
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5271

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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs and King; by request of Department of Licensing)

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1 AN ACT Relating to aligning existing definitions and practices to
2 establish a uniform process for updating addresses of record and make
3 conforming amendments to statutes administered by the department of
4 licensing; amending RCW 46.04.199, 46.12.530, 46.16A.040, 46.16A.190,
5 46.17.230, 46.17.330, 46.20.205, 46.52.120, 46.68.035, 88.02.375,
6 46.17.050, and 46.17.060; and adding a new section to chapter 46.08
7 RCW.

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

9 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.04.199 and 2010 c 161 s 120 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 "Horseless carriage license plate" is a special license plate
12 that may be assigned to a vehicle that is (~~more than~~) at least
13 forty years old.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.08
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 (1) The name, residence address, and mailing address (if
17 different) submitted by an applicant for a driver's license or other
18 permit, identicard, certificate of title, or vehicle or vessel
19 registration is the name and address of record for the person.

1 (2)(a) If an applicant for or the holder of a driver's license,
2 permit, identicard, certificate of title, or vehicle or vessel
3 registration changes his or her name or address, he or she must
4 notify the department of the change in writing on a form provided by
5 the department. The written notification, or other means as
6 designated by rule of the department, is the exclusive means by which
7 the name or address of record maintained by the department concerning
8 the person may be changed.

9 (b) The form must contain a place for the person to indicate that
10 an address change is not for voting purposes. The department must
11 notify the secretary of state by the means described in RCW
12 29A.08.350 of all change of address information for natural persons
13 received by means of this form except information on persons
14 indicating that the change is not for voting purposes.

15 (3) Any notice regarding the refusal, cancellation, suspension,
16 revocation, disqualification, probation, or nonrenewal of the
17 driver's license, commercial driver's license, permit, driving
18 privilege, identicard, certificate of title, or vehicle or vessel
19 registration mailed to the address of record of the applicant or
20 holder is effective notwithstanding the applicant or holder's failure
21 to receive the notice.

22 (4) The department may not change the name of record of a person
23 who is the holder of a driver's license, other driving permit, or
24 identicard under this section unless the person has again satisfied
25 the department regarding his or her identity in the manner provided
26 under RCW 46.20.035.

27 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.12.530 and 2010 c 161 s 302 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 (1) The application for a certificate of title of a vehicle must
30 be made by the owner or owner's representative to the department,
31 county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director
32 on a form furnished or approved by the department and must contain:

33 (a) A description of the vehicle, including make, model, vehicle
34 identification number, type of body, and the odometer reading at the
35 time of delivery of the vehicle;

36 (b) The name and address of the person who is to be the
37 registered owner of the vehicle and, if the vehicle is subject to a
38 security interest, the name and address of the secured party; and

39 (c) Other information the department may require.

1 (2) The department may require additional information and a
2 physical examination of the vehicle or of any class of vehicles, or
3 either.

4 (3) The application for a certificate of title must be signed by
5 the person applying to be the registered owner and be sworn to by
6 that person in the manner described under RCW 9A.72.085. The
7 department shall keep the application in the original, computer, or
8 photostatic form.

9 (4) The application for an original certificate of title must be
10 accompanied by:

11 (a) A draft, money order, certified bank check, or cash for all
12 fees and taxes due for the application for certificate of title; and

13 (b) The most recent certificate of title or other satisfactory
14 evidence of ownership.

15 (5) Once issued, a certificate of title is not subject to
16 renewal.

17 (6) Whenever any person, after applying for or receiving a
18 certificate of title, moves from the address named in the application
19 or in the certificate of title issued to him or her, or changes his
20 or her name of record, the person shall, within ten days thereafter,
21 notify the department of the name or address change as provided in
22 section 2 of this act.

23 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16A.040 and 2010 c 161 s 413 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (1) An owner or the owner's authorized representative must apply
26 for an original vehicle registration to the department, county
27 auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director on a
28 form furnished by the department. The application must contain:

29 (a) A description of the vehicle, including its make, model,
30 vehicle identification number, type of body, and power to be used;

31 (b) The name and address of the person who is the registered
32 owner of the vehicle and, if the vehicle is subject to a security
33 interest, the name and address of the secured party;

34 (c) The purpose for which the vehicle is to be used;

35 (d) The licensed gross weight for the vehicle, which is:

36 (i) The adult seating capacity, including the operator, as
37 provided for in RCW 46.16A.455(1) if the vehicle will be operated as
38 a for hire vehicle or auto stage and has a seating capacity of more
39 than six; or

1 (ii) The gross weight declared by the applicant as required in
2 RCW 46.16A.455(2) if the vehicle will be operated as a motor truck,
3 tractor, or truck tractor;

4 (e) The empty scale weight of the vehicle; and

5 (f) Other information that the department may require.

