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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 driver's license examinations; and amending RCW  
2 46.20.120.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.120 and 1990 c 9 s 1 are each amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 No new driver's license may be issued and no previously issued  
7 license may be renewed until the applicant therefor has successfully  
8 passed a driver licensing examination. However, the department may  
9 waive all or any part of the examination of any person applying for the  
10 renewal of a driver's license except when the department determines  
11 that an applicant for a driver's license is not qualified to hold a  
12 driver's license under this title. The department may also waive the  
13 actual demonstration of the ability to operate a motor vehicle by a  
14 person who surrenders a valid driver's license issued by the person's  
15 previous home state or province of Canada and who is otherwise  
16 qualified to be licensed. For a new license examination a fee of seven  
17 dollars shall be paid by each applicant, in addition to the fee charged  
18 for issuance of the license. A new license is one issued to a driver  
19 who has not been previously licensed in this state or to a driver whose

1 last previous Washington license has been expired for more than four  
2 years.

3 Any person renewing his or her driver's license more than sixty  
4 days after the license has expired shall pay a penalty fee of ten  
5 dollars in addition to the renewal fee under RCW 46.20.181. The  
6 penalty fee shall be deposited in the highway safety fund.

7 Any person who is outside the state at the time his or her driver's  
8 license expires or who is unable to renew the license due to any  
9 incapacity may renew the license within sixty days after returning to  
10 this state or within sixty days after the termination of any such  
11 incapacity without the payment of the penalty fee.

12 The department shall provide for giving examinations at places and  
13 times reasonably available to the people of this state.

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