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By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Patterson, Vognild and McCaslin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to issuance of drivers' licenses to new residents;
2 and amending RCW 46.20.031.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.031 and 1985 c 101 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The department shall not issue a driver's license hereunder:

7 (1) To any person who is under the age of sixteen years;

8 (2) To any person whose license has been suspended during such
9 suspension, nor to any person whose license has been revoked, except as
10 provided in RCW 46.20.311;

11 (3) To any person when the department has been notified by a court
12 that such person has violated his written promise to appear in court,
13 unless the department has received a certificate from the court in
14 which such person promised to appear, showing that the case has been

1 adjudicated. The deposit of bail by a person charged with a violation
2 of any law regulating the operation of motor vehicles on highways shall
3 be deemed an appearance in court for the purpose of this section;

4 (4) To any person who has been evaluated by a program approved by
5 the department of social and health services as being an alcoholic,
6 drug addict, alcohol abuser and/or drug abuser: PROVIDED, That a
7 license may be issued if the department determines that such person has
8 been granted a deferred prosecution, pursuant to chapter 10.05 RCW, or
9 is satisfactorily participating in or has successfully completed an
10 alcohol or drug abuse treatment program approved by the department of
11 social and health services and has established control of his or her
12 alcohol and/or drug abuse problem;

13 (5) To any person who has previously been adjudged to be mentally
14 ill or insane, or to be incompetent due to any mental disability or
15 disease, and who has not at the time of application been restored to
16 competency by the methods provided by law: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no
17 person so adjudged shall be denied a license for such cause if the
18 superior court should find him able to operate a motor vehicle with
19 safety upon the highways during such incompetency;

20 (6) To any person who is required by this chapter to take an
21 examination, unless such person shall have successfully passed such
22 examination;

23 (7) To any person who is required under the laws of this state to
24 deposit proof of financial responsibility and who has not deposited
25 such proof;

26 (8) To any person when the department has good and substantial
27 evidence to reasonably conclude that such person by reason of physical
28 or mental disability would not be able to operate a motor vehicle with
29 safety upon the highways; subject to review by a court of competent
30 jurisdiction;

1 (9) To a person who is a new resident of this state unless the
2 person has registered or accounted for all vehicles previously
3 registered in the person's previous state of residence. The department
4 shall adopt rules that will govern the process described in this
5 subsection and exempt nonresident military personnel.