6 (2) The registered owner or the registered owner's authorized
7 representative shall sign the application for an original vehicle
8 registration and certify that the statements on the application are
9 true to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

10 (3) The application for an original vehicle registration must be
11 accompanied by a draft, money order, certified bank check, or cash
12 for all fees and taxes due for the application for an original
13 vehicle registration.

14 (4) Whenever any person, after applying for or receiving a
15 vehicle registration, moves from the address named in the application
16 or in the registration issued to him or her, or changes his or her
17 name of record, the person shall, within ten days thereafter, notify
18 the department of the name or address change as provided in section 2
19 of this act.

20 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.16A.190 and 2010 c 161 s 433 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 A registered owner or the registered owner's authorized
23 representative shall promptly apply for a duplicate registration
24 certificate if the person is applying for a replacement license tab
25 or windshield emblem or a registration certificate is lost, stolen,
26 mutilated, or destroyed, or becomes illegible. The application for a
27 duplicate registration certificate must include information required
28 by the department and be accompanied by the fee required in RCW
29 46.17.320. The duplicate registration certificate must contain the
30 word, "duplicate."

31 A person recovering a registration certificate for which a
32 duplicate has been issued shall promptly return the recovered
33 registration certificate to the department.

34 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.17.230 and 2011 c 171 s 59 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 Before accepting an application for a replacement license tab or
37 windshield emblem, the department, county auditor or other agent, or
38 subagent appointed by the director shall charge a (~~one-dollar~~)

1 fifty cent fee for each (~~pair of~~) tab(~~s~~) or windshield emblem.
2 The license tab or windshield emblem replacement fee must be
3 deposited in the motor vehicle fund created in RCW 46.68.070. A
4 replacement tab or emblem may be issued under this section only in
5 conjunction with an application for a duplicate registration
6 certificate under RCW 46.16A.190.

7 **Sec. 7.** RCW 46.17.330 and 2010 c 161 s 527 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) In lieu of the vehicle license fee required under RCW
10 46.17.350 and before accepting an application for a vehicle
11 registration for farm vehicles described in RCW 46.16A.425, the
12 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by
13 the director shall require the applicant, unless specifically exempt,
14 to pay the following farm vehicle reduced gross weight license fee by
15 weight:

	WEIGHT	SCHEDULE A	SCHEDULE B
16			
17	4,000 pounds	\$24.50	\$24.50
18	6,000 pounds	\$24.50	\$24.50
19	8,000 pounds	\$24.50	\$24.50
20	10,000 pounds	\$40.50	\$40.50
21	12,000 pounds	\$49.00	\$49.00
22	14,000 pounds	\$54.50	\$54.50
23	16,000 pounds	\$60.50	\$60.50
24	18,000 pounds	\$86.50	\$86.50
25	20,000 pounds	\$95.00	\$95.00
26	22,000 pounds	\$102.00	\$102.00
27	24,000 pounds	\$109.50	\$109.50
28	26,000 pounds	\$115.00	\$115.00
29	28,000 pounds	\$134.00	\$134.00
30	30,000 pounds	\$153.00	\$153.00
31	32,000 pounds	\$182.50	\$182.50
32	34,000 pounds	\$193.50	\$193.50
33	36,000 pounds	\$209.00	\$209.00
34	38,000 pounds	\$228.50	\$228.50

