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- 1 AN ACT Relating to drivers' licenses; amending RCW 46.04.580,
- 2 46.20.308, 46.20.311, 46.20.311, 46.20.391, 46.61.515, and 46.68.060;
- 3 adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW; adding new sections to
- 4 chapter 46.20 RCW; creating new sections; prescribing penalties; making
- 5 an appropriation; providing an effective date; and declaring an
- 6 emergency.
- 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The purpose of this act is:
- 9 (1) To provide safety for all persons using the highways of this
- 10 state by quickly suspending or revoking the driving privilege of those
- 11 persons who have shown themselves to be safety hazards by driving with
- 12 an excessive concentration of alcohol in their bodies; and

- 1 (2) To guard against the potential for any erroneous deprivation of
- 2 the driving privilege by providing an opportunity for administrative
- 3 review prior to the effective date of the suspension or revocation.
- 4 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW
- 5 to read as follows:
- 6 "Alcohol concentration" means (1) the grams of alcohol per two
- 7 hundred ten liters of a person's breath, or (2) the percent by weight
- 8 of alcohol in a person's blood.
- 9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.04.580 and 1990 c 250 s 22 are each amended to read
- 10 as follows:
- "Suspend," in all its forms, means invalidation for any period less
- 12 than one calendar year and thereafter until reinstatement. However,
- 13 under RCW 46.61.515 and section 5 of this act the invalidation may last
- 14 for more than one calendar year.
- 15 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.20.308 and 1989 c 337 s 8 are each amended to read
- 16 as follows:
- 17 (1) Any person who operates a motor vehicle within this state is
- 18 deemed to have given consent, subject to the provisions of RCW
- 19 46.61.506, to a test or tests of his or her breath or blood for the
- 20 purpose of determining the alcoholic content of his or her breath or
- 21 blood if arrested for any offense where, at the time of the arrest, the
- 22 arresting officer has reasonable grounds to believe the person had been
- 23 driving or was in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while
- 24 under the influence of intoxicating liquor.
- 25 (2) The test or tests of breath shall be administered at the
- 26 direction of a law enforcement officer having reasonable grounds to
- 27 believe the person to have been driving or in actual physical control

of a motor vehicle within this state while under the influence of 1 2 intoxicating liquor. However, in those instances where: $((\frac{(+a)}{a}))$ The person is incapable due to physical injury, physical incapacity, or 3 4 other physical limitation, of providing a breath sample; or ((\(\frac{t}{b}\)) as a 5 result of a traffic accident)) the person is being treated for a 6 medical condition in a hospital, clinic, doctor's office, or other similar facility in which a breath testing instrument is not present, 7 a blood test shall be administered by a qualified person as provided in 8 9 RCW 46.61.506(4). The officer shall inform the person of his or her 10 right to refuse the breath or blood test, and of his or her right to have additional tests administered by any qualified person of his or 11 her choosing as provided in RCW 46.61.506. The officer shall warn the 12 13 driver that (a) his or her privilege to drive will be revoked or denied 14 if he or she refuses to submit to the test, ((and)) (b) that his or her privilege to drive will be suspended, revoked, or denied if the test is 15 administered and the test indicates the alcohol concentration of the 16 17 person's breath or blood is 0.10 or more, and (c) that his or her 18 refusal to take the test may be used in a criminal trial.

19 (3) Except as provided in this section, the test administered shall 20 be of the breath only. If an individual is unconscious or is under arrest for the crime of vehicular homicide as provided in RCW 46.61.520 21 or vehicular assault as provided in RCW 46.61.522, or if an individual 22 is under arrest for the crime of driving while under the influence of 23 24 intoxicating liquor or drugs as provided in RCW 46.61.502, which arrest 25 results from an accident in which another person has been injured and 26 there is a reasonable likelihood that such other person may die as a 27 result of injuries sustained in the accident, a breath or blood test may be administered without the consent of the individual so arrested. 28

(4) Any person who is dead, unconscious, or who is otherwise in a condition rendering him or her incapable of refusal, shall be deemed

