

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1244**

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TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS—SAFE DRIVING COURSE AS ALTERNATIVE TO DRIVER  
LICENSE SUSPENSION

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

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**President of the Senate**

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BOB FERGUSON

**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 1244** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

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**By** House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representative Wylie; by request of Department of Licensing)

READ FIRST TIME 02/21/25.

1       AN ACT Relating to training as an alternative to driver license  
2 suspension for the accumulation of certain traffic infractions;  
3 amending RCW 46.20.2892 and 46.20.311; and providing an effective  
4 date.

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

6       **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.2892 and 2021 c 240 s 7 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8       (1) Whenever the official records of the department show that a  
9 person has committed a traffic infraction for a moving violation on  
10 three or more occasions within a one-year period, or on four or more  
11 occasions within a two-year period, the department must suspend the  
12 license of the driver for a period of 60 days and establish a period  
13 of probation for one (~~calendar~~) year to begin when the suspension  
14 ends, except as provided in subsection (2) of this section. Prior to  
15 reinstatement of a license, the person must complete a safe driving  
16 course as recommended by the department.

17       (2) At any time after the department provides notice of a pending  
18 suspension under subsection (1) of this section, a person may  
19 complete the safe driving course mandated under subsection (1) of  
20 this section. The department must terminate a suspension or pending  
21 suspension prior to the expiration of the 60-day period when the

1 department receives notice that the person has completed the safe  
2 driving course, provided applicable requirements under RCW 46.20.311  
3 have been met and any other applicable licensing fees have been paid.  
4 The department must establish a period of probation for one year to  
5 begin the day the suspension or pending suspension is terminated. A  
6 suspension or pending suspension may only be terminated early once  
7 every five years under this subsection.

8 (3) During ((the)) a period of probation, the person must not be  
9 convicted of any additional traffic infractions for moving  
10 violations. Any traffic infraction for a moving violation committed  
11 during the period of probation shall result in an additional 30-day  
12 suspension to run consecutively with any suspension already being  
13 served. A person is not eligible for early reinstatement under  
14 subsection (2) of this section for a probation violation that occurs  
15 during the period of probation.

16 ((+2)) (4) When a person has committed a traffic infraction for  
17 a moving violation on two occasions within a one-year period or three  
18 occasions within a two-year period, the department shall send the  
19 person a notice that an additional infraction will result in  
20 suspension of the person's license for a period of 60 days.

21 ((+3)) (5) The department may not charge a reissue fee at the  
22 end of the term of suspension under this section.

23 ((+4)) (6) For purposes of this section, multiple traffic  
24 infractions issued during or as the result of a single traffic stop  
25 constitute one occasion.

26 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.20.311 and 2021 c 240 s 8 are each amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 (1)(a) The department shall not suspend a driver's license or  
29 privilege to drive a motor vehicle on the public highways for a fixed  
30 period of more than one year, except as specifically permitted under  
31 RCW 46.20.267, 46.20.342, or other provision of law.

32 (b) Except for a suspension under RCW 46.20.267, 46.20.289,  
33 46.20.291(5), 46.61.740, or 74.20A.320, whenever the license or  
34 driving privilege of any person is suspended by reason of a  
35 conviction, a finding that a traffic infraction has been committed,  
36 pursuant to chapter 46.29 RCW, or pursuant to RCW 46.20.291 or  
37 46.20.308, the suspension shall remain in effect until the person  
38 gives and thereafter maintains proof of financial responsibility for  
39 the future as provided in chapter 46.29 RCW.

1 (c) If the suspension is the result of a nonfelony violation of  
2 RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, the department shall determine the  
3 person's eligibility for licensing based upon the reports provided by  
4 the substance use disorder agency or probation department designated  
5 under RCW 46.61.5056 and shall deny reinstatement until enrollment  
6 and participation in an approved program has been established and the  
7 person is otherwise qualified. If the suspension is the result of a  
8 violation of RCW 46.61.502(6) or 46.61.504(6), the department shall  
9 determine the person's eligibility for licensing based upon the  
10 reports provided by the substance use disorder agency required under  
11 RCW 46.61.524 and shall deny reinstatement until satisfactory  
12 progress in an approved program has been established and the person  
13 is otherwise qualified. If the suspension is the result of a  
14 violation of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, and the person is required  
15 pursuant to RCW 46.20.720 to drive only a motor vehicle equipped with  
16 a functioning ignition interlock, the department shall determine the  
17 person's eligibility for licensing based upon written verification by  
18 a company doing business in the state that it has installed the  
19 required device on a vehicle owned or operated by the person seeking  
20 reinstatement. The department may waive the requirement for written  
21 verification under this subsection if it determines to its  
22 satisfaction that a device previously verified as having been  
23 installed on a vehicle owned or operated by the person is still  
24 installed and functioning or as permitted by RCW 46.20.720(8). If,  
25 based upon notification from the interlock provider or otherwise, the  
26 department determines that an interlock required under RCW 46.20.720  
27 is no longer installed or functioning as required, the department  
28 shall suspend the person's license or privilege to drive. Whenever  
29 the license or driving privilege of any person is suspended or  
30 revoked as a result of noncompliance with an ignition interlock  
31 requirement, the suspension shall remain in effect until the person  
32 provides notice issued by a company doing business in the state that  
33 a vehicle owned or operated by the person is equipped with a  
34 functioning ignition interlock device.

