

HB 1999 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Transportation

ADOPTED 4/13/05

1 On page 2, after line 19, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.63 RCW
3 to read as follows:

4 (1) In the event a traffic infraction is based on a vehicle's
5 identification, and the registered owner of the vehicle is a rental car
6 business, the law enforcement agency shall, before a notice of
7 infraction may be issued, provide a written notice to the rental car
8 business that a notice of infraction may be issued to the rental car
9 business if the rental car business does not, within thirty days of
10 receiving the written notice, provide to the issuing agency by return
11 mail:

12 (a) A statement under oath stating the name and known mailing
13 address of the individual driving or renting the vehicle when the
14 infraction occurred; or

15 (b) A statement under oath that the business is unable to determine
16 who was driving or renting the vehicle at the time the infraction
17 occurred.

18 Timely mailing of this statement to the issuing law enforcement
19 agency relieves a rental car business of any liability under this
20 chapter for the notice of infraction. In lieu of identifying the
21 vehicle operator, the rental car business may pay the applicable
22 penalty.

23 (2) For the purpose of this section, a "traffic infraction based on
24 a vehicle's identification" includes, but is not limited to, parking
25 infractions, high-occupancy toll lane violations, and violations
26 recorded by automated traffic safety cameras."

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EFFECT: Establishes procedures under which a rental car business may address certain traffic infractions that occurred while a business's vehicle was being rented.