
HOUSE BILL 2616

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing citizens to elect to pay vehicle
2 license fees biannually; amending RCW 46.01.140, 46.16.062, 46.16.063,
3 46.16.065, 46.16.070, 46.16.071, 46.16.079, 46.16.085, 46.16.121,
4 46.16.313, 46.16.505, 46.16.585, 46.16.606, 46.16.670, and 81.104.160;
5 and adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 When a person pays the fee required under any law dealing with
10 licenses for, registration of, or the right to operate a vehicle upon
11 the public highways or waters of this state, he or she may elect to pay
12 twice the annual fee. Persons taking this option are not required to
13 renew their license, registration, or right to operate the vehicle upon
14 the public highways or waters of this state for two years from the date
15 of such payment.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.01.140 and 1996 c 315 s 1 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

1 (1) The county auditor, if appointed by the director of licensing
2 shall carry out the provisions of this title relating to the licensing
3 of vehicles and the issuance of vehicle license number plates under the
4 direction and supervision of the director and may with the approval of
5 the director appoint assistants as special deputies and recommend
6 subagents to accept applications and collect fees for vehicle licenses
7 and transfers and to deliver vehicle license number plates.

8 (2) A county auditor appointed by the director may request that the
9 director appoint subagencies within the county. Upon authorization of
10 the director, the auditor shall advertise a request for proposals and
11 use the process for soliciting vendors under RCW 39.04.190(2), except
12 that the provision requiring the contract to be awarded to the lowest
13 responsible bidder shall not apply. The auditor shall submit all
14 proposals to the director, and shall recommend the appointment of one
15 or more subagents who have applied through the request for proposal
16 process. The director has final appointment authority.

17 (3)(a) A county auditor who is appointed as an agent by the
18 department shall enter into a standard contract provided by the
19 director, developed with the advice of the title and registration
20 advisory committee.

21 (b) A subagent appointed under subsection (2) of this section shall
22 enter into a standard contract with the county auditor, developed with
23 the advice of the title and registration advisory committee. The
24 director shall provide the standard contract to county auditors.

25 (c) The contracts provided for in (a) and (b) of this subsection
26 must contain at a minimum provisions that:

27 (i) Describe the responsibilities, and where applicable, the
28 liability, of each party relating to the service expectations and
29 levels, equipment to be supplied by the department, and equipment
30 maintenance;

31 (ii) Require the specific type of insurance or bonds so that the
32 state is protected against any loss of collected motor vehicle tax
33 revenues or loss of equipment;

34 (iii) Specify the amount of training that will be provided by the
35 state, the county auditor, or subagents;

36 (iv) Describe allowable costs that may be charged to vehicle
37 licensing activities as provided for in (d) of this subsection;

38 (v) Describe the causes and procedures for termination of the
39 contract, which may include mediation and binding arbitration.

1 (d) The department shall develop procedures that will standardize
2 and prescribe allowable costs that may be assigned to vehicle licensing
3 and vessel registration and title activities performed by county
4 auditors.

5 (e) The contracts may include any provision that the director deems
6 necessary to ensure acceptable service and the full collection of
7 vehicle and vessel tax revenues.

8 (f) The director may waive any provisions of the contract deemed
9 necessary in order to ensure that readily accessible service is
10 provided to the citizens of the state.

11 (4)(a) At any time any application is made to the director, the
12 county auditor, or other agent pursuant to any law dealing with
13 licenses, registration, or the right to operate any vehicle or vessel
14 upon the public highways or waters of this state, excluding applicants
15 already paying such fee under RCW 46.16.070 or 46.16.085, the applicant
16 shall pay to the director, county auditor, or other agent a fee of
17 three dollars for each application in addition to any other fees
18 required by law. If the applicant elects to pay twice the annual fee
19 under section 1 of this act, the fee under this subsection (4)(a) is
20 six dollars.

21 (b) Counties that do not cover the expenses of vehicle licensing
22 and vessel registration and title activities may submit to the
23 department a request for cost-coverage moneys. The request must be
24 submitted on a form developed by the department. The department shall
25 develop procedures to verify whether a request is reasonable. Payment
26 shall be made on requests found to be allowable from the licensing
27 services account.

28 (c) Applicants for certificates of ownership, including applicants
29 paying fees under RCW 46.16.070 or 46.16.085, shall pay to the
30 director, county auditor, or other agent a fee of four dollars in
31 addition to any other fees required by law.

