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HOUSE BILL 1249

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1            AN ACT Relating to small trailer license fees and trip permits;  
2 amending RCW 46.63.020; reenacting and amending RCW 46.16.0621; adding  
3 new sections to chapter 46.16 RCW; creating a new section; and  
4 prescribing penalties.

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

6            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.0621 and 2003 c 1 s 2 and 2002 c 352 s 7 are  
7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8            (1) License tab fees are required to be \$30 per year for motor  
9 vehicles, regardless of year, value, make, or model.

10           (2) For the purposes of this section, "license tab fees" are  
11 defined as the general fees paid annually for licensing motor vehicles  
12 and trailers as defined in RCW 46.04.620 and 46.04.623, including cars,  
13 sport utility vehicles, motorcycles, and motor homes. Trailers  
14 licensed under RCW 46.16.068 or 46.16.085 or as provided for in section  
15 2 of this act and campers licensed under RCW 46.16.505 are not required  
16 to pay license tab fees under this section.

17           NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

1           In lieu of the fees provided in RCW 46.16.0621, trailers less than  
2 two thousand pounds scale weight and used for personal use on the  
3 public highways may be licensed upon the payment of a license fee  
4 according to the following weight schedule:

5                   Under 250 pounds	\$0.00
6                   250 - 1,999 pounds	\$30.00

7           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9           (1) The owner of a trailer that under reciprocal agreements with  
10 another jurisdiction would be required to obtain a license registration  
11 in this state or an unlicensed trailer that would be required to obtain  
12 a license registration for operation on public highways of this state  
13 may, as an alternative to license registration, operate the trailer  
14 under the authority of a trailer trip permit issued by this state.

15           (2) Each trailer trip permit authorizes the operation of a single  
16 trailer at the maximum legal weight limit for the vehicle for a period  
17 of three consecutive days, commencing with the day of first use. No  
18 more than three such permits may be used for any one trailer in a  
19 period of thirty consecutive days. Every permit must identify, as the  
20 department may require, the trailer for which it is issued and must be  
21 completed in full and signed by the operator before use of the trailer  
22 on the public highways. Correction of data on the permit such as  
23 dates, license number, or vehicle identification number invalidates the  
24 permit. The trip permit must be displayed in the vehicle pulling the  
25 trailer as prescribed by the department.

26           (3) Trailers operating under the authority of trip permits are  
27 subject to all laws, rules, and regulations affecting the operation of  
28 like vehicles in this state.

29           (4) Trailer trip permits may be obtained from field offices of the  
30 department of transportation, Washington state patrol, department of  
31 licensing, or other agents appointed by the department. The fee for  
32 each trailer trip permit is three dollars and fifty cents. For each  
33 permit issued, a filing fee as provided by RCW 46.01.140 must be  
34 charged. The trailer trip permit fee must be deposited to the credit  
35 of the motor vehicle fund. These fees are in lieu of all other vehicle

1 license fees and taxes. No exchange, credits, or refunds may be given  
2 for trip permits after they have been purchased.

3 (5) The department may appoint county auditors or businesses as  
4 agents for the purpose of selling trailer trip permits to the public.  
5 County auditors or businesses so appointed may retain the filing fee  
6 collected for each trip permit to defray expenses incurred in handling  
7 and selling the permits.

8 (6) A violation of or a failure to comply with any provision of  
9 this section is a gross misdemeanor.

10 (7) The department of licensing may adopt rules as it deems  
11 necessary to administer this section.

12 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.63.020 and 2004 c 95 s 14 are each amended to read  
13 as follows:

14 Failure to perform any act required or the performance of any act  
15 prohibited by this title or an equivalent administrative regulation or  
16 local law, ordinance, regulation, or resolution relating to traffic  
17 including parking, standing, stopping, and pedestrian offenses, is  
18 designated as a traffic infraction and may not be classified as a  
19 criminal offense, except for an offense contained in the following  
20 provisions of this title or a violation of an equivalent administrative  
21 regulation or local law, ordinance, regulation, or resolution:

22 (1) RCW 46.09.120(2) relating to the operation of a nonhighway  
23 vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a  
24 controlled substance;

25 (2) RCW 46.09.130 relating to operation of nonhighway vehicles;

26 (3) RCW 46.10.090(2) relating to the operation of a snowmobile  
27 while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or habit-  
28 forming drugs or in a manner endangering the person of another;

29 (4) RCW 46.10.130 relating to the operation of snowmobiles;

30 (5) Chapter 46.12 RCW relating to certificates of ownership and  
31 registration and markings indicating that a vehicle has been destroyed  
32 or declared a total loss;

33 (6) RCW 46.16.010 relating to initial registration of motor  
34 vehicles;

35 (7) RCW 46.16.011 relating to permitting unauthorized persons to  
36 drive;

37 (8) RCW 46.16.160 relating to vehicle trip permits;

