

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2858**

55th Legislature  
1998 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 7, 1998  
Yeas 96 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 5, 1998  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2858** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Committee on Transportation Policy & Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Zellinsky and Fisher)

Read first time 02/02/98. Referred to Committee on .

1            AN ACT Relating to payment of taxes on rental cars; amending RCW  
2 82.44.023; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.44.023 and 1994 c 227 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            Rental cars as defined in RCW 46.04.465 are exempt from the taxes  
7 imposed in RCW 82.44.020 (1) and (2). When a rental car ceases to be  
8 used for rental car purposes (~~and at the time of its retail sale, the~~  
9 ~~excise tax imposed in RCW 82.44.020 (1) and (2) shall be imposed in an~~  
10 ~~amount equal to one-twelfth of the annual excise tax then in effect,~~  
11 ~~for each full month remaining in the vehicle's registration year)) the  
12 year and month tabs on the license plates shall be altered by the  
13 rental car company in such a manner as to render the plate void of any  
14 designation of month and year. The department of licensing shall, by  
15 rule, set forth the process of alteration and shall provide at no cost  
16 to the rental car company, any materials necessary to render the plate  
17 void of any designation of the month and year tabs. At the time of  
18 retail sale, motor vehicle excise tax and applicable licensing fees  
19 will be collected for a full twelve months.~~

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    The vehicle services division of the  
2 department of licensing shall convene a study group to include  
3 representatives from the department of licensing, the department of  
4 revenue, the rental car industry, and the franchised vehicle dealers  
5 industry.    The study group shall conduct an assessment of the  
6 registration year impact during the period of January 1, 1997, through  
7 July 1, 1999, upon the requirements of RCW 46.16.006, 82.08.020, and  
8 chapter 82.44 RCW and whether the tax rate currently set on car rental  
9 transactions provides revenue neutrality.    The study group shall report  
10 its findings and recommendations, if any, to the transportation  
11 committees of the house of representatives and senate by December 31,  
12 1998.

13        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
15 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
16 immediately.

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