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Brief Description: Meeting financial responsibility requirements for automobiles.

**SB 5280 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Provides that, if a person fails to provide proof of financial responsibility or motor vehicle liability insurance when requested by a law enforcement officer, the law enforcement officer may issue a notice of traffic infraction and may also impound the vehicle if the person cited is also a registered owner of the vehicle. If the vehicle is impounded the registered owner of the vehicle must pay any and all costs associated with impoundment including costs for towing, removal, and storage of the vehicle, and any other fees and fines incurred.

Declares that the second and subsequent times a person fails to provide proof of motor vehicle liability insurance, provided the citations have not been dismissed, in addition to the penalty under this act, the driver's license of that person shall be suspended for one year. The court shall notify the department of licensing when this subsection applies and the driver's license is to be suspended. The department of licensing shall suspend the driver's license under RCW 46.20.291(1).

Provides that the department of licensing shall not issue an original vehicle license or renew a vehicle license unless the applicant provides written proof of meeting the financial responsibility requirements for operating a motor vehicle as provided in RCW 46.30.020.