

2 **SB 5374 - H AMD 0166 ADOPTED 04/16/99**

3 By Representatives K. Schmidt and Fisher

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5 On page 23, after line 21, insert the following:

6 "Sec. 9. RCW 46.20.120 and 1999 c 6 s 19 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 An applicant for a new or renewed driver's license must
9 successfully pass a driver licensing examination to qualify for a
10 driver's license. The department shall give examinations at places and
11 times reasonably available to the people of this state.

12 (1) **Waiver.** The department may waive:

13 (a) All or any part of the examination of any person applying for
14 the renewal of a driver's license unless the department determines that
15 the applicant is not qualified to hold a driver's license under this
16 title; or

17 (b) The actual demonstration of the ability to operate a motor
18 vehicle if the applicant:

19 (i) Surrenders a valid driver's license issued by the person's
20 previous home state; and

21 (ii) Is otherwise qualified to be licensed.

22 (2) **Fee.** Each applicant for a new license must pay an examination
23 fee of seven dollars.

24 (a) The examination fee is in addition to the fee charged for
25 issuance of the license.

26 (b) "New license" means a license issued to a driver:

27 (i) Who has not been previously licensed in this state; or

28 (ii) Whose last previous Washington license has been expired for
29 more than (~~four~~) six years.

30 **Sec. 10.** RCW 46.20.161 and 1999 c 6 s 22 are each amended to read
31 as follows:

32 The department, upon receipt of a fee of (~~fourteen~~) thirty
33 dollars, unless the driver's license is issued for a period other than
34 six years, in which case the fee shall be five dollars for each year
35 that the license is issued, which includes the fee for the required

1 photograph, shall issue to every qualifying applicant a driver's
2 license. The license must include a distinguishing number assigned to
3 the licensee, the name of record, date of birth, Washington residence
4 address, photograph, a brief description of the licensee, and either a
5 facsimile of the signature of the licensee or a space upon which the
6 licensee shall write his or her usual signature with pen and ink
7 immediately upon receipt of the license. No license is valid until it
8 has been so signed by the licensee.

9 **Sec. 11.** RCW 46.20.181 and 1999 c 6 s 23 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 (1) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, every
12 driver's license expires on the (~~fourth~~) sixth anniversary of the
13 licensee's birthdate following the issuance of the license.

14 (2) A person may renew his or her license on or before the
15 expiration date by submitting an application as prescribed by the
16 department and paying a fee of (~~fourteen~~) thirty dollars. This fee
17 includes the fee for the required photograph.

18 (3) A person renewing his or her driver's license more than sixty
19 days after the license has expired shall pay a penalty fee of ten
20 dollars in addition to the renewal fee, unless his or her license
21 expired when:

22 (a) The person was outside the state and he or she renews the
23 license within sixty days after returning to this state; or

24 (b) The person was incapacitated and he or she renews the license
25 within sixty days after the termination of the incapacity.

26 (4) During the period from July 1, 2000, to July 1, 2006, the
27 department may issue or renew a driver's license for a period other
28 than six years, or may extend by mail a license that has already been
29 issued, in order to evenly distribute, as nearly as possible, the
30 yearly renewal rate of licensed drivers. The fee for a driver's
31 license issued or renewed for a period other than six years, or that
32 has been extended by mail, is five dollars for each year that the
33 license is issued, renewed, or extended. The department may adopt any
34 rules as are necessary to carry out this subsection.

35 **Sec. 12.** RCW 46.20.470 and 1989 c 178 s 21 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

1 There shall be an additional fee for issuing any class of
2 commercial driver's license in addition to the prescribed fee required
3 for the issuance of the original driver's license. The additional fee
4 for each class shall not exceed (~~twelve~~) twenty-four dollars for the
5 original commercial driver's license or subsequent renewals, unless the
6 commercial driver's license is renewed or extended for a period other
7 than six years, in which case the fee for each class shall not exceed
8 four dollars for each year that the commercial driver's license is
9 renewed or extended. The fee shall be deposited in the highway safety
10 fund.

11 **Sec. 13.** RCW 46.20.505 and 1993 c 115 s 1 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 Every person applying for a special endorsement or a new category
14 of endorsement of a driver's license authorizing such person to drive
15 a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle shall pay an examination fee of
16 two dollars which is not refundable. In addition, the endorsement fee
17 for the initial or new category motorcycle endorsement shall (~~be six~~)
18 not exceed twelve dollars, and the subsequent renewal endorsement fee
19 shall (~~be fourteen~~) not exceed thirty dollars, unless the endorsement
20 is renewed or extended for a period other than six years, in which case
21 the subsequent renewal endorsement fee shall not exceed five dollars
22 for each year that the endorsement is renewed or extended. The initial
23 or new category and renewal endorsement fees shall be deposited in the
24 motorcycle safety education account of the highway safety fund.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** Sections 9 through 13 of this act take
26 effect July 1, 2000."

27 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Increases the term of the driver's license from four years
to six years. Increases the cost of the driver's license from \$3.50
per year to \$5.00 per year. The net effect is to change from a four-
year \$14.00 driver's license to a six-year \$30.00 driver's license.

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