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By Representatives Gombosky and Cox

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1 AN ACT Relating to vehicle registration; amending RCW 46.12.020;
2 and prescribing penalties.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.12.020 and 1989 c 337 s 22 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) No vehicle license number plates or certificate of license
7 registration, whether original issues or duplicates, may be issued or
8 furnished by the department unless the applicant, at the same time,
9 makes satisfactory application for a certificate of ownership or
10 presents satisfactory evidence that such a certificate of ownership
11 covering the vehicle has been previously issued.

12 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no vehicle
13 license number plates or certificate of license registration, whether
14 original issues or duplicates, and no renewed vehicle license may be
15 issued by the department unless the applicant possesses a valid
16 driver's license. In the case of joint application by more than one
17 person, each applicant must possess a valid driver's license.

18 (3) Subsection (2) of this section applies only to applicants who
19 are individual persons and does not apply to corporations, other

1 businesses, or vehicles proportionally registered under chapter 46.87
2 RCW.

3 (4) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply to an applicant
4 with respect to whom the department determines that:

5 (a) The applicant's driver's license is not currently suspended or
6 revoked and the applicant is not in suspended or revoked status;

7 (b) The applicant has not been convicted of a violation of RCW
8 46.20.021, 46.20.342, or 46.20.345; and

9 (c) Circumstances not related to any violation of this title
10 account for the applicant's current lack of a driver's license and the
11 applicant's need to register a vehicle. The applicant shall by
12 affidavit indicate:

13 (i) The reason for the applicant's lack of a driver's license;

14 (ii) The need the applicant has for registering a vehicle; and

15 (iii) That the applicant will not knowingly permit a person without
16 a driver's license to drive a vehicle registered in the applicant's
17 name.

18 (5) A knowingly made material misstatement on an affidavit under
19 subsection (4)(c) of this section is a misdemeanor.

20 (6) No denial under this section of issuance or of renewal of
21 plates or certificates affects the right of a person to maintain,
22 transfer, or acquire title in a vehicle. Unless the parties to the
23 contract agree otherwise, no such denial affects the rights or
24 obligations of a party to a contract for the purchase, or for the
25 financing of the purchase, of a motor vehicle.

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