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By Representative Johanson

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1 AN ACT Relating to the exemption of county and municipal law
2 enforcement agencies from license plate requirements; amending RCW
3 46.16.006; and adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.006 and 1992 c 222 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The term "registration year" for the purposes of chapters
8 46.16, 82.44, and 82.50 RCW means the effective period of a vehicle
9 license issued by the department. Such year commences at 12:01 a.m. on
10 the date of the calendar year designated by the department and ends at
11 12:01 a.m. on the same date of the next succeeding calendar year. If
12 a vehicle license previously issued in this state has expired and is
13 renewed with a different registered owner, a new registration year is
14 deemed to commence upon the date the expired license is renewed in
15 order that the renewed license be useable for a full twelve-month
16 period.

17 (2) Each registration year may be divided into twelve registration
18 months. Each registration month commences on the day numerically
19 corresponding to the day of the calendar month on which the

1 registration year begins, and terminates on the numerically
2 corresponding day of the next succeeding calendar month.

3 (3) Where the term "last day of the month" is used in chapters
4 46.16, 82.44, and 82.50 RCW in lieu of a specified day of any calendar
5 month it means the last day of such calendar month or months
6 irrespective of the numerical designation of that day.

7 (4) If the final day of a registration year or month falls on a
8 Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, such period extends through the end
9 of the next business day.

10 (5) "Title purpose only number" as used in this chapter means the
11 number assigned to a certificate of title where a certificate of
12 registration is not issued.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 County and municipal law enforcement agencies are exempt from the
16 vehicle license plate requirements prescribed in this chapter. County
17 and municipal law enforcement agencies may, at their own expense,
18 design, produce, and display a license plate in lieu of a vehicle
19 license plate issued by the department of licensing. However, county
20 and municipal law enforcement agencies are required to display on the
21 law enforcement vehicle, in a manner prescribed by the department, the
22 title purpose only number, as defined in RCW 46.16.006.

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