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- 1 not to have withdrawn the consent provided by subsection (1) of this
- 2 section and the test or tests may be administered, subject to the
- 3 provisions of RCW 46.61.506, and the person shall be deemed to have
- 4 received the warnings required under subsection (2) of this section.
- 5 (5) If, following his or her arrest and receipt of warnings under
- 6 subsection (2) of this section, the person arrested refuses upon the
- 7 request of a law enforcement officer to submit to a test or tests of
- 8 his or her breath or blood, no test shall be given except as authorized
- 9 under subsection (3) or (4) of this section.
- 10 (6) If, after arrest and after the other applicable conditions and
- 11 requirements of this section have been satisfied, a test or tests of
- 12 the person's blood or breath is administered and the test results
- 13 <u>indicate that the alcohol concentration of the person's breath or blood</u>
- 14 <u>is 0.10 or more, or the person refuses to submit to a test, the</u>
- 15 <u>arresting officer or other law enforcement officer at whose direction</u>
- 16 any test has been given, or the department if the arrest is the result
- 17 <u>of a blood test, shall:</u>
- 18 (a) Serve notice in writing on the person on behalf of the
- 19 department of its intention to suspend, revoke, or deny the person's
- 20 license, permit, or privilege to drive as required by subsection (7) of
- 21 this section;
- 22 (b) Serve notice in writing on the person on behalf of the
- 23 <u>department of his or her right to a hearing, specifying the steps he or</u>
- 24 she must take to obtain a hearing. Within five days after the notice
- 25 <u>has been given, the person may, in writing, request a formal hearing as</u>
- 26 provided by subsection (8) of this section. If such request is made by
- 27 mail it must be postmarked within five days after the notice has been
- 28 given;
- 29 (c) Confiscate the person's Washington state license or permit to
- 30 <u>drive</u>, if any;

- 1 (d) Issue a temporary license to be effective twelve hours after
- 2 the time of arrest and valid for thirty days from the date of arrest or
- 3 until the suspension, revocation, or denial of the person's license,
- 4 permit, or privilege to drive is sustained at a hearing pursuant to
- 5 <u>subsection (8) of this section, whichever occurs first</u>. No temporary
- 6 license is valid to any greater degree than the license or permit that
- 7 it replaces;
- 8 (e) Immediately notify the department of licensing of the arrest
- 9 and transmit to the department of licensing any confiscated license or
- 10 permit and a sworn report that states:
- 11 <u>(i) That the officer had reasonable grounds to believe the arrested</u>
- 12 person had been driving or was in actual physical control of a motor
- 13 vehicle within this state while under the influence of intoxicating
- 14 <u>liquor or drugs</u>, or both;
- 15 (ii) That after receipt of the warnings required by subsection (2)
- 16 of this section the person refused to submit to a test of his or her
- 17 blood or breath, or a test was administered and the results indicated
- 18 that the alcohol concentration of the person's breath or blood was 0.10
- 19 or more; and
- 20 (iii) Any other information that the director may require by rule
- 21 <u>or regulation</u>.
- 22 (7) The department of licensing, upon the receipt of a sworn report
- 23 of the law enforcement officer that the officer had reasonable grounds
- 24 to believe the arrested person had been driving or was in actual
- 25 physical control of a motor vehicle within this state while under the
- 26 influence of intoxicating liquor and that (a) the person had refused to
- 27 submit to the test or tests upon the request of the law enforcement
- 28 officer after being informed that refusal would result in the
- 29 revocation of the person's privilege to drive, or (b) a test was
- 30 administered and the results indicated that the alcohol concentration

- of the person's breath or blood was 0.10 or more, shall suspend, 1 revoke, or deny the person's license or permit to drive or any 2 nonresident operating privilege, such suspension, revocation, or denial 3 4 to be effective thirty days from the date of arrest or when sustained 5 at a hearing pursuant to subsection (8) of this section, whichever 6 occurs first. 7 (((7) Upon revoking the license or permit to drive or the 8 nonresident operating privilege of any person, the department shall 9 immediately notify the person involved in writing by personal service 10 or by certified mail of its decision and the grounds therefor, and of 11 the person's right to a hearing, specifying the steps he or she must 12 take to obtain a hearing. Within fifteen days after the notice has 13 been given, the person may, in writing, request a formal hearing.)) 14 (8) Upon timely receipt of ((such)) a request for a formal hearing, 15 the department shall afford the person an opportunity for a hearing as provided in RCW 46.20.329 and 46.20.332. 16 The hearing shall be 17 conducted in the county of the arrest, except that all or part of the hearing may, at the discretion of the department, be conducted by 18 telephone or other electronic means. For the purposes of this section, the scope of ((such)) the hearing shall cover the issues of whether a law enforcement officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person had been driving or was in actual physical control of a motor vehicle
- telephone or other electronic means. For the purposes of this section, the scope of ((such)) the hearing shall cover the issues of whether a law enforcement officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person had been driving or was in actual physical control of a motor vehicle within this state while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, whether the person was placed under arrest, and whether (a) the person refused to submit to the test or tests upon request of the officer after having been informed that such refusal would result in the revocation of the person's privilege to drive or, (b) if a test was

