WSR 26-19-135
PROPOSED RULES
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING
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Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 26-16-084.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: WAC 308-04-010 Requirements for checks in payment of licenses, certificates, etc.—Penalty.

Hearing Location(s): On November 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85211874289?pwd=bBC3ZpBaJaxnTtnmBgNTahhF8SfN8b.1, chat link https://us06web.zoom.us/launch/jc/85211874289, Meeting ID 852 1187 4289, Passcode 733777; or One-tap mobile +12532158782,,85211874289#,,,,*733777# US (Tacoma), +12532050468,,85211874289#,,,,*733777# US; or join by SIP 85211874289@zoomcrc.com. Join instructions at https://us06web.zoom.us/meetings/85211874289/invitations?signature=4J4N6jnxaXRW368ImBKAG-mABcrtJ-hCuwwMZ2UXPqiI. If you are having trouble accessing the virtual meeting, please call 360-902-3486 at the time of the hearing to request assistance. Please email rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov if you would like to request an interpreter, or other accommodations, at least one week in advance of the public hearing.

PLEASE NOTE: Hearing participants are encouraged to attend in person or be prepared to use the telephonic option (call in) if they experience technical difficulties. In-person attendance will take place at the Highways and Licensing Building, 1125 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98501.

Date of Intended Adoption: November 6, 2026.

Submit Written Comments to: Ellis Starrett, 1125 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98501, email rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov, beginning October 7, 2026, by November 6, 2026.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact Ellis Starrett, email rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov, by October 26, 2026.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: This rule making is to update the language around dishonored payments to more accurately represent current practices, update pronouns, and make other updates to grammar.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: The current language stating that registrations, licenses, or permits will be canceled does not accurately represent current process, as they could be suspended or otherwise invalidated.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 46.01.110 Rule-making authority, 46.01.230 Payment by check or money order—Dishonored checks or money orders—Failure to surrender canceled certificate, registration, or permit—Immunity from payment of uncollected fees—Rules, 18.235.030 Disciplinary authority—Powers, 82.38.260 Administration and enforcement, 82.41.120 Implementing rules required, 82.42.130 Administration and enforcement, 46.87.010 Applicability—Implementation, 9.41.137 Department of licensing, authority to adopt rules—Reporting of violations—Authority to revoke licenses, and 46.79.080 Rules.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 46.01.230 Payment by check or money order—Dishonored checks or money orders—Failure to surrender canceled certificate, registration, or permit—Immunity from payment of uncollected fees—Rules, and 62A.3-515 Checks dishonored by nonaccep-

tance or nonpayment; liability for interest; rate; collection costs and attorneys' fees; satisfaction of claim.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: Department of licensing, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting, Implementation, and Enforcement: Shawna Herron, 1125 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98501, 360-634-5137.

A school district fiscal impact statement is not required under RCW 28A.305.135.

A cost-benefit analysis is required under RCW 34.05.328. A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting Ellis Starrett, 1125 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98501, email rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov.

The proposed rule does not impose more-than-minor costs on businesses. Following is a summary of the agency's analysis showing how costs were calculated. The current language stating that registrations, licenses, or permits will be canceled does not accurately represent current process, as they could be suspended or otherwise invalidated. This rule making is intended to update language to accurately represent the process and does not make changes to the current process.

September 23, 2026
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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-02-060, filed 1/3/17, effective 2/3/17)

WAC 308-04-010 Requirements for checks in payment of licenses, certificates, etc.—Penalty. (1) All checks must be made payable to the state treasurer or department of licensing, except those checks written in payment for transactions through the department's vehicle and vessel licensing agents may be made payable to the county auditor.

(2) State warrants equal to or less than the amount of license fees due shall be accepted when tendered for payment of a department of licensing transaction. If the warrant is less than the amount due, the applicant shall pay the difference by cash, check, or money order.

(3) Checks should be written for the exact amount due and the purpose for which the check is intended should be noted on its face. Overpayments for vehicle transactions will not be accepted.

(4) The drawer's name (licensee) and address should appear upon each check. All dishonored (DHC) checks will be redeposited once. If they fail to clear at the time of the second deposit, the following action will be taken:

(a) The drawer (licensee) will be sent a letter advising ((~~him or her~~)) them that the registration, license, or permit shall be ((~~canceled~~)) invalidated and any other transaction may be ((~~canceled~~)) invalidated for which the DHC had been submitted unless a money order, cash, or cashier's check for the full amount due, including the han-

dling fee, is received within ((~~sixty~~)) 60 days of the date of this letter.

(b) The failure to pay a license fee or tax due after notice of dishonor has been given will result in cancellation of any service, license, permit, or registration provided.

(5) Checks written on foreign banks and foreign postal money orders (outside of the United States) shall be payable in U.S. dollars.