
SENATE BILL 5760

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By Senator Patterson.

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1 AN ACT Relating to department of licensing agents and subagents;
2 amending RCW 46.01.130; adding a new section to chapter 46.01 RCW; and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.01.130 and 1979 c 158 s 121 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The department of licensing shall have the general supervision and
8 control of the issuing of vehicle licenses and vehicle license number
9 plates and shall have the full power to do all things necessary and
10 proper to carry out the provisions of the law relating to the licensing
11 of vehicles; the director shall have the power to appoint and employ
12 deputies, assistants and representatives, and such clerks as may be
13 required from time to time, and to provide for their operation in
14 different parts of the state, and the director shall have the power to
15 appoint the county auditors of the several counties as his agents for

1 the licensing of vehicles. A county auditor so appointed may recommend
2 to the director the appointment of one or more persons as subagents of
3 the county auditor for vehicle licensing and registration. The
4 director has final appointment authority.

5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 46.01 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) By February 1st of each year, a person appointed by the
8 director as an agent or subagent under RCW 46.01.130 shall fully
9 disclose to the director all costs and revenues associated with those
10 activities for the previous calendar year. Disclosure must be made on
11 standard forms provided by the director for that purpose. The director
12 shall revoke the appointment of a person who fails to file the report
13 by March 1st. The director shall report by March 1st of each year to
14 the legislative transportation committee the total costs and revenues
15 of each county auditor and of all subagents within each county.

16 (2) The director shall establish two standard contracts for vehicle
17 licensing and registration agents. The director shall use one contract
18 for all county auditors and the other contract for all subagents. The
19 contracts may allow for special circumstances agreed to by both
20 parties. The director shall review all active appointments every two
21 years and report the results to the legislative transportation
22 committee.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The director of licensing shall review
24 the costs and revenues of all vehicle licensing agents and subagents
25 and submit a report by January 15, 1992, to the legislative
26 transportation committee including the following:

27 (1) A recommended rate of financial return for county auditors and
28 subagents for their vehicle title and registration activities;

1 (2) A review of the feasibility of establishing a sinking fund for
2 the county auditor automation project; and
3 (3) Recommendations for a process to reimburse or allow full cost
4 recovery of vehicle title and registration activities for all counties,
5 without increasing costs to consumers.