administered, whether the applicable requirements of this section were

satisfied before the administration of the test or tests, whether the

person submitted to the test or tests, or whether a test was

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- 1 administered without express consent as permitted under this section,
- 2 and whether the test or tests indicated that the alcohol concentration
- 3 of the person's breath or blood was 0.10 or more. The sworn report
- 4 <u>submitted</u> by a law enforcement officer shall be prima facie evidence
- 5 that the officer had reasonable grounds to believe the person had been
- 6 driving or was in actual physical control of a motor vehicle within
- 7 this state while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, that the
- 8 officer complied with the requirements of this section, and that the
- 9 <u>testing instrument was in proper working condition</u>. ((The department
- 10 shall order that the revocation either be rescinded or sustained. Any
- 11 decision by the department revoking a person's driving privilege shall
- 12 be stayed and shall not take effect while a formal hearing is pending
- 13 as provided in this section or during the pendency of a subsequent
- 14 appeal to superior court so long as there is no conviction for a moving
- 15 violation or no finding that the person has committed a traffic
- 16 infraction that is a moving violation during pendency of the hearing
- 17 and appeal.
- 18 (8))) (9) Failure of the person to request a hearing within the
- 19 time limit established by subsection (6) of this section, or failure to
- 20 attend or participate in such a hearing, constitutes a default and
- 21 results in the loss of that person's right to a hearing.
- 22 (10) If the <u>suspension</u>, revocation, or <u>denial</u> is sustained after
- 23 such a hearing, the person whose license, privilege, or permit is
- 24 <u>suspended</u>, revoked, or <u>denied</u> has the right to file a petition in the
- 25 superior court of the county of arrest to review the final order of
- 26 <u>suspension</u>, revocation, or <u>denial</u> by the department in the manner
- 27 provided in RCW 46.20.334. The filing of the appeal does not stay the
- 28 <u>effective date of the suspension, revocation, or denial. A petition</u>
- 29 filed under this subsection must include the petitioner's grounds for
- 30 requesting review. Upon granting petitioner's request for review, the

- 1 court shall review the department's final order of suspension,
- 2 revocation, or denial as expeditiously as possible. If judicial relief
- 3 is sought for a stay or other temporary remedy from the department's
- 4 action, the court shall not grant such relief unless the court finds
- 5 <u>that:</u>
- 6 (a) The petitioner is likely to prevail when the court finally
- 7 <u>disposes of the matter;</u>
- 8 (b) Without relief the petitioner will suffer irreparable injury;
- 9 and
- 10 (c) The threat to the safety of persons on the public highways is
- 11 not sufficiently serious to justify the department's action in the
- 12 <u>circumstances</u>.
- (((9))) (11) When it has been finally determined under the
- 14 procedures of this section that a nonresident's privilege to operate a
- 15 motor vehicle in this state has been <u>suspended</u>, revoked, <u>or denied</u> the
- 16 department shall give information in writing of the action taken to the
- 17 motor vehicle administrator of the state of the person's residence and
- 18 of any state in which he or she has a license.
- 19 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20 RCW
- 20 to read as follows:
- 21 (1) Pursuant to RCW 46.20.308, the department shall suspend,
- 22 revoke, or deny the arrested person's license, permit to drive, driving
- 23 privilege, or any nonresident privilege as follows:
- 24 (a) In the case of a person who has refused a test or tests:
- 25 (i) For a first refusal within five years preceding the date of
- 26 refusal, revocation or denial for one year;
- 27 (ii) For a second or subsequent refusal within five years preceding
- 28 the date of refusal, revocation or denial for two years.