32 (d) The fees under (a) and (c) of this subsection, if paid to the
33 county auditor as agent of the director, or if paid to a subagent of
34 the county auditor, shall be paid to the county treasurer in the same
35 manner as other fees collected by the county auditor and credited to
36 the county current expense fund. If the fee is paid to another agent
37 of the director, the fee shall be used by the agent to defray his or
38 her expenses in handling the application.

1 (5) A subagent shall collect a service fee of (a) seven dollars and
2 fifty cents for changes in a certificate of ownership, with or without
3 registration renewal, or verification of record and preparation of an
4 affidavit of lost title other than at the time of the title application
5 or transfer and (b) three dollars for registration renewal only,
6 issuing a transit permit, or any other service under this section.
7 However, a subagent shall collect a fee of six dollars for a
8 registration renewal if the applicant elects to pay twice the annual
9 fee under section 1 of this act.

10 (6) If the fee is collected by the state patrol as agent for the
11 director, the fee so collected shall be certified to the state
12 treasurer and deposited to the credit of the state patrol highway
13 account. If the fee is collected by the department of transportation
14 as agent for the director, the fee shall be certified to the state
15 treasurer and deposited to the credit of the motor vehicle fund. All
16 such fees collected by the director or branches of his office shall be
17 certified to the state treasurer and deposited to the credit of the
18 highway safety fund.

19 (7) Any county revenues that exceed the cost of providing vehicle
20 licensing and vessel registration and title activities in a county,
21 calculated in accordance with the procedures in subsection (3)(d) of
22 this section, shall be expended as determined by the county legislative
23 authority during the process established by law for adoption of county
24 budgets.

25 (8) The director may adopt rules to implement this section.

26 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.16.062 and 2000 c 1 s 1 (Initiative Measure No.
27 695) are each amended to read as follows:

28 (1) License tab fees shall be \$30 per year for motor vehicles,
29 regardless of year, value, make, or model, beginning January 1, 2000.
30 A person paying the fee required under this section may elect to pay
31 twice the annual fee and receive license tabs that remain in effect for
32 two years.

33 (2) For the purposes of this section, "license tab fees" are
34 defined as the general fees paid annually for licensing motor vehicles,
35 including cars, sport utility vehicles, motorcycles, and motor homes.

36 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16.063 and 1996 c 237 s 1 are each amended to read
37 as follows:

1 (1) In addition to other fees for the licensing of vehicles there
2 shall be paid and collected annually, except as provided under section
3 1 of this act, for each camper, travel trailer, and motor home ((as the
4 same are defined in RCW 82.50.010)), a fee of three dollars to be
5 deposited in the RV account of the motor vehicle fund. Under RCW
6 43.135.055, the department of transportation may increase RV account
7 fees by a percentage that exceeds the fiscal growth factor. After
8 consultation with citizen representatives of the recreational vehicle
9 user community, the department of transportation may implement RV
10 account fee adjustments no more than once every four years. RV account
11 fee adjustments must be preceded by evaluation of the following
12 factors: Maintenance of a self-supporting program, levels of service
13 at existing RV sanitary disposal facilities, identified needs for
14 improved RV service at safety rest areas state-wide, sewage treatment
15 costs, and inflation. If the department chooses to adjust the RV
16 account fee, it shall notify the department of licensing six months
17 before implementation of the fee increase. Adjustments in the RV
18 account fee must be in increments of no more than fifty cents per
19 biennium.

20 (2) An applicant may elect to pay twice the fee required under
21 subsection (1) of this section and receive a license valid for two
22 years as allowed under section 1 of this act.

23 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.16.065 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 118 s 4 are each
24 amended to read as follows:

25 In lieu of the fees provided in RCW ((~~46.16.060~~)) 46.16.062,
26 private passenger car one or two-wheel trailers of two thousand pounds
27 gross weight or less, may be licensed upon the payment of a license fee
28 in the sum of four dollars and fifty cents or, if the vehicle was
29 previously licensed in this state and has not been registered in
30 another jurisdiction in the intervening period, a renewal license fee
31 in the sum of three dollars and twenty-five cents, but only if such
32 trailers are to be operated upon the public highway by the owners
33 thereof. It is the intention of the legislature that this reduced
34 license shall be issued only as to trailers operated for personal use
35 of the owners and not trailers held for rental to the public. A person
36 paying the trailer license fee under this section may elect to pay
37 twice the annual fee and receive a license valid for two years as
38 allowed under section 1 of this act.

