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Committee on Transportation.

1            AN ACT Relating to proof of financial responsibility or motor  
2 vehicle liability insurance; and amending RCW 46.16.212, 46.16.210, and  
3 46.30.040.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.212 and 1989 c 353 s 10 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1) The department of licensing shall notify the public of the  
8 requirements of RCW 46.30.020 through 46.30.040 at the time of new  
9 vehicle registration and when the department sends a registration  
10 renewal notice.

11            (2) When the department sends a vehicle license renewal notice, it  
12 shall also provide notice of the requirement for proof of meeting the  
13 financial responsibility requirements in order to renew the license.

14            (3) The department shall not renew a vehicle license due for  
15 renewal January 1, 2008, or after unless the applicant provides proof  
16 of meeting the financial responsibility requirements for operating a  
17 motor vehicle as provided in RCW 46.30.020.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.210 and 2001 c 206 s 1 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) Upon receipt of the application and proper fee for original  
4 vehicle license, the director shall make a recheck of the application  
5 and in the event that there is any error in the application it may be  
6 returned to the county auditor or other agent to effectively secure the  
7 correction of such error, who shall return the same corrected to the  
8 director.

9       (2) Application for the renewal of a vehicle license shall be made  
10 to the director or his agents, including county auditors, by the  
11 registered owner on a form prescribed by the director. The application  
12 must be accompanied by the payment of such license fees and excise tax  
13 as may be required by law. Such application shall be handled in the  
14 same manner and the fees transmitted to the state treasurer in the same  
15 manner as in the case of an original application. Any such application  
16 which upon validation becomes a renewal certificate need not have  
17 entered upon it the name of the lien holder, if any, of the vehicle  
18 concerned.

19       (3) Persons expecting to be out of the state during the normal  
20 renewal period of a vehicle license may secure renewal of such vehicle  
21 license and have license plates or tabs preissued by making application  
22 to the director or his agents upon forms prescribed by the director.  
23 The application must be accompanied by such license fees, and excise  
24 tax as may be required by law.

25       (4) Every applicant for renewal of a vehicle license due for  
26 renewal January 1, 2008, or after shall provide current proof of  
27 financial responsibility to operate a vehicle as required in RCW  
28 46.30.020. The department may adopt rules regarding valid proof of  
29 financial responsibility for persons renewing a vehicle license. The  
30 department shall reimburse its agents, including county auditors, for  
31 the mailing costs of returning license renewal applications that are  
32 submitted without proof of financial responsibility.

33       (5) Application for the annual renewal of a vehicle license number  
34 plate to the director or the director's agents shall not be required  
35 for those vehicles owned, rented, or leased by the state of Washington,  
36 or by any county, city, town, school district, or other political  
37 subdivision of the state of Washington or a governing body of an Indian

1 tribe located within this state and recognized as a governmental entity  
2 by the United States department of the interior.

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.30.040 and 1991 sp.s. c 25 s 2 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 Any person who knowingly provides false evidence of financial  
6 responsibility to a law enforcement officer (~~(or)~~) to a court, or to  
7 the department of licensing on an application for renewal of a vehicle  
8 license, including an expired or canceled insurance policy, bond, or  
9 certificate of deposit is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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