- 1 (b) In the case of an incident where a person has submitted to or 2 been administered a test or tests indicating that the alcohol 3 concentration of the person's breath or blood was 0.10 or more:
- (i) For a first incident within five years, where there has been no previous conviction of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504 within the five-year period preceding the current incident, suspension, or denial until the person reaches age nineteen or for ninety days, whichever is longer;
- 8 (ii) For a second incident within five years, revocation or denial 9 for one year. A previous conviction under RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504 10 within the five-year period preceding the current incident, that did 11 not result in a suspension or denial under this subsection, shall be 12 considered a previous incident for purposes of this subsection;
- (iii) For a third or subsequent incident within five years, revocation or denial for two years. Previous convictions under RCW 46.61.502, 46.61.504, 46.61.520, or 46.61.522 within the five-year period preceding the current incident, that did not result in a suspension, revocation, or denial under this subsection, shall be considered previous incidents for purposes of this subsection.
- 19 (2) A diagnostic evaluation and treatment recommendation shall be 20 prepared by an alcoholism agency approved by the department of social and health services or a qualified probation department approved by the 21 department of social and health services. A copy of the report shall 22 be forwarded to the department of licensing. The department shall not 23 24 grant or reinstate a person's privilege to drive that has been 25 suspended, revoked, or denied under subsection (1) of this section until it has determined the person's eligibility for licensing based 26 27 upon the report provided by an approved alcoholism agency or probation 28 department and shall deny reinstatement until enrollment 29 participation in an approved program has been established and the person is otherwise qualified. 30

- 1 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.20.311 and 1990 c 250 s 45 are each amended to read 2 as follows:
- (1) The department shall not suspend a driver's license or 3 4 privilege to drive a motor vehicle on the public highways for a fixed period of more than one year, except as permitted under RCW 46.20.342 5 6 or 46.61.515. Whenever the license or driving privilege of any person is suspended by reason of a conviction, a finding that a traffic 7 infraction has been committed, pursuant to chapter 46.29 RCW, or 8 9 pursuant to RCW 46.20.291, the suspension shall remain in effect until 10 the person gives and thereafter maintains proof of financial responsibility for the future as provided in chapter 46.29 RCW. 11 The department shall not issue to the person a new, duplicate, or renewal 12 license until the person pays a reissue fee of twenty dollars. If the 13 14 suspension is the result of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, the reissue fee shall be ((fifty)) one hundred dollars. 15
- (2) Any person whose license or privilege to drive a motor vehicle 16 17 on the public highways has been revoked, unless the revocation was for a cause which has been removed, is not entitled to have the license or 18 19 privilege renewed or restored until: (a) After the expiration of one 20 year from the date the license or privilege to drive was revoked; (b) after the expiration of the applicable revocation period provided by 21 RCW 46.61.515(3) (b) or (c); (c) after the expiration of two years for 22 persons convicted of vehicular homicide; (d) after the expiration of 23 24 one year in cases of revocation for the first refusal within five years 25 to submit to a chemical test under RCW 46.20.308; (e) after the expiration of two years in cases of revocation for the second refusal 26 within five years to submit to a chemical test under RCW 46.20.308; or 27 (f) after the expiration of the applicable revocation period provided 28 29 by RCW 46.20.265. After the expiration of the appropriate period, the person may make application for a new license as provided by law 30

- 1 together with a reissue fee in the amount of twenty dollars, but if the
- 2 revocation is the result of a violation of RCW 46.20.308, 46.61.502, or
- 3 46.61.504, the reissue fee shall be ((fifty)) one hundred dollars.
- 4 Except for a revocation under RCW 46.20.265, the department shall not
- 5 then issue a new license unless it is satisfied after investigation of
- 6 the driving ability of the person that it will be safe to grant the
- 7 privilege of driving a motor vehicle on the public highways, and until
- 8 the person gives and thereafter maintains proof of financial
- 9 responsibility for the future as provided in chapter 46.29 RCW. For a
- 10 revocation under RCW 46.20.265, the department shall not issue a new
- 11 license unless it is satisfied after investigation of the driving
- 12 ability of the person that it will be safe to grant that person the
- 13 privilege of driving a motor vehicle on the public highways.
- 14 (3) Whenever the driver's license of any person is suspended
- 15 pursuant to Article IV of the nonresident violators compact or RCW
- 16 46.23.020, the department shall not issue to the person any new or
- 17 renewal license until the person pays a reissue fee of twenty dollars.
- 18 If the suspension is the result of a violation of the laws of another
- 19 state, province, or other jurisdiction involving (a) the operation or
- 20 physical control of a motor vehicle upon the public highways while
- 21 under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, or (b) the refusal
- 22 to submit to a chemical test or tests of the driver's breath or blood
- 23 alcohol content, the reissue fee shall be ((fifty)) one hundred
- 24 dollars.
- 25 **Sec. 7.** RCW 46.20.311 and 1991 c ... s 6 (section 6 of this act)
- 26 are each amended to read as follows:
- 27 (1) The department shall not suspend a driver's license or
- 28 privilege to drive a motor vehicle on the public highways for a fixed
- 29 period of more than one year, except as permitted under RCW 46.20.342

