WSR 26-14-027
PERMANENT RULES
WASHINGTON STATE PATROL
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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: Sections 1-2, chapter 100, Laws of 2026 (HB 2521) removes the statutory cap on the firearms background check fee and requires that the fee be set at an amount reasonably calculated to cover the direct and indirect costs incurred by the Washington state patrol (WSP) in administering the program.

This rule directs WSP to set a fee sufficient to support program operations and directs the method by which the public will be notified of the firearms background check fee.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: New chapter 446-09 WAC.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 43.43.020 and 43.43.580.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 26-09-076 on April 14, 2026.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

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NEW SECTION

WAC 446-09-020 Administration and fees. The Washington state patrol shall establish a fee for firearms background checks sufficient to recover the costs of administering the program. The current fee will be published on the Washington state patrol's public website.