1	40,000 pounds	\$260.00	\$260.00
2	42,000 pounds	\$270.00	\$315.00
3	44,000 pounds	\$275.50	\$320.50
4	46,000 pounds	\$295.50	\$340.50
5	48,000 pounds	\$307.50	\$352.50
6	50,000 pounds	\$333.00	\$378.00
7	52,000 pounds	\$349.50	\$394.50
8	54,000 pounds	\$376.50	\$421.50
9	56,000 pounds	\$397.00	\$442.00
10	58,000 pounds	\$412.50	\$457.50
11	60,000 pounds	\$439.00	\$484.00
12	62,000 pounds	\$470.00	\$515.00
13	64,000 pounds	\$480.00	\$525.00
14	66,000 pounds	\$533.50	\$578.50
15	68,000 pounds	\$556.00	\$601.00
16	70,000 pounds	\$598.00	\$643.00
17	72,000 pounds	\$639.00	\$684.00
18	74,000 pounds	\$693.50	\$738.50
19	76,000 pounds	\$748.50	\$793.50
20	78,000 pounds	\$816.50	\$861.50
21	80,000 pounds	\$880.50	\$925.50
22	82,000 pounds	\$941.00	\$986.00
23	84,000 pounds	\$1,001.00	\$1,046.00
24	86,000 pounds	\$1,061.50	\$1,106.50
25	88,000 pounds	\$1,122.00	\$1,167.00
26	90,000 pounds	\$1,182.50	\$1,127.50
27	92,000 pounds	\$1,242.50	\$1,287.50
28	94,000 pounds	\$1,303.00	\$1,348.00
29	96,000 pounds	\$1,363.50	\$1,408.50
30	98,000 pounds	\$1,424.00	\$1,469.00
31	100,000 pounds	\$1,484.00	\$1,529.00
32	102,000 pounds	\$1,544.50	\$1,589.50

1	104,000 pounds	\$1,605.00	\$1,650.00
2	105,500 pounds	\$1,665.50	\$1,710.50

3 (2) Schedule A applies to vehicles either used exclusively for
4 hauling logs or that do not tow trailers. Schedule B applies to
5 vehicles that tow trailers and are not covered under Schedule A.

6 (3) If the resultant gross weight is not listed in the table
7 provided in subsection (1) of this section, it must be increased to
8 the next higher weight.

9 (4) The farm vehicle reduced gross weight license fees provided
10 in subsection (1) of this section are in addition to the filing fee
11 required under RCW 46.17.005 and any other fee or tax required by
12 law.

13 (5) The farm vehicle reduced gross weight license fee as provided
14 in subsection (1) of this section must be distributed under RCW
15 (~~46.68.030~~) 46.68.035.

16 **Sec. 8.** RCW 46.20.205 and 2015 c 53 s 72 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (~~(1)~~) Whenever any person, after applying for or receiving a
19 driver's license or identicard, moves from the address named in the
20 application or in the license or identicard issued to him or her, or
21 changes his or her name of record, the person shall, within ten days
22 thereafter, notify the department of the name or address change(~~-~~
23 ~~The notification must be in writing on a form provided by the~~
24 ~~department and must include the number of the person's driver's~~
25 ~~license. The written notification, or other means as designated by~~
26 ~~rule of the department, is the exclusive means by which the address~~
27 ~~of record maintained by the department concerning the licensee or~~
28 ~~identicard holder may be changed.~~

29 ~~(a) The form must contain a place for the person to indicate that~~
30 ~~the address change is not for voting purposes. The department of~~
31 ~~licensing shall notify the secretary of state by the means described~~
32 ~~in RCW 29A.08.350 of all change of address information received by~~
33 ~~means of this form except information on persons indicating that the~~
34 ~~change is not for voting purposes.~~

35 ~~(b) Any notice regarding the cancellation, suspension,~~
36 ~~revocation, disqualification, probation, or nonrenewal of the~~
37 ~~driver's license, commercial driver's license, driving privilege, or~~
38 ~~identicard mailed to the address of record of the licensee or~~

1 ~~identocard holder is effective notwithstanding the licensee's or~~
2 ~~identocard holder's failure to receive the notice.~~

3 ~~(2) When a licensee or holder of an identocard changes his or her~~
4 ~~name of record, the person shall notify the department of the name~~
5 ~~change. The person must make the notification within ten days of the~~
6 ~~date that the name change is effective. The notification must be in~~
7 ~~writing on a form provided by the department and must include the~~
8 ~~number of the person's driver's license. The department of licensing~~
9 ~~shall not change the name of record of a person under this section~~
10 ~~unless the person has again satisfied the department regarding his or~~
11 ~~her identity in the manner provided by RCW 46.20.035)) as provided in~~
12 ~~section 2 of this act.~~

13 **Sec. 9.** RCW 46.52.120 and 2016 c 197 s 4 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) The director shall keep a case record on every motor vehicle
16 driver licensed under the laws of this state, together with
17 information on each driver, showing all the convictions and findings
18 of traffic infractions certified by the courts, together with an
19 index cross-reference record of each accident reported relating to
20 such individual with a brief statement of the cause of the accident
21 and whether or not the accident resulted in any fatality.

22 (2) The records shall be for the confidential use of the
23 director, the chief of the Washington state patrol, the director of
24 the Washington traffic safety commission, and for such police
25 officers or other cognizant public officials as may be designated by
26 law. Such