1 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.16.070 and 1994 c 262 s 8 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) In lieu of all other vehicle licensing fees, unless
4 specifically exempt, and in addition to the (~~excise tax prescribed in~~
5 ~~chapter 82.44 RCW and the~~) mileage fees prescribed for buses and
6 stages in RCW 46.16.125, and except as allowed under section 1 of this
7 act, there shall be paid and collected annually for each truck, motor
8 truck, truck tractor, road tractor, tractor, bus, auto stage, or for
9 hire vehicle with seating capacity of more than six, based upon the
10 declared combined gross weight or declared gross weight thereof
11 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 46.44 RCW, the following
12 licensing fees by such gross weight:

13	DECLARED GROSS WEIGHT	SCHEDULE A	SCHEDULE B
14	4,000 lbs.	\$ 37.00	\$ 37.00
15	6,000 lbs.	\$ 44.00	\$ 44.00
16	8,000 lbs.	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00
17	10,000 lbs.	\$ 62.00	\$ 62.00
18	12,000 lbs.	\$ 72.00	\$ 72.00
19	14,000 lbs.	\$ 82.00	\$ 82.00
20	16,000 lbs.	\$ 92.00	\$ 92.00
21	18,000 lbs.	\$ 137.00	\$ 137.00
22	20,000 lbs.	\$ 152.00	\$ 152.00
23	22,000 lbs.	\$ 164.00	\$ 164.00
24	24,000 lbs.	\$ 177.00	\$ 177.00
25	26,000 lbs.	\$ 187.00	\$ 187.00
26	28,000 lbs.	\$ 220.00	\$ 220.00
27	30,000 lbs.	\$ 253.00	\$ 253.00
28	32,000 lbs.	\$ 304.00	\$ 304.00
29	34,000 lbs.	\$ 323.00	\$ 323.00
30	36,000 lbs.	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
31	38,000 lbs.	\$ 384.00	\$ 384.00
32	40,000 lbs.	\$ 439.00	\$ 439.00
33	42,000 lbs.	\$ 456.00	\$ 546.00
34	44,000 lbs.	\$ 466.00	\$ 556.00
35	46,000 lbs.	\$ 501.00	\$ 591.00
36	48,000 lbs.	\$ 522.00	\$ 612.00
37	50,000 lbs.	\$ 566.00	\$ 656.00
38	52,000 lbs.	\$ 595.00	\$ 685.00
39	54,000 lbs.	\$ 642.00	\$ 732.00
40	56,000 lbs.	\$ 677.00	\$ 767.00
41	58,000 lbs.	\$ 704.00	\$ 794.00
42	60,000 lbs.	\$ 750.00	\$ 840.00
43	62,000 lbs.	\$ 804.00	\$ 894.00
44	64,000 lbs.	\$ 822.00	\$ 912.00

1	66,000 lbs.	\$ 915.00	\$ 1,005.00
2	68,000 lbs.	\$ 954.00	\$ 1,044.00
3	70,000 lbs.	\$ 1,027.00	\$ 1,117.00
4	72,000 lbs.	\$ 1,098.00	\$ 1,188.00
5	74,000 lbs.	\$ 1,193.00	\$ 1,283.00
6	76,000 lbs.	\$ 1,289.00	\$ 1,379.00
7	78,000 lbs.	\$ 1,407.00	\$ 1,497.00
8	80,000 lbs.	\$ 1,518.00	\$ 1,608.00
9	82,000 lbs.	\$ 1,623.00	\$ 1,713.00
10	84,000 lbs.	\$ 1,728.00	\$ 1,818.00
11	86,000 lbs.	\$ 1,833.00	\$ 1,923.00
12	88,000 lbs.	\$ 1,938.00	\$ 2,028.00
13	90,000 lbs.	\$ 2,043.00	\$ 2,133.00
14	92,000 lbs.	\$ 2,148.00	\$ 2,238.00
15	94,000 lbs.	\$ 2,253.00	\$ 2,343.00
16	96,000 lbs.	\$ 2,358.00	\$ 2,448.00
17	98,000 lbs.	\$ 2,463.00	\$ 2,553.00
18	100,000 lbs.	\$ 2,568.00	\$ 2,658.00
19	102,000 lbs.	\$ 2,673.00	\$ 2,763.00
20	104,000 lbs.	\$ 2,778.00	\$ 2,868.00
21	105,500 lbs.	\$ 2,883.00	\$ 2,973.00

22 Schedule A applies to vehicles either used exclusively for hauling
23 logs or that do not tow trailers. Schedule B applies to vehicles that
24 tow trailers and are not covered under Schedule A.

