRAN COMM AMD (S-5448.1/24) **861**
By Senator Rivers

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1 On page 78, after line 5, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 33.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16A
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1) The department shall create and issue license plates, for
5 display at the front and rear of a motor vehicle, available for
6 persons convicted of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504 or an
7 equivalent local ordinance. Both front and rear license plates shall
8 be fluorescent yellow but otherwise conform to the standards
9 described within this chapter. If the vehicle is a motorcycle or
10 moped, only one vehicle license number plate shall be issued.

11 (2) A person issued a license plate under subsection (1) of this
12 section is responsible for any fees and taxes required by law. Such
13 fees shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund.

14 (3) The state may seek restitution for the costs associated with
15 obtaining and issuing a license plate under subsection (1) of this
16 section to a person required to display a fluorescent yellow license
17 plate pursuant to section 34 of this act.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 34.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 (1) The department shall require that, after any applicable
21 period of suspension, revocation, or denial of driving privileges, a
22 person may drive only a motor vehicle equipped with fluorescent
23 yellow license plates as described in section 33 of this act if the
24 person is convicted of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504 or
25 an equivalent local ordinance.

26 (2) The display of fluorescent yellow license plates is not
27 necessary on vehicles owned by a person's employer and driven as a
28 requirement of employment during working hours.

29 (3) The period of time of the restriction under this section is
30 one year.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 35.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 A person who is restricted to the use of a motor vehicle equipped
4 with fluorescent yellow license plates and who knowingly disguises or
5 obscures the color of the license plates is guilty of a gross
6 misdemeanor."

7 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
8 internal references accordingly.

9 On page 78, line 18, after "10.05 RCW;" insert "adding a new
10 section to chapter 46.16A RCW; adding new sections to chapter 46.20
11 RCW;"

EFFECT: (1) Requires the department of licensing to create a
fluorescent yellow license plate for persons convicted of a gross
misdemeanor DUI or PC offense or an equivalent local ordinance.

(2) Requires persons convicted of a gross misdemeanor DUI or PC
offense to drive only a motor vehicle equipped with fluorescent
yellow license plates, with some exceptions, for one year.

(3) Provides that a person issued a fluorescent yellow license
plate is responsible for any associated fees and taxes as required by
law.

(4) Provides that the state may seek restitution for costs
associated with obtaining and issuing a fluorescent yellow license
plate.

(5) Establishes that a person restricted to the use of a motor
vehicle equipped with fluorescent yellow license plates who knowingly
disguises or obscures the color of the license plates is guilty of a
gross misdemeanor.

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