

1 **HB 2573 - H AMD 0588 ADOPTED 3-13-02**

2 By Representative Schual-Berke

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
4 following:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.055 and 1999 c 274 s 13 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) **Driver's instruction permit.** The department may issue a
8 driver's instruction permit with or without a photograph to an
9 applicant who has successfully passed all parts of the examination
10 other than the driving test, provided the information required by RCW
11 46.20.091, paid a ~~((five-dollar))~~ fifteen dollar fee, plus an
12 additional fifteen dollar fee to fund traffic safety education in the
13 public schools, and meets the following requirements:

14 (a) Is at least fifteen and one-half years of age; or

15 (b) Is at least fifteen years of age and:

16 (i) Has submitted a proper application; and

17 (ii) Is enrolled in a traffic safety education program approved
18 and accredited by the superintendent of public instruction that
19 includes practice driving.

20 (2) ~~**Nonphoto permit fee.** An applicant who meets the requirements~~
21 ~~of subsection (1) of this section other than payment of the five dollar~~
22 ~~fee may obtain a driver's instruction permit without a photograph by~~
23 ~~paying a fee of four dollars.~~

24 ~~((+3))~~ **Waiver of written examination for instruction permit.** The
25 department may waive the written examination, if, at the time of
26 application, an applicant is enrolled in:

27 (a) A traffic safety education course as defined by RCW
28 28A.220.020(2); or

29 (b) A course of instruction offered by a licensed driver training
30 school as defined by RCW 46.82.280(1).

31 The department may require proof of registration in such a course
32 as it deems necessary.

33 ~~((+4))~~ (3) **Effect of instruction permit.** A person holding a
34 driver's instruction permit may drive a motor vehicle, other than a
35 motorcycle, upon the public highways if:

- 1 (a) The person has immediate possession of the permit; and
2 (b) An approved instructor, or a licensed driver with at least
3 five years of driving experience, occupies the seat beside the driver.

4 ~~((+5))~~ (4) **Term of instruction permit.** A driver's instruction
5 permit is valid for one year from the date of issue.

6 (a) The department may issue one additional one-year permit.

7 (b) The department may issue a third driver's permit if it finds
8 after an investigation that the permittee is diligently seeking to
9 improve driving proficiency.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.20.120 and 1999 c 308 s 1 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

25 (ii) Is otherwise qualified to be licensed.

26 (2) **Fee.** Each applicant for a new license must pay an examination
27 fee of ~~((seven))~~ ten dollars, plus an additional fee of fifteen dollars
28 to fund traffic safety education in the public schools.

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

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

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

33 (ii) Whose last previous Washington license has been expired for
34 more than five years.

35 (3) A person whose license expired or will expire on or after
36 January 1, 1998, while he or she was or is living outside the state
37 may:

38 (a) Apply to the department to extend the validity of his or her
39 license for no more than twelve months. If the person establishes to
40 the department's satisfaction that he or she is unable to return to

1 Washington before the date his or her license expires, the department
2 shall extend the person's license. The department may grant
3 consecutive extensions, but in no event may the cumulative total of
4 extensions exceed twelve months. An extension granted under this
5 section does not change the expiration date of the license for purposes
6 of RCW 46.20.181. The department shall charge a fee of five dollars
7 for each license extension;

8 (b) Apply to the department to renew his or her license by mail.
9 If the person establishes to the department's satisfaction that he or
10 she is unable to return to Washington within twelve months of the date
11 that his or her license expires, the department shall renew the
12 person's license by mail. If a person qualifies for a mail-in renewal
13 he or she is not required to pass an examination nor provide an updated
14 photograph. He or she must, however, pay the fee required by RCW
15 46.20.181 plus an additional five-dollar mail-in renewal fee. A
16 license renewed by mail that does not include a photograph of the
17 licensee must be labeled "not valid for identification purposes."

18 (4) If a person's driver's license is extended or renewed under
19 subsection (3) of this section while he or she is outside the state, he
20 or she must submit to the examination required under this section
21 within sixty days of returning to this state. The department will not
22 assess a penalty or examination fee for the examination.

23 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.68.041 and 1998 c 212 s 3 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 (1) ((Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, t))The
26 department shall forward all funds accruing under the provisions of
27 chapter 46.20 RCW together with a proper identifying, detailed report
28 to the state treasurer ((who shall deposit such moneys to the credit of
29 the highway safety fund)).

30 (2) The state treasurer shall deposit fifteen dollars of each
31 driver's instruction permit fee collected under the provisions of RCW
32 46.20.055(1) and fifteen dollars of each driver's license examination
33 fee collected under the provisions of RCW 46.20.120(2) to the credit of
34 the public safety and education account for use in traffic safety
35 education in public schools.

36 (3) The state treasurer shall deposit ((S))sixty-three percent of
37 each fee collected by the department under RCW 46.20.311 (1)(b)(ii),

1 (2)(b)(ii), and (3)(b) ((shall be deposited in)) to the credit of the
2 impaired driving safety account.

3 (4) The state treasurer shall deposit the remainder of the funds
4 collected under subsections (1), (2) and (3) of this section to the
5 credit of the highway safety fund.

6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act takes effect on July 1, 2002.-

7 **EFFECT:** The cost to obtain a driver's instruction fee with or
8 without photograph is changed to be the same. Fees are raised for
9 driver's instruction permits and for driver's licensing examinations
10 from \$5 to \$15 and from \$7 to \$10, respectively. An additional fee of
11 \$15 is collected for each driver's instruction permit and for each
12 driver's licensing examination to fund traffic safety education in the
13 public schools. An effective date is added that is more efficient for
14 the affected agency.