((or)), 46.61.515, or section 5 of this act. Except for a suspension 1 2 under section 5(1)(b)(i) of this act, whenever the license or driving 3 privilege of any person is suspended by reason of a conviction, a 4 finding that a traffic infraction has been committed, pursuant to 5 chapter 46.29 RCW, or pursuant to RCW 46.20.291 ((or 46.20.308)), the 6 suspension shall remain in effect until the person gives and thereafter maintains proof of financial responsibility for the future as provided 7 in chapter 46.29 RCW. The department shall not issue to the person a 8 9 new, duplicate, or renewal license until the person pays a reissue fee 10 of twenty dollars. If the suspension is the result of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504 or was imposed under RCW 46.20.308, the 11 reissue fee shall be one hundred dollars. <u>If the suspension was</u> 12 imposed under section 5(1)(b)(i) of this act, the suspension shall 13 14 remain in effect and the department shall not issue any new, duplicate, 15 or renewal license until the person pays a reinstatement fee of one 16 hundred dollars. 17 (2) Any person whose license or privilege to drive a motor vehicle on the public highways has been revoked, unless the revocation was for 18 19 a cause which has been removed, is not entitled to have the license or 20 privilege renewed or restored until: (a) After the expiration of one year from the date the license or privilege to drive was revoked; (b) 21 22 after the expiration of the applicable revocation period provided by RCW 46.61.515(3) (b) or (c); (c) after the expiration of two years for 23 24 persons convicted of vehicular homicide; (d) after the expiration of 25 ((one year in cases of revocation for the first refusal within five years to submit to a chemical test under RCW 46.20.308; (e) after the 26 27 expiration of two years in cases of revocation for the second refusal within five years to submit to a chemical test under RCW 46.20.308; or 28 29 (f))) the applicable revocation period provided by section 5 of this act; or (e) after the expiration of the applicable revocation period 30 SB 5064 p. 12 of 22

- 1 provided by RCW 46.20.265. After the expiration of the appropriate
- 2 period, the person may make application for a new license as provided
- 3 by law together with a reissue fee in the amount of twenty dollars, but
- 4 if the revocation is the result of a violation of RCW 46.20.308,
- 5 46.61.502, or 46.61.504 or was imposed under RCW 46.20.308, the reissue
- 6 fee shall be one hundred dollars. Except for a revocation under RCW
- 7 46.20.265, the department shall not then issue a new license unless it
- 8 is satisfied after investigation of the driving ability of the person
- 9 that it will be safe to grant the privilege of driving a motor vehicle
- 10 on the public highways, and until the person gives and thereafter
- 11 maintains proof of financial responsibility for the future as provided
- 12 in chapter 46.29 RCW. For a revocation under RCW 46.20.265, the
- 13 department shall not issue a new license unless it is satisfied after
- 14 investigation of the driving ability of the person that it will be safe
- 15 to grant that person the privilege of driving a motor vehicle on the
- 16 public highways.
- 17 (3) Whenever the driver's license of any person is suspended
- 18 pursuant to Article IV of the nonresident violators compact or RCW
- 19 46.23.020, the department shall not issue to the person any new or
- 20 renewal license until the person pays a reissue fee of twenty dollars.
- 21 If the suspension is the result of a violation of the laws of another
- 22 state, province, or other jurisdiction involving (a) the operation or
- 23 physical control of a motor vehicle upon the public highways while
- 24 under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, or (b) the refusal
- 25 to submit to a chemical test or tests of the driver's breath or blood
- 26 alcohol content, the reissue fee shall be one hundred dollars.
- 27 **Sec. 8.** RCW 46.20.391 and 1985 c 407 s 5 are each amended to read
- 28 as follows:

