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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6589**

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**By** Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Horn, Haugen and Wood; by request of Department of Licensing)

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1 AN ACT Relating to exemptions from driver's license requirements  
2 for nonresidents; and amending RCW 46.20.025.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.025 and 1993 c 148 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The following persons are exempt from license hereunder:

7 (1) Any person in the service of the army, navy, air force, marine  
8 corps, or coast guard of the United States, or in the service of the  
9 national guard of this state or any other state, (~~when~~) if:

10 (a) Furnished with a driver's license by such service when  
11 operating an official motor vehicle in such service; or

12 (b) He or she is at least sixteen years old and has in his or her  
13 immediate possession a valid driver's license issued by the  
14 jurisdiction designated as his or her home state. A spouse or  
15 dependent of the person who meets the criteria of this subsection  
16 (1)(b) is also exempt from the driver's license requirement;

17 (2) A nonresident who is at least sixteen years of age and who has  
18 in his or her immediate possession a valid driver's license issued to  
19 him or her in his or her home state or is at least fifteen years of age

1 with a valid instruction permit issued to him or her in his or her home  
2 state, and when accompanied by a licensed driver who has had at least  
3 five years of driving experience and is occupying a seat beside the  
4 driver;

5 (3) A nonresident who is at least sixteen years of age and who has  
6 in his or her immediate possession a valid driver's license issued to  
7 him or her in his or her home country may operate a motor vehicle in  
8 this state for a period not to exceed one year;

9 (4) A student who maintains his or her legal home of record at a  
10 location outside Washington state, or the spouse or dependent of the  
11 student, who is at least sixteen years of age and who has in his or her  
12 immediate possession a valid driver's license issued to him or her in  
13 his or her home state. The student must be enrolled as a full-time  
14 nonresident student at an institution of higher learning in Washington  
15 state that is accredited by the Northwest association of schools and  
16 colleges or by an accrediting association recognized by the higher  
17 education coordinating board, or at a private vocational school as that  
18 term is defined by RCW 28C.10.020(7). The student must carry  
19 documentation issued by the institution that readily establishes his or  
20 her status as a nonresident student. A spouse or dependent of a  
21 nonresident student must carry a copy of the documentation issued to  
22 the student by the institution and documentation establishing the  
23 relationship with the student;

24 (5) Any person operating special highway construction equipment as  
25 defined in RCW 46.16.010;

26 ~~((+5))~~ (6) Any person while driving or operating any farm tractor  
27 or implement of husbandry which is only incidentally operated or moved  
28 over a highway;

29 ~~((+6))~~ (7) Any person while operating a locomotive upon rails,  
30 including operation on a railroad crossing over a public highway; and  
31 such person is not required to display a driver's license to any law  
32 enforcement officer in connection with the operation of a locomotive or  
33 train within this state.

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