35 (d) Whenever the license or driving privilege of any person is  
36 suspended as a result of certification of noncompliance with a child  
37 support order under chapter 74.20A RCW, the suspension shall remain  
38 in effect until the person provides a release issued by the  
39 department of social and health services stating that the person is  
40 in compliance with the order.

1 (e)(i) Except as provided in RCW 46.20.2892(~~((3))~~)(5), the  
2 department shall not issue to the person a new, duplicate, or renewal  
3 license until the person pays a reissue fee of (~~(seventy-five~~  
4 ~~dollars)~~) \$75.

5 (ii) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, if the  
6 suspension is the result of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or  
7 46.61.504, or is the result of administrative action under RCW  
8 46.20.308, the reissue fee shall be (~~(one hundred seventy dollars)~~)  
9 \$170.

10 (2)(a) Any person whose license or privilege to drive a motor  
11 vehicle on the public highways has been revoked, unless the  
12 revocation was for a cause which has been removed, is not entitled to  
13 have the license or privilege renewed or restored until: (i) After  
14 the expiration of one year from the date the license or privilege to  
15 drive was revoked; (ii) after the expiration of the applicable  
16 revocation period provided by RCW 46.20.3101 or 46.61.5055; (iii)  
17 after the expiration of two years for persons convicted of vehicular  
18 homicide; or (iv) after the expiration of the applicable revocation  
19 period provided by RCW 46.20.265.

20 (b)(i) After the expiration of the appropriate period, the person  
21 may make application for a new license as provided by law together  
22 with a reissue fee in the amount of (~~(seventy-five dollars)~~) \$75.

23 (ii) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, if the  
24 revocation is the result of a violation of RCW 46.20.308, 46.61.502,  
25 or 46.61.504, the reissue fee shall be (~~(one hundred seventy~~  
26 ~~dollars)~~) \$170. If the revocation is the result of a nonfelony  
27 violation of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, the department shall  
28 determine the person's eligibility for licensing based upon the  
29 reports provided by the substance use disorder agency or probation  
30 department designated under RCW 46.61.5056 and shall deny reissuance  
31 of a license, permit, or privilege to drive until enrollment and  
32 participation in an approved program has been established and the  
33 person is otherwise qualified. If the suspension is the result of a  
34 violation of RCW 46.61.502(6) or 46.61.504(6), the department shall  
35 determine the person's eligibility for licensing based upon the  
36 reports provided by the substance use disorder agency required under  
37 RCW 46.61.524 and shall deny reinstatement until satisfactory  
38 progress in an approved program has been established and the person  
39 is otherwise qualified. If the revocation is the result of a  
40 violation of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, and the person is required

1 pursuant to RCW 46.20.720 to drive only a motor vehicle equipped with  
2 a functioning ignition interlock or other biological or technical  
3 device, the department shall determine the person's eligibility for  
4 licensing based upon written verification by a company doing business  
5 in the state that it has installed the required device on a vehicle  
6 owned or operated by the person applying for a new license. The  
7 department may waive the requirement for written verification under  
8 this subsection if it determines to its satisfaction that a device  
9 previously verified as having been installed on a vehicle owned or  
10 operated by the person is still installed and functioning or as  
11 permitted by RCW 46.20.720(8). If, following issuance of a new  
12 license, the department determines, based upon notification from the  
13 interlock provider or otherwise, that an interlock required under RCW  
14 46.20.720 is no longer functioning, the department shall suspend the  
15 person's license or privilege to drive until the department has  
16 received written verification from an interlock provider that a  
17 functioning interlock is installed.

18 (c) Except for a revocation under RCW 46.20.265, the department  
19 shall not then issue a new license unless it is satisfied after  
20 investigation of the driving ability of the person that it will be  
21 safe to grant the privilege of driving a motor vehicle on the public  
22 highways, and until the person gives and thereafter maintains proof  
23 of financial responsibility for the future as provided in chapter  
24 46.29 RCW. For a revocation under RCW 46.20.265, the department shall  
25 not issue a new license unless it is satisfied after investigation of  
26 the driving ability of the person that it will be safe to grant that  
27 person the privilege of driving a motor vehicle on the public  
28 highways.

29 (3)(a) Whenever the driver's license of any person is suspended  
30 pursuant to Article IV of the nonresident violators compact or RCW  
31 46.23.020 or 46.20.289 or 46.20.291(5), the department shall not  
32 issue to the person any new or renewal license until the person pays  
33 a reissue fee of (~~seventy-five dollars~~) \$75.

34 (b) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, if the  
35 suspension is the result of a violation of the laws of this or any  
36 other state, province, or other jurisdiction involving (i) the  
37 operation or physical control of a motor vehicle upon the public  
38 highways while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs,  
39 or (ii) the refusal to submit to a chemical test of the driver's

1 blood alcohol content, the reissue fee shall be (~~one hundred seventy~~  
2 ~~dollars~~) \$170.

3 (4) When the department reinstates a person's driver's license  
4 following a suspension, revocation, or denial under RCW 46.20.3101 or  
5 46.61.5055, and the person is entitled to full day-for-day credit  
6 under RCW 46.20.3101(4) or 46.61.5055(9)(b)(ii) for an additional  
7 restriction arising from the same incident, the department shall  
8 impose no additional reissue fees under subsection (1)(e)(ii),  
9 (2)(b)(ii), or (3)(b) of this section associated with the additional  
10 restriction.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect April 1, 2026.

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