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1 AN ACT Relating to rental car businesses; and amending RCW
2 46.87.023.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.87.023 and 1992 c 194 s 7 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Rental car businesses must register with the department of
7 licensing. This registration must be renewed annually by the rental
8 car business.

9 ~~(2) ((Rental car businesses must obtain a certificate of ownership~~
10 ~~and indicate that the vehicle is a rental car. Registration must be~~
11 ~~obtained for all rental cars and shall be valid for the period in which~~
12 ~~the rental car is part of an authorized business up to a maximum of~~
13 ~~twelve months))~~ Rental cars must be titled and registered under the
14 provisions of chapters 46.16 and 82.44 RCW. The vehicle must be
15 identified at the time of application with the rental car company
16 business number issued by the department.

17 ~~(3) ((In addition to all other fees prescribed for the registration~~
18 ~~of vehicles under chapter 46.16 RCW, the department shall collect a fee~~
19 ~~of five dollars per registration for the administration of the program~~

1 and a vehicle transaction fee as authorized in RCW 46.87.130 to be
2 deposited to the motor vehicle fund.

3 (4)) Use of rental cars is restricted to the rental customer
4 unless otherwise provided by rule.

5 ((5) The department will issue rental car license plates to
6 businesses authorized under this section. A rental car business shall
7 pay a fee of ten dollars for each set of rental car license plates as
8 defined in RCW 46.87.090. Rental cars no longer eligible for use of
9 the rental plates will be considered unlicensed vehicles and must be
10 registered and pay the required motor vehicle excise taxes and
11 registration fees prior to operation on public roads of this state.

12 (6) The department may authorize rental car businesses to issue
13 temporary authorization permits as defined in RCW 46.87.080.

14 (7)) (4) The department may suspend or cancel the exemptions,
15 benefits, or privileges granted under this section to ((any person or))
16 a rental car business ((firm who)) that violates the laws of this state
17 relating to the operation or registration of vehicles or rules lawfully
18 adopted thereunder. The department may initiate and conduct audits,
19 investigations, and enforcement actions as may be reasonably necessary
20 for administering this section.

21 ((8) Except as provided in this section or by rule adopted
22 pursuant to this section, the transfer or use of the rental plates is
23 a traffic infraction subject to a fine not to exceed five hundred
24 dollars. Any law enforcement agency that determines that a special
25 license plate has not been used in conformance with this section will
26 confiscate the license plates and return them to the department for
27 nullification along with full details of the reasons for confiscation.

28 (9)) (5) The department shall adopt such rules as may be necessary
29 to administer and enforce the provisions of this section.

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