
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1083

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By House Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Representatives McDonald, Sheahan and Mielke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to use of department of licensing records in
2 criminal prosecutions; and amending RCW 46.52.120.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.52.120 and 1993 c 501 s 12 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The director shall keep a case record on every motor vehicle
7 driver licensed under the laws of this state, together with information
8 on each driver, showing all the convictions and findings of traffic
9 infractions certified by the courts, together with an index cross-
10 reference record of each accident reported relating to such individual
11 with a brief statement of the cause of the accident. The chief of the
12 Washington state patrol shall furnish the index cross-reference record
13 to the director, with reference to each driver involved in the reported
14 accidents.

15 (2) The records shall be for the confidential use of the director,
16 the chief of the Washington state patrol, the director of the
17 Washington traffic safety commission, and for such police officers or
18 other cognizant public officials as may be designated by law. Such
19 case records shall not be offered as evidence in any court, except

1 where relevant to the prosecution or defense of a criminal charge, or
2 in case appeal is taken from the order of the director, suspending,
3 revoking, canceling, or refusing a vehicle driver's license.

4 (3) The director shall tabulate and analyze vehicle driver's case
5 records and suspend, revoke, cancel, or refuse a vehicle driver's
6 license to a person when it is deemed from facts contained in the case
7 record of such person that it is for the best interest of public safety
8 that such person be denied the privilege of operating a motor vehicle.
9 Whenever the director orders the vehicle driver's license of any such
10 person suspended, revoked, or canceled, or refuses the issuance of a
11 vehicle driver's license, such suspension, revocation, cancellation, or
12 refusal is final and effective unless appeal from the decision of the
13 director is taken as provided by law.

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