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By Representative Finn

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1 AN ACT Relating to license plate fraud and law enforcement safety;
2 amending RCW 46.18.220, 46.04.126, and 46.18.255; adding a new section
3 to chapter 46.18 RCW; prescribing penalties; and providing effective
4 dates.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.18.220 and 2010 c 161 s 617 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) A registered owner may apply to the department, county auditor
9 or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director for a collector
10 vehicle license plate for a motor vehicle that is at least (~~thirty~~)
11 forty years old. The motor vehicle must be operated primarily as a
12 collector vehicle and be in good running order. The applicant for the
13 collector vehicle license plate shall:

14 (a) Purchase a registration for the motor vehicle as required under
15 chapters (~~46.16~~) 46.16A and 46.17 RCW; and

16 (b) Pay the special license plate fee established under RCW
17 46.17.220(1)(d), in addition to any other fees or taxes required by
18 law.

19 (2) A person applying for a collector vehicle license plate may:

1 (a) Receive a collector vehicle license plate assigned by the
2 department; or

3 (b) Provide ((a)) an actual Washington state issued license plate
4 designated for general use in the year of the vehicle's manufacture.

5 (3) Collector vehicle license plates:

6 (a) Are valid for the life of the motor vehicle;

7 (b) Are not required to be renewed; and

8 (c) Must be displayed on the rear of the motor vehicle.

9 (4) A collector vehicle registered under this section may only be
10 used for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades,
11 and occasional pleasure driving. A person found to have committed any
12 violation relating to use restrictions regarding a collector vehicle
13 must be assessed a monetary penalty equal to two times the penalty
14 assessed under RCW 46.63.110. This penalty may not be waived, reduced,
15 or suspended. After a third use violation, the collector vehicle
16 license plates must, in addition to the penalty assessment, be replaced
17 with standard Washington state issued license plates and comply with
18 the vehicle registration and fee requirements under chapters 46.16A and
19 46.17 RCW.

20 (5) Collector vehicle license plates may be transferred from one
21 motor vehicle to another motor vehicle described in subsection (1) of
22 this section upon application to the department, county auditor or
23 other agent, or subagent appointed by the director.

24 (6) Any person who knowingly provides a false or facsimile license
25 plate under subsection (2)(b) of this section is guilty of a
26 misdemeanor.

27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 46.18 RCW
28 to read as follows:

29 The department must provide a method by which law enforcement
30 officers may readily access vehicle information for collector vehicles
31 by using the collector vehicle license plate number. In the event
32 duplicate license plate numbers have been issued to more than one
33 collector vehicle, the department must provide a method for law
34 enforcement officers to identify the correct vehicle.

35 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.04.126 and 2009 c 142 s 2 are each amended to read
36 as follows:

1 "Collector vehicle" means any motor vehicle that is more than
2 (~~thirty~~) forty years old.

3 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.18.255 and 2010 c 161 s 623 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) A registered owner may apply to the department, county auditor
6 or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director for a horseless
7 carriage license plate for a motor vehicle that is at least forty years
8 old. The motor vehicle must be operated primarily as a collector
9 vehicle and be in good running order. A person found to have committed
10 any violation relating to use restrictions regarding a horseless
11 carriage motor vehicle must be assessed a monetary penalty equal to two
12 times the penalty assessed under RCW 46.63.110. This penalty may not
13 be waived, reduced, or suspended. After a third use violation, the
14 horseless carriage license plates must, in addition to the penalty
15 assessment, be replaced with standard Washington state issued license
16 plates and comply with the vehicle registration and fee requirements
17 under chapters 46.16A and 46.17 RCW. The applicant for the horseless
18 carriage license plate shall:

19 (a) Purchase a registration for the motor vehicle as required under
20 chapters (~~46.16~~) 46.16A and 46.17 RCW; and

21 (b) Pay the special license plate fee established under RCW
22 46.17.220(1)(i), in addition to any other fees or taxes required by
23 law.

24 (2) Horseless carriage license plates:

25 (a) Are valid for the life of the motor vehicle;

26 (b) Are not required to be renewed;

27 (c) Are not transferrable to any other motor vehicle; and

28 (d) Must be displayed on the rear of the motor vehicle.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Except for section 2 of this act, this act
30 takes effect August 1, 2011.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Section 2 of this act takes effect January
32 1, 2012.

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