- 1 (1) Any person licensed under this chapter whose driving privilege
- 2 has been suspended under section 5 (1)(b)(i) of this act or who is
- 3 convicted of an offense relating to motor vehicles for which suspension
- 4 or revocation of the driver's license is mandatory, other than
- 5 vehicular homicide or vehicular assault, may submit to the department
- 6 an application for an occupational driver's license. The department,
- 7 upon receipt of the prescribed fee and upon determining that the
- 8 petitioner is engaged in an occupation or trade that makes it essential
- 9 that the petitioner operate a motor vehicle, may issue an occupational
- 10 driver's license and may set definite restrictions as provided in RCW
- 11 46.20.394. No person may petition for, and the department shall not
- 12 issue, an occupational driver's license that is effective during the
- 13 first thirty days of any suspension or revocation imposed under RCW
- 14 46.61.515 or section 5 (1)(b)(i) of this act. A person aggrieved by
- 15 the decision of the department on the application for an occupational
- 16 driver's license may request a hearing as provided by rule of the
- 17 department.
- 18 (2) An applicant for an occupational driver's license is eligible
- 19 to receive such license only if:
- 20 (a) Within one year immediately preceding the present conviction or
- 21 administrative action, the applicant has not been convicted of any
- 22 offense relating to motor vehicles for which suspension or revocation
- 23 of a driver's license is mandatory; and
- 24 (b) Within five years immediately preceding the present conviction
- 25 or administrative action, the applicant has not been convicted of
- 26 driving or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while
- 27 under the influence of intoxicating liquor under RCW 46.61.502 or
- 28 46.61.504, of vehicular homicide under RCW 46.61.520, or of vehicular
- 29 assault under RCW 46.61.522, or had a license administratively
- 30 <u>suspended or revoked under section 5 (1)(b)(i) of this act</u>; and

- 1 (c) The applicant is engaged in an occupation or trade that makes
- 2 it essential that he or she operate a motor vehicle; and
- 3 (d) The applicant files satisfactory proof of financial
- 4 responsibility pursuant to chapter 46.29 RCW, unless the suspension was
- 5 imposed under section 5(1)(b)(i) of this act.
- 6 (3) The director shall cancel an occupational driver's license upon
- 7 receipt of notice that the holder thereof has <u>had a driver's license</u>
- 8 administratively suspended or revoked under RCW 46.20.308 or has been
- 9 convicted of operating a motor vehicle in violation of its
- 10 restrictions, or of an offense that pursuant to chapter 46.20 RCW would
- 11 warrant suspension or revocation of a regular driver's license. The
- 12 cancellation is effective as of the date of the conviction, and
- 13 continues with the same force and effect as any suspension or
- 14 revocation under this title.
- 15 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 46.20 RCW
- 16 to read as follows:
- 17 (1) Any person licensed under this chapter or any nonresident
- 18 granted the privilege of driving a motor vehicle on the highways of
- 19 this state, whose driver's license or driving privilege has been
- 20 suspended or revoked, other than for vehicular homicide, vehicular
- 21 assault, or for a physical or mental disability that would affect that
- 22 person's ability to operate a motor vehicle with safety upon the
- 23 highways, may submit to the department an application for a provisional
- 24 driver's license for purposes of participation in an alcohol or drug
- 25 abuse treatment program approved by the department of social and health
- 26 services. The department, upon receipt of the fee prescribed by this
- 27 section and upon determining that the applicant is engaged in a
- 28 treatment program approved by the department of social and health
- 29 services that makes it essential that the applicant operate a motor

- 1 vehicle, may issue a provisional driver's license. No person may
- 2 petition for, and the department shall not issue, a provisional
- 3 driver's license that is effective during the first thirty days of any
- 4 suspension or revocation imposed under RCW 46.61.515 or section 5 of
- 5 this act.
- 6 (2) An applicant for a provisional driver's license is eligible to
- 7 receive such license only if:
- 8 (a) The applicant is engaged in a program of treatment that makes
- 9 it essential that he or she operate a motor vehicle; and
- 10 (b) The applicant files satisfactory proof of financial
- 11 responsibility pursuant to chapter 46.29 RCW, unless the suspension was
- 12 imposed under section 5(1)(b)(i) of this act; and
- 13 (c) The applicant pays to the department a treatment assessment fee
- 14 of twenty-five dollars, such fee to be deposited in a special sober or
- 15 suspended account, within the department of social and health services,
- 16 to be administered by the division of alcohol and substance abuse, to
- 17 be used to pay the cost of the diagnostic evaluation or assessment
- 18 required under section 5(2) of this act for indigent or low-income
- 19 individuals.
- 20 (3) In issuing a provisional driver's license under this section,
- 21 the department shall set forth in detail the specific hours of the day
- 22 during which the person may drive to and from his or her place of
- 23 treatment; the days of the week during which the license may be used;
- 24 the general routes over which the person may travel; and the expiration
- 25 date of the license, such date to correspond to the ending date of any
- 26 suspension or revocation of the person's driver's license or driving
- 27 privilege, or the date the person's treatment program is to be
- 28 concluded, whichever occurs first. These restrictions shall be
- 29 prepared in written form by the department, such document to be carried
- 30 in the vehicle at all times and presented to a law enforcement officer

