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SENATE BILL 6589

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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 furnished with a  
10 driver's license by such service when operating an official motor  
11 vehicle in such service;

12 (2) A nonresident in the service of the army, navy, air force,  
13 marine corps, or coast guard of the United States, or in the service of  
14 the national guard of this or any other state, or the spouse or  
15 dependent of such a person, who is at least sixteen years of age and  
16 who has in his or her immediate possession a valid driver's license  
17 issued by the jurisdiction designated as his or her home state;

18 (3) A nonresident who is temporarily sojourning within this state  
19 and who is at least sixteen years of age and who has in his or her

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

6 ~~((3))~~ (4) A nonresident who is at least sixteen years of age and  
7 who has in his or her immediate possession a valid driver's license  
8 issued to him or her in his or her home country may operate a motor  
9 vehicle in this state for a period not to exceed one year;

10 ~~((4))~~ (5) A nonresident student, or the spouse or dependent of a  
11 nonresident student, who is at least sixteen years of age and who has  
12 in his or her immediate possession a valid driver's license issued to  
13 him or her in his or her home state. The student must be enrolled as  
14 a full-time nonresident student at an institution of higher learning in  
15 Washington state that is accredited by the Northwest association of  
16 schools and colleges or by an accrediting association recognized by the  
17 higher education coordinating board, or at a private vocational school  
18 as that term is defined by RCW 28C.10.020(7). The student must  
19 maintain his or her legal home of record at a location outside the  
20 state of Washington. The student must carry documentation issued by  
21 the institution that readily establishes his or her status as a  
22 nonresident student. A spouse or dependent of a nonresident student  
23 must carry a copy of the documentation issued to the student by the  
24 institution and documentation establishing the relationship with the  
25 student;

26 (6) Any person operating special highway construction equipment as  
27 defined in RCW 46.16.010;

28 ~~((5))~~ (7) Any person while driving or operating any farm tractor  
29 or implement of husbandry which is only incidentally operated or moved  
30 over a highway;

31 ~~((6))~~ (8) Any person while operating a locomotive upon rails,  
32 including operation on a railroad crossing over a public highway; and  
33 such person is not required to display a driver's license to any law  
34 enforcement officer in connection with the operation of a locomotive or  
35 train within this state.

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