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1 AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle licenses; amending RCW 46.12.020;
2 and prescribing penalties.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.12.020 and 1989 c 337 s 22 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) No vehicle license number plates or certificate of license
7 registration, whether original issues or duplicates, may be issued or
8 furnished by the department unless the applicant, at the same time,
9 makes satisfactory application for a certificate of ownership or
10 presents satisfactory evidence that such a certificate of ownership
11 covering the vehicle has been previously issued.

12 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no vehicle
13 license number plates or certificate of license registration, whether
14 original issues or duplicates, and no renewed vehicle license may be
15 issued by the department unless the applicant possesses a valid
16 driver's license. In the case of joint application by more than one
17 person, each applicant shall possess a valid driver's license. The
18 department shall not send a vehicle license renewal form to any
19 registered owner whose driver's license, permit, or privilege to drive

1 is suspended or revoked or is in suspended or revoked status. When a
2 person applies for renewal of a vehicle license without presentation of
3 the renewal form issued by the department, the department or the
4 renewal agent shall check the driver's license records of the
5 department regarding the applicant.

6 (3) Subsection (2) of this section applies only to applicants who
7 are individual persons.

8 (4) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply to any applicant
9 with respect to whom the department determines that:

10 (a) The applicant's driver's license is not currently suspended or
11 revoked or in suspended or revoked status;

12 (b) The applicant has not been convicted of a violation of RCW
13 46.20.021, 46.20.342, or 46.20.420; and

14 (c) The applicant's current lack of a driver's license is not the
15 result of any violation of Title 46 RCW. Before the department makes
16 a determination under this subsection (4)(c), the applicant shall
17 indicate by affidavit on a form prescribed by the department the reason
18 for the applicant's lack of a driver's license.

19 (5) Knowingly making a material misstatement on an affidavit under
20 subsection (4)(c) of this section is a misdemeanor.

21 (6) No denial under this section of issuance or of renewal of
22 plates or certificates affects the right of any person to maintain,
23 transfer, or acquire title in any vehicle. Unless the parties to the
24 contract agree otherwise, no such denial affects the rights or
25 obligations of any party to a contract for the purchase, or for the
26 financing of the purchase, of a motor vehicle.

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