- 1 under the same terms as the provisional driver's license. Any
- 2 violation of the restrictions constitutes a violation of RCW 46.20.342
- 3 and subjects the person to all procedures and penalties therefor.
- 4 (4) The department shall cancel a provisional driver's license upon
- 5 receipt of notice that the holder thereof has been convicted of
- 6 operating a motor vehicle in violation of its restrictions, or of an
- 7 offense that pursuant to this chapter would warrant suspension or
- 8 revocation of a regular driver's license, or upon the recommendation of
- 9 a treatment agency for nonparticipation in a treatment program. The
- 10 cancellation is effective as of the date of the conviction, or the date
- 11 a recommendation is accepted from a treatment agency, and continues
- 12 with the same force and effect as any suspension or revocation under
- 13 this title.
- 14 Sec. 10. RCW 46.61.515 and 1985 c 352 s 1 are each amended to read
- 15 as follows:
- 16 (1) Every person who is convicted of a violation of RCW 46.61.502
- 17 or 46.61.504 shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than
- 18 twenty-four consecutive hours nor more than one year, and by a fine of
- 19 not less than two hundred fifty dollars and not more than one thousand
- 20 dollars. Unless the judge finds the person to be indigent, two hundred
- 21 fifty dollars of the fine shall not be suspended or deferred. Twenty-
- 22 four consecutive hours of the jail sentence shall not be suspended or
- 23 deferred unless the judge finds that the imposition of the jail
- 24 sentence will pose a risk to the defendant's physical or mental well-
- 25 being. Whenever the mandatory jail sentence is suspended or deferred,
- 26 the judge must state, in writing, the reason for granting the
- 27 suspension or deferral and the facts upon which the suspension or
- 28 deferral is based. The court may impose conditions of probation that
- 29 may include nonrepetition, alcohol or drug treatment, supervised

probation, or other conditions that may be appropriate. The convicted 1 person shall, in addition, be required to complete a course in an 2 3 alcohol information school approved by the department of social and 4 health services or more intensive treatment in a program approved by the department of social and health services, as determined by the 5 6 court. A diagnostic evaluation and treatment recommendation shall be prepared under the direction of the court by an alcoholism agency 7 approved by the department of social and health services or a qualified 8 9 probation department approved by the department of social and health 10 services. A copy of the report shall be forwarded to the department of Based on the diagnostic evaluation, the court shall 11 licensing. 12 determine whether the convicted person shall be required to complete a 13 course in an alcohol information school approved by the department of 14 social and health services or more intensive treatment in a program approved by the department of social and health services. 15 16 for approval for alcohol treatment programs shall be prescribed by rule 17 under the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW. The courts 18 shall periodically review the costs of alcohol information schools and 19 treatment programs within their jurisdictions.

20 (2) On a second or subsequent conviction for driving or being in physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of 21 intoxicating liquor or drugs within a five-year period a person shall 22 be punished by imprisonment for not less than seven days nor more than 23 24 one year and by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars and not more than two thousand dollars. District courts and courts organized 25 under chapter 35.20 RCW are authorized to impose such fine. Unless the 26 judge finds the person to be indigent, five hundred dollars of the fine 27 shall not be suspended or deferred. The jail sentence shall not be 28 29 suspended or deferred unless the judge finds that the imposition of the jail sentence will pose a risk to the defendant's physical or mental 30

Whenever the mandatory jail sentence is suspended or 1 well-being. 2 deferred, the judge must state, in writing, the reason for granting the suspension or deferral and the facts upon which the suspension or 3 If, at the time of a second or subsequent 4 deferral is based. conviction, the driver is without a license or permit because of a 5 6 previous suspension or revocation, the minimum mandatory sentence shall be ninety days in jail and a two hundred dollar fine. The penalty so 7 imposed shall not be suspended or deferred. The person shall, in 8 9 addition, be required to complete a diagnostic evaluation by an 10 alcoholism agency approved by the department of social and health services or a qualified probation department approved by the department 11 12 of social and health services. The report shall be forwarded to the department of licensing. If the person is found to have an alcohol or 13 14 drug problem requiring treatment, the person shall complete treatment 15 at an approved alcoholism treatment facility or approved drug treatment 16 center.

17 In addition to any nonsuspendable and nondeferrable jail sentence required by this subsection, the court shall sentence a person to a 18 19 term of imprisonment not exceeding one hundred eighty days and shall 20 suspend but shall not defer the sentence for a period not exceeding two The suspension of the sentence may be conditioned upon 21 nonrepetition, alcohol or drug treatment, supervised probation, or 22 23 other conditions that may be appropriate. The sentence may be imposed 24 in whole or in part upon violation of a condition of suspension during 25 the suspension period.

