
HOUSE BILL 1857

State of Washington

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By Representatives Hinkle and Ross

Read first time 02/07/11. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 AN ACT Relating to requiring proof of insurance to redeem a motor
2 vehicle from impoundment; adding a new section to chapter 46.55 RCW;
3 and prescribing penalties.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.55 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 If a motor vehicle is impounded as a result of a traffic
8 infraction, the registered owner of the vehicle must provide proof of
9 financial responsibility or motor vehicle insurance before the vehicle
10 can be redeemed. If the registered owner fails to provide proof of
11 financial responsibility or motor vehicle insurance within fourteen
12 calendar days of the impound, the registered owner must pay the costs
13 associated with the tow and impound, a fine of three hundred fifty
14 dollars to the department for deposit into the motor vehicle fund, and
15 an additional fine of twenty dollars to the registered tow truck
16 operator for each day the vehicle is kept in impoundment after the
17 fourteen-day period.

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