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By Senators Horn, Haugen, Wood and Oke; by request of Department of Licensing

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1 AN ACT Relating to the extension of the validity of a driver's  
2 license that expires while the driver is outside the state; and  
3 amending RCW 46.20.120.

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

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

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

1 licensed in this state or to a driver whose last previous Washington  
2 license has been expired for more than four 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. The department may  
12 adopt rules setting the procedures by which a person who is outside the  
13 state at the time his or her driver's license expires may extend the  
14 validity of the license for a period of time not to exceed six months.  
15 The department shall collect a fee for an extension granted under this  
16 section. The department shall set the fee by rule, for an amount of  
17 not more than five dollars. An extension granted under this section  
18 does not change the expiration date of the license for purposes of RCW  
19 46.20.181.

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

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