
SENATE BILL 5930

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By Senator Patterson

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1 AN ACT Relating to the relationship between motor vehicle liability
2 coverage and registration; amending RCW 46.30.030; and adding new
3 sections to chapter 46.16 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 To renew a vehicle license an applicant must provide proof of being
8 insured under a motor vehicle liability policy with liability limits of
9 at least the amounts provided in RCW 46.29.090, a self-insurance
10 certificate as provided in RCW 46.29.630, or proof of coverage under a
11 liability bond of at least the amounts provided in RCW 46.29.090.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.30.030 and 1989 c 353 s 3 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 (1) Whenever an insurance company issues or renews a motor vehicle
15 liability insurance policy, the company shall provide the policyholder
16 with an identification card as specified by the department of
17 licensing. At the policyholder's request, the insurer shall provide
18 the policyholder a card for each vehicle covered under the policy.

1 (2) The department of licensing shall adopt rules specifying the
2 type, style, and content of insurance identification cards to be used
3 for proof of compliance with RCW 46.30.020, including the method for
4 issuance of such identification cards by persons or organizations
5 providing proof of compliance through self-insurance, certificate of
6 deposit, or bond. In adopting such rules the department shall consider
7 the guidelines for insurance identification cards developed by the
8 insurance industry committee on motor vehicle administration.

9 (3) Whenever a motor vehicle liability insurance policy is not
10 renewed or is canceled, whether the nonrenewal or cancellation is
11 initiated by the insured or the insurance company, the insurance
12 company shall immediately notify the department.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) When the department receives a notice of nonrenewal or
16 cancellation of a liability insurance policy from an insurance company
17 under RCW 46.30.030, the department shall immediately notify the
18 registered owner of the vehicle or vehicles formerly covered under the
19 policy that the registration for the vehicle or vehicles will be
20 canceled within thirty days from the day of the notice unless the
21 person in whose name the registration appears furnishes proof to the
22 department within that time that replacement insurance has been
23 obtained, or that the requirements of some other method of proof of
24 financial responsibility allowed under RCW 46.30.020 have been met. If
25 that proof is not timely supplied the department shall immediately
26 cancel the registration.

27 (2) The department may not refund any part of a registration fee in
28 the event of a registration canceled under this section.

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