25 Every truck, motor truck, truck tractor, and tractor exceeding
26 6,000 pounds empty scale weight registered under chapter 46.16, 46.87,
27 or 46.88 RCW shall be licensed for not less than one hundred fifty
28 percent of its empty weight unless the amount would be in excess of the
29 legal limits prescribed for such a vehicle in RCW 46.44.041 or
30 46.44.042, in which event the vehicle shall be licensed for the maximum
31 weight authorized for such a vehicle or unless the vehicle is used only
32 for the purpose of transporting any well drilling machine, air
33 compressor, rock crusher, conveyor, hoist, donkey engine, cook house,
34 tool house, bunk house, or similar machine or structure attached to or
35 made a part of such vehicle.

36 The following provisions apply when increasing gross or combined
37 gross weight for a vehicle licensed under this section:

38 (a) The new license fee will be one-twelfth of the fee listed above
39 for the new gross weight, multiplied by the number of months remaining
40 in the period for which licensing fees have been paid, including the
41 month in which the new gross weight is effective.

1 (b) Upon surrender of the current certificate of registration or
2 cab card, the new licensing fees due shall be reduced by the amount of
3 the licensing fees previously paid for the same period for which new
4 fees are being charged.

5 (2) The proceeds from the fees collected under subsection (1) of
6 this section shall be distributed in accordance with RCW 46.68.035.

7 (3) An applicant may elect to pay twice the fee required under
8 subsection (1) of this section and receive a license valid for two
9 years as allowed under section 1 of this act.

10 **Sec. 7.** RCW 46.16.071 and 1996 c 315 s 4 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (1) In addition to the fees set forth in RCW 46.16.070, there shall
13 be paid and collected annually upon registration except as allowed
14 under section 1 of this act, a fee of one dollar for each truck, motor
15 truck, truck tractor, road tractor, tractor, bus, auto stage, or for
16 hire vehicle with seating capacity of more than six, notwithstanding
17 the provisions of RCW 46.16.070.

18 (2) In addition to the fees set forth in RCW 46.16.085, there shall
19 be paid and collected annually upon registration except as allowed
20 under section 1 of this act, a fee of one dollar for each trailer,
21 semitrailer, and pole trailer, notwithstanding the provisions of RCW
22 46.16.085.

23 (3) The proceeds from the fees collected under subsections (1) and
24 (2) of this section shall be deposited into the highway safety fund,
25 except that for each vehicle registered by a county auditor or agent to
26 a county auditor under RCW 46.01.140, the proceeds shall be credited to
27 the current county expense fund.

28 (4) An applicant may elect to pay twice the fee required under
29 subsection (1) or (2) of this section and receive a license valid for
30 two years as allowed under section 1 of this act.

31 **Sec. 8.** RCW 46.16.079 and 1986 c 18 s 5 are each amended to read
32 as follows:

33 The licensee of any fixed load motor vehicle equipped for lifting
34 or towing any disabled, impounded, or abandoned vehicle or part
35 thereof, may pay a capacity fee of twenty-five dollars in addition to
36 all other fees required for the annual licensing of motor vehicles in
37 lieu of the licensing fees provided in RCW 46.16.070. However, an

1 applicant may elect to pay twice the fee required under this section
2 and receive a license valid for two years as allowed under section 1 of
3 this act.

4 **Sec. 9.** RCW 46.16.085 and 1991 c 163 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) In lieu of all other licensing fees and except as allowed under
7 section 1 of this act, an annual license fee of thirty-six dollars
8 shall be collected (~~in addition to the excise tax prescribed in~~
9 ~~chapter 82.44 RCW~~) for: ~~((+1))~~ (a) Each trailer and semitrailer not
10 subject to the license fee under RCW 46.16.065 or the capacity fees
11 under RCW ~~((46.16.080))~~ 46.16.079; ~~((+2))~~ (b) every pole trailer. The
12 proceeds from this fee shall be distributed in accordance with RCW
13 46.68.035. This section does not pertain to travel trailers or
14 personal use trailers that are not used for commercial purposes or
15 owned by commercial enterprises.

16 (2) An applicant may elect to pay twice the fee required under
17 subsection (1) of this section and receive a license valid for two
18 years as allowed under section 1 of this act.

