
HOUSE BILL 2427

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By Representative L. Thomas

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1 AN ACT Relating to driving without proof of mandatory vehicle
2 liability insurance; and amending RCW 46.55.113.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.55.113 and 1997 c 66 s 7 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Whenever the driver of a vehicle is arrested for a violation of RCW
7 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, the arresting officer may take custody of the
8 vehicle and provide for its prompt removal to a place of safety. In
9 addition, a police officer may take custody of a vehicle and provide
10 for its prompt removal to a place of safety under any of the following
11 circumstances:

12 (1) Whenever a police officer finds a vehicle standing upon the
13 roadway in violation of any of the provisions of RCW 46.61.560, the
14 officer may provide for the removal of the vehicle or require the
15 driver or other person in charge of the vehicle to move the vehicle to
16 a position off the roadway;

17 (2) Whenever a police officer finds a vehicle unattended upon a
18 highway where the vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic or
19 jeopardizes public safety;

1 (3) Whenever a police officer finds an unattended vehicle at the
2 scene of an accident or when the driver of a vehicle involved in an
3 accident is physically or mentally incapable of deciding upon steps to
4 be taken to protect his or her property;

5 (4) Whenever the driver of a vehicle is arrested and taken into
6 custody by a police officer;

7 (5) Whenever a police officer discovers a vehicle that the officer
8 determines to be a stolen vehicle;

9 (6) Whenever a vehicle without a special license plate, card, or
10 decal indicating that the vehicle is being used to transport a disabled
11 person under RCW 46.16.381 is parked in a stall or space clearly and
12 conspicuously marked under RCW 46.61.581 which space is provided on
13 private property without charge or on public property;

14 (7) Upon determining that a person is operating a motor vehicle
15 without a valid driver's license in violation of RCW 46.20.005 or with
16 a license that has been expired for ninety days or more, or with a
17 suspended or revoked license in violation of RCW 46.20.342 or
18 46.20.420; or

19 (8) Upon determining that a registered owner is operating a motor
20 vehicle without proof of motor vehicle liability insurance as required
21 under RCW 46.30.020 and has been cited for failing to provide such
22 proof in the past, if the previous citation has not been dismissed
23 under RCW 46.30.020(2).

24 Nothing in this section may derogate from the powers of police
25 officers under the common law. For the purposes of this section, a
26 place of safety may include the business location of a registered tow
27 truck operator.

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