1       (9) Section 3 of this act relating to trailer trip permits;  
2       (10) RCW 46.16.381(2) relating to knowingly providing false  
3 information in conjunction with an application for a special placard or  
4 license plate for disabled persons' parking;  
5       (~~(10)~~) (11) RCW 46.20.005 relating to driving without a valid  
6 driver's license;  
7       (~~(11)~~) (12) RCW 46.20.091 relating to false statements regarding  
8 a driver's license or instruction permit;  
9       (~~(12)~~) (13) RCW 46.20.0921 relating to the unlawful possession  
10 and use of a driver's license;  
11       (~~(13)~~) (14) RCW 46.20.342 relating to driving with a suspended or  
12 revoked license or status;  
13       (~~(14)~~) (15) RCW 46.20.345 relating to the operation of a motor  
14 vehicle with a suspended or revoked license;  
15       (~~(15)~~) (16) RCW 46.20.410 relating to the violation of  
16 restrictions of an occupational or temporary restricted driver's  
17 license;  
18       (~~(16)~~) (17) RCW 46.20.740 relating to operation of a motor  
19 vehicle without an ignition interlock device in violation of a license  
20 notation that the device is required;  
21       (~~(17)~~) (18) RCW 46.20.750 relating to assisting another person to  
22 start a vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock device;  
23       (~~(18)~~) (19) RCW 46.25.170 relating to commercial driver's  
24 licenses;  
25       (~~(19)~~) (20) Chapter 46.29 RCW relating to financial  
26 responsibility;  
27       (~~(20)~~) (21) RCW 46.30.040 relating to providing false evidence of  
28 financial responsibility;  
29       (~~(21)~~) (22) RCW 46.37.435 relating to wrongful installation of  
30 sunscreening material;  
31       (~~(22)~~) (23) RCW 46.37.650 relating to the sale, resale,  
32 distribution, or installation of a previously deployed air bag;  
33       (~~(23)~~) (24) RCW 46.44.180 relating to operation of mobile home  
34 pilot vehicles;  
35       (~~(24)~~) (25) RCW 46.48.175 relating to the transportation of  
36 dangerous articles;  
37       (~~(25)~~) (26) RCW 46.52.010 relating to duty on striking an  
38 unattended car or other property;

1        ~~((+26+))~~ (27) RCW 46.52.020 relating to duty in case of injury to  
2 or death of a person or damage to an attended vehicle;  
3        ~~((+27+))~~ (28) RCW 46.52.090 relating to reports by repairmen,  
4 storagemen, and appraisers;  
5        ~~((+28+))~~ (29) RCW 46.52.130 relating to confidentiality of the  
6 driving record to be furnished to an insurance company, an employer,  
7 and an alcohol/drug assessment or treatment agency;  
8        ~~((+29+))~~ (30) RCW 46.55.020 relating to engaging in the activities  
9 of a registered tow truck operator without a registration certificate;  
10       ~~((+30+))~~ (31) RCW 46.55.035 relating to prohibited practices by tow  
11 truck operators;  
12       ~~((+31+))~~ (32) RCW 46.61.015 relating to obedience to police  
13 officers, flaggers, or fire fighters;  
14       ~~((+32+))~~ (33) RCW 46.61.020 relating to refusal to give information  
15 to or cooperate with an officer;  
16       ~~((+33+))~~ (34) RCW 46.61.022 relating to failure to stop and give  
17 identification to an officer;  
18       ~~((+34+))~~ (35) RCW 46.61.024 relating to attempting to elude  
19 pursuing police vehicles;  
20       ~~((+35+))~~ (36) RCW 46.61.500 relating to reckless driving;  
21       ~~((+36+))~~ (37) RCW 46.61.502 and 46.61.504 relating to persons under  
22 the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs;  
23       ~~((+37+))~~ (38) RCW 46.61.503 relating to a person under age twenty-  
24 one driving a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol;  
25       ~~((+38+))~~ (39) RCW 46.61.520 relating to vehicular homicide by motor  
26 vehicle;  
27       ~~((+39+))~~ (40) RCW 46.61.522 relating to vehicular assault;  
28       ~~((+40+))~~ (41) RCW 46.61.5249 relating to first degree negligent  
29 driving;  
30       ~~((+41+))~~ (42) RCW 46.61.527(4) relating to reckless endangerment of  
31 roadway workers;  
32       ~~((+42+))~~ (43) RCW 46.61.530 relating to racing of vehicles on  
33 highways;  
34       ~~((+43+))~~ (44) RCW 46.61.685 relating to leaving children in an  
35 unattended vehicle with the motor running;  
36       ~~((+44+))~~ (45) RCW 46.61.740 relating to theft of motor vehicle  
37 fuel;

1        ~~((45))~~ (46) RCW 46.64.010 relating to unlawful cancellation of or  
2 attempt to cancel a traffic citation;  
3        ~~((46))~~ (47) RCW 46.64.048 relating to attempting, aiding,  
4 abetting, coercing, and committing crimes;  
5        ~~((47))~~ (48) Chapter 46.65 RCW relating to habitual traffic  
6 offenders;  
7        ~~((48))~~ (49) RCW 46.68.010 relating to false statements made to  
8 obtain a refund;  
9        ~~((49))~~ (50) Chapter 46.70 RCW relating to unfair motor vehicle  
10 business practices, except where that chapter provides for the  
11 assessment of monetary penalties of a civil nature;  
12        ~~((50))~~ (51) Chapter 46.72 RCW relating to the transportation of  
13 passengers in for hire vehicles;  
14        ~~((51))~~ (52) RCW 46.72A.060 relating to limousine carrier  
15 insurance;  
16        ~~((52))~~ (53) RCW 46.72A.070 relating to operation of a limousine  
17 without a vehicle certificate;  
18        ~~((53))~~ (54) RCW 46.72A.080 relating to false advertising by a  
19 limousine carrier;  
20        ~~((54))~~ (55) Chapter 46.80 RCW relating to motor vehicle wreckers;  
21        ~~((55))~~ (56) Chapter 46.82 RCW relating to driver's training  
22 schools;  
23        ~~((56))~~ (57) RCW 46.87.260 relating to alteration or forgery of a  
24 cab card, letter of authority, or other temporary authority issued  
25 under chapter 46.87 RCW;  
26        ~~((57))~~ (58) RCW 46.87.290 relating to operation of an  
27 unregistered or unlicensed vehicle under chapter 46.87 RCW.

28        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.** This act is effective with registration  
29 expirations that are due or become due on September 1, 2005, and  
30 thereafter.

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