19 **Sec. 10.** RCW 46.16.121 and 1967 ex.s. c 83 s 58 are each amended
20 to read as follows:

21 In addition to other fees for the licensing of vehicles, there
22 shall be paid and collected annually, for each auto stage and for hire
23 vehicle, except taxicabs, with a seating capacity of six or less the
24 sum of fifteen dollars. An applicant may elect to pay twice the fee
25 required under this section and receive a license valid for two years
26 as allowed under section 1 of this act.

27 **Sec. 11.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1997 c 291 s 8 are each amended to read
28 as follows:

29 (1) The department may establish a fee for each type of special
30 license plates issued under RCW 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as
31 existing before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in
32 an amount calculated to offset the cost of production of the special
33 license plates and the administration of this program. Until December
34 31, 1997, the fee shall not exceed thirty-five dollars, but effective
35 with vehicle registrations due or to become due on January 1, 1998, the
36 department may adjust the fee to no more than forty dollars. This fee

1 is in addition to all other fees required to register and license the
2 vehicle for which the plates have been requested. All such additional
3 special license plate fees collected by the department shall be
4 deposited in the state treasury and credited to the motor vehicle fund.

5 (2) Until December 31, 1997, in addition to all fees and taxes
6 required to be paid upon application, registration, and renewal
7 registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a collegiate license
8 plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct
9 an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this
10 subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.
11 The remaining proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be
12 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
13 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the
14 funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in
15 RCW 28B.10.890.

16 (3) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on
17 January 1, 1998, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid
18 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
19 collegiate license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty dollars.
20 The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve dollars of
21 each fee collected under this subsection for administration and
22 collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be
23 remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper
24 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the
25 funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in
26 RCW 28B.10.890.

27 (4) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
28 1, 1999, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
29 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a collegiate
30 license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall
31 deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under
32 this subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by
33 it. The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to the custody of the
34 state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The state
35 treasurer shall credit the funds to the appropriate collegiate license
36 plate fund as provided in RCW 28B.10.890.

37 (5) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
38 application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a
39 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of

1 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed
2 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for
3 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
4 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to
5 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments
6 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as
7 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
8 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
9 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
10 to the state general fund.

11 (6) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January
12 1, 1999, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
13 renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a special
14 baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The
15 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee
16 collected under this subsection for administration and collection
17 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be distributed
18 to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest
19 payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium,
20 as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary
21 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW
22 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds
23 to the state general fund.

24 (7) An applicant may elect to pay twice the fee required under this
25 section and receive a license valid for two years as allowed under
26 section 1 of this act.

27 **Sec. 12.** RCW 46.16.505 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 118 s 11 are each
28 amended to read as follows:

29 (1) It shall be unlawful for a person to operate any vehicle
30 equipped with a camper over and along a public highway of this state
31 without first having obtained and having in full force and effect a
32 current and proper camper license and displaying a camper license
33 number plate therefor as required by law: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That if
34 a camper is part of the inventory of a manufacturer or dealer and is
35 unoccupied at all times, and a dated demonstration permit, valid for no
36 more than seventy-two hours is carried in the motor vehicle at all
37 times it is operated by any such individual, such camper may be
38 demonstrated if carried upon an appropriately licensed vehicle.

1 (2) Application for an original camper license shall be made on a
2 form furnished for the purpose by the director. Such application shall
3 be made by the owner of the camper or his duly authorized agent over
4 the signature of such owner or agent, and he shall certify that the
5 statements therein are true and to the best of his knowledge. The
6 application must show:

7 ~~((1))~~ (a) Name and address of the owner of the camper;

8 ~~((2))~~ (b) Trade name of the camper, model, year, and the serial
9 number thereof;

10 ~~((3))~~ (c) Such other information as the director requires.

11 (3)(a) There shall be paid and collected annually for each
12 registration year or fractional part thereof and upon each camper a
13 license fee or, if the camper was previously licensed in this state and
14 has not been registered in another jurisdiction in the intervening
15 period, a renewal license fee. Such license fee shall be in the sum of
16 four dollars and ninety cents, and such renewal license fee shall be in
17 the sum of three dollars and fifty cents.

18 (b) An applicant may elect to pay twice the fee required under (a)
19 of this subsection and receive a license valid for two years as allowed
20 under section 1 of this act.

21 (4) Except as otherwise provided for in this section, the
22 provisions of chapter 46.16 RCW shall apply to campers in the same
23 manner as they apply to vehicles.