26 (3) The license or permit to drive or any nonresident privilege of 27 any person convicted of driving or being in physical control of a motor 28 vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs 29 shall:

(a) On the first conviction under either offense, where there has 1 2 been no previous suspension or denial imposed under section 5(1)(b) of this act for the incident upon which the conviction is based, or where 3 there has been no previous incident resulting in a suspension, 4 5 revocation, or denial under section 5(1)(b) of this act within the 6 five-year period preceding the current conviction, be suspended by the department until the person reaches age nineteen or for ninety days, 7 whichever is longer. The department of licensing shall determine the 8 9 person's eligibility for licensing based upon the reports provided by 10 the designated alcoholism agency, drug treatment center, or probation 11 department and shall deny reinstatement until enrollment and participation in an approved program has been established and the 12 13 person is otherwise qualified; 14 (b) On a second conviction under either offense within a five-year period, where there has been no previous revocation or denial imposed 15 16 under section 5(1)(b) of this act for the incident upon which the 17 conviction is based, be revoked by the department for one year. A previous incident resulting in a suspension, revocation, or denial 18 19 under section 5(1)(b) of this act within the five-year period preceding 20 the current conviction shall be considered a previous conviction for purposes of this subsection. The department of licensing shall 21 determine the person's eligibility for licensing based upon the reports 22 provided by the designated alcoholism agency, drug treatment center, or 23 24 probation department and shall deny reinstatement until satisfactory 25 progress in an approved program has been established and the person is otherwise qualified; 26 (c) On a third or subsequent conviction of driving or being in 27 physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of 28 29 intoxicating liquor or drugs, vehicular homicide, or vehicular assault, or any combination thereof within a five-year period, where there has 30

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- 1 been no previous revocation or denial imposed under section 5(1)(b) of
- 2 this act for the incident upon which the conviction is based, be
- 3 revoked by the department for two years. Previous incidents resulting
- 4 <u>in suspension, revocation, or denial under section 5(1)(b) of this act</u>
- 5 within the five-year period preceding the current conviction shall be
- 6 considered previous convictions for purposes of this subsection.
- 7 (4) In any case provided for in this section, where a driver's
- 8 license is to be revoked or suspended, the revocation or suspension
- 9 shall be stayed and shall not take effect until after the determination
- 10 of any appeal from the conviction which may lawfully be taken, but in
- 11 case the conviction is sustained on appeal the revocation or suspension
- 12 takes effect as of the date that the conviction becomes effective for
- 13 other purposes.
- 14 **Sec. 11.** RCW 46.68.060 and 1969 c 99 s 11 are each amended to read
- 15 as follows:
- 16 (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury a fund to be
- 17 known as the highway safety fund to the credit of which shall be
- 18 deposited all moneys directed by law to be deposited therein. This
- 19 fund shall be used for carrying out the provisions of law relating to
- 20 driver licensing, driver improvement, financial responsibility, cost of
- 21 furnishing abstracts of driving records ((and)), maintaining ((such))
- 22 <u>the</u> case records((, and)) <u>necessary</u> to carry out the purposes set forth
- 23 in RCW 43.59.010, and as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this
- 24 section.
- 25 (2) The sum of ten dollars shall be paid from the highway safety
- 26 fund to law enforcement agencies for each reinstatement fee collected
- 27 under RCW 46.20.311 due to a suspension or revocation arising from an
- 28 arrest under RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504 as reimbursement for the
- 29 required administrative procedures.

- 1 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 12.** The traffic safety commission shall
- 2 undertake a study of the effectiveness of this act and shall report its
- 3 finding to the governor and the appropriate legislative committees
- 4 within thirty months of the effective date of this section.
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 13.** The sum of dollars, or as
- 6 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated to the department of
- 7 licensing from the highway safety fund for the biennium ending June 30,
- 8 1993, to carry out this act.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 14.** If any provision of this act or its
- 10 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
- 11 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
- 12 persons or circumstances is not affected.
- 13 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 15.** The department may adopt rules
- 14 necessary to carry out this act.
- 15 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 16.** Sections 6 and 13 of this act are
- 16 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,
- 17 or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public
- 18 institutions, and shall take effect immediately. The remainder of this
- 19 act shall take effect on July 1, 1992. The director of licensing may
- 20 immediately take such steps as are necessary to insure that all
- 21 sections of this act are implemented on their respective effective
- 22 dates.