

SHB 2474 - H AMD 1068

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1 On page 49, after line 9, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 504. RCW 46.16.230 and 1992 c 7 s 41 are each amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (1) The director shall furnish to all persons making satisfactory
5 application for vehicle license as provided by law, two identical
6 vehicle license number plates each containing the vehicle license
7 number to be displayed on such vehicle as by law required: PROVIDED,
8 That if the vehicle to be licensed is a trailer, semitrailer or
9 motorcycle only one vehicle license number plate shall be issued for
10 each thereof. The number and plate shall be of such size and color and
11 shall contain such symbols indicative of the registration period for
12 which the same is issued and of the state of Washington, as shall be
13 determined and prescribed by the director. Any vehicle license number
14 plate or plates issued to a dealer shall contain thereon a sufficient
15 and satisfactory indication that such plates have been issued to a
16 dealer in vehicles. All vehicle license number plates may be obtained
17 by the director from the metal working plant of a state correctional
18 facility or from any source in accordance with existing state of
19 Washington purchasing procedures.

20 (2) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the
21 director may, in his discretion and under such rules and regulations as
22 he may prescribe, adopt a type of vehicle license number plates whereby
23 the same shall be used as long as legible on the vehicle for which
24 issued, with provision for tabs or emblems to be attached thereto or
25 elsewhere on the vehicle to signify renewals, in which event the term
26 "vehicle license number plate" as used in any enactment shall be deemed
27 to include in addition to such plate the tab or emblem signifying
28 renewal except when such plate contains the designation of the current
29 year without reference to any tab or emblem. Renewals shall be
30 effected by the issuance and display of such tab or emblem.

1 (3) The department shall implement a flat, digitally printed
2 license plate system. This system must be in place and operational by
3 January 1, 2005, and must be used to produce all license plates issued
4 by the department by no later than January 1, 2008. The department
5 must phase in the production of flat, digitally printed license plates
6 by first issuing special and personalized plates using this system.
7 Before January 1, 2008, the department may issue all license plates as
8 flat, digitally printed license plates, if the department determines
9 that production of all license plates by the digital printing system is
10 economically viable."

11 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires the department of licensing to implement flat, digitally printed license plates, phasing in production through January 2008.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not available.

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