24 **Sec. 13.** RCW 46.16.585 and 1979 ex.s. c 136 s 51 are each amended
25 to read as follows:

26 (1) In addition to the regular registration fee, and any other fees
27 and taxes required to be paid upon registration, the applicant shall be
28 charged a fee of thirty dollars. In addition to the regular renewal
29 fee, and in addition to any other fees and taxes required to be paid,
30 the applicant for a renewal of such plates shall be charged an
31 additional fee of twenty dollars: PROVIDED, That any person who
32 purchased personalized license plates containing three letters and
33 three digits on or between the dates of August 9, 1971, and November 6,
34 1973, shall not be required to pay the additional annual renewal fee of
35 twenty dollars commencing with the year 1976. Except as allowed under
36 section 1 of this act, all personalized license plates must be renewed
37 on an annual basis, regardless of whether a vehicle on which they are
38 displayed will not be driven on public highways or may also be eligible

1 to display permanent license plates valid for the life of such vehicle
2 without annual renewal. Personalized license plates that are not
3 renewed must be surrendered to the department, and failure to do so is
4 a traffic infraction.

5 (2) An applicant may elect to pay twice the fee required under
6 subsection (1) of this section and receive a license valid for two
7 years as allowed under section 1 of this act.

8 **Sec. 14.** RCW 46.16.606 and 1991 sp.s. c 7 s 13 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) In addition to the fees imposed in RCW 46.16.585 for
11 application and renewal of personalized license plates an additional
12 fee of ten dollars shall be charged. The revenue from the additional
13 fee shall be deposited in the state wildlife fund and used for the
14 management of resources associated with the nonconsumptive use of
15 wildlife.

16 (2) An applicant may elect to pay twice the fee required under
17 subsection (1) of this section and receive a license valid for two
18 years as allowed under section 1 of this act.

19 **Sec. 15.** RCW 46.16.670 and 1991 c 302 s 3 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 (1) In addition to any other fee required under this chapter, boat
22 trailers shall annually pay a fee of three dollars. The proceeds of
23 this fee shall be deposited in the freshwater aquatic weeds account
24 under RCW 43.21A.650.

25 (2) An applicant may elect to pay twice the fee required under
26 subsection (1) of this section and receive a license valid for two
27 years as allowed under section 1 of this act.

28 **Sec. 16.** RCW 81.104.160 and 1998 c 321 s 35 (Referendum Bill No.
29 49) are each amended to read as follows:

30 (1) Cities that operate transit systems, county transportation
31 authorities, metropolitan municipal corporations, public transportation
32 benefit areas, and regional transit authorities may submit an
33 authorizing proposition to the voters, and if approved, may levy and
34 collect an excise tax, at a rate approved by the voters, but not
35 exceeding eighty one-hundredths of one percent on the value((~~under~~
36 ~~chapter 82.44 RCW,~~) of every motor vehicle owned by a resident of the

1 taxing district, solely for the purpose of providing high capacity
2 transportation service. In any county imposing a motor vehicle excise
3 tax surcharge pursuant to RCW 81.100.060, the maximum tax rate under
4 this section shall be reduced to a rate equal to eighty one-hundredths
5 of one percent on the value less the equivalent motor vehicle excise
6 tax rate of the surcharge imposed pursuant to RCW 81.100.060. This
7 rate shall not apply to vehicles licensed under RCW 46.16.070 except
8 vehicles with an unladen weight of six thousand pounds or less, RCW
9 46.16.079, 46.16.085, or 46.16.090. An applicant may elect to pay
10 twice the tax required under this subsection (1) and receive a license
11 valid for two years as allowed under section 1 of this act.

12 (2) An agency imposing a tax under subsection (1) of this section
13 may also impose a sales and use tax solely for the purpose of providing
14 high capacity transportation service, in addition to the tax authorized
15 by RCW 82.14.030, upon retail car rentals within the agency's
16 jurisdiction that are taxable by the state under chapters 82.08 and
17 82.12 RCW. The rate of tax shall not exceed 2.172 percent. The rate
18 of tax imposed under this subsection shall bear the same ratio to the
19 2.172 percent rate authorized that the rate imposed under subsection
20 (1) of this section bears to the rate authorized under subsection (1)
21 of this section. The base of the tax shall be the selling price in the
22 case of a sales tax or the rental value of the vehicle used in the case
23 of a use tax. The revenue collected under this subsection shall be
24 used in the same manner as excise taxes under subsection (1) of this
25 section.

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