

2 **HB 2259** - S AMD - 475

3 By Senators Haugen, Horn, Gardner and Sellar

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.120 and 1999 c 6 s 19 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

22 (ii) Is otherwise qualified to be licensed.

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

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

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

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

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

31 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.20.161 and 1999 c 6 s 22 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

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

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

10 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.20.181 and 1999 c 6 s 23 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.20.470 and 1989 c 178 s 21 are each amended to read
37 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 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 five 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. 5.** 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 ten dollars, and the subsequent renewal endorsement fee
19 shall (~~be fourteen~~) not exceed twenty-five dollars, unless the
20 endorsement is renewed or extended for a period other than five years,
21 in which case the subsequent renewal endorsement fee shall not exceed
22 five dollars for each year that the endorsement is renewed or extended.
23 The initial or new category and renewal endorsement fees shall be
24 deposited in the motorcycle safety education account of the highway
25 safety fund.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act take effect
27 July 1, 2000."

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31 In line 1 of the title, after "licenses;" strike the remainder of
32 the title and insert "amending RCW 46.20.120, 46.20.161, 46.20.181,
33 46.20.470, and 46.20.505; and providing an effective date."

EFFECT: Increases the term of the driver's license from four years to five 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 five-year \$25.00 driver's license.

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