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1 AN ACT Relating to driver's license expiration while outside state;
2 and amending RCW 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 and who is otherwise qualified to be licensed. For
16 a new license examination a fee of seven dollars shall be paid by each
17 applicant, in addition to the fee charged for issuance of the license.
18 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 up to six months. The department shall
15 collect a fee for an extension granted under this section. The
16 department shall set the fee by rule, for an amount of not more than
17 five dollars. An extension granted under this section does not change
18 the expiration date of the license for purposes of RCW 46.20.181.

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

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