
HOUSE BILL 2866

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1 AN ACT Relating to unattended motor vehicles; and amending RCW
2 46.61.600.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.600 and 1980 c 97 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit
7 it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the
8 ignition, removing the key and effectively setting the brake thereon
9 and, when standing upon any perceptible grade, turning the front wheels
10 to the curb or side of the highway. However, a person driving or in
11 charge of a motor vehicle may permit it to stand unattended with the
12 engine running, the ignition locked, the brake effectively set, and,
13 when standing upon any perceptible grade, the front wheels turned to
14 the curb or side of the highway, if reasonably necessary to allow
15 defrosting equipment to remove ice, snow, or condensation from the
16 motor vehicle.

17 (2) The most recent driver of a motor vehicle which the driver has
18 left standing unattended, who learns that the vehicle has become set in

1 motion and has struck another vehicle or property, or has caused injury
2 to any person, shall comply with the requirements of:

3 (a) RCW 46.52.010 if his vehicle strikes an unattended vehicle or
4 property adjacent to a public highway; or

5 (b) RCW 46.52.020 if his vehicle causes damage to an attended
6 vehicle or other property or injury to any person.

7 (3) Any person failing to comply with subsection (2)(b) of this
8 section shall be subject to the sanctions set forth in RCW 46.52.020.

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