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By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Edwards, Mielke, Clibborn, Lovick, Flannigan, Chase, Jarrett, Cody, Haigh, Wood, Skinner, McIntire, Rockefeller and Kagi)

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1 AN ACT Relating to driver fitness certification; and creating a new
2 section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of licensing, in
5 cooperation with the age and driving advisory committee established in
6 this section, shall conduct a study of the effects of aging on driving
7 ability to develop a comprehensive approach to licensing drivers and
8 certification of driver fitness. This study must include, but not be
9 limited to:

10 (a) Identification of driver cohorts who may be at risk for being
11 involved in a motor vehicle accident because of age;

12 (b) Availability and effectiveness of remedial measures such as
13 skills training, adaptive equipment, physical therapy, and adjustment
14 of driving practices;

15 (c) Prevalence and effect of degenerative processes affecting
16 vision, mobility, cognitive functions, and reaction time;

17 (d) Effectiveness of public education initiatives;

18 (e) Identification of best practices from other states addressing
19 similar issues of an aging population; and

1 (f) Recommendations for improving processes for certification of
2 driver fitness and safety for older drivers.

3 (2) The department shall appoint the age and driving advisory
4 committee to participate in the study. The committee must include
5 representatives of organizations involved with issues facing older
6 drivers, including but not limited to:

7 (a) Medical professionals;

8 (b) Senior citizen advocacy groups;

9 (c) Providers of services to senior citizens; and

10 (d) Legislators to include, at a minimum, one legislator from each
11 caucus of both the house of representatives and the senate.

12 (3) The committee shall assist the department in reviewing existing
13 studies and other available information to identify where gaps exist in
14 understanding the issues and potential solutions associated with an
15 aging driving population, and to develop recommendations for
16 administrative and legislative action.

17 (4) The department shall provide a status report to the legislature
18 on December 1, 2004, and a final report on October 1, 2005. The report
19 must include any findings of the study, any recommendations of the
20 advisory committee, and any recommendations for statutory change that
21 result from the study.

22 (5) The department shall provide staff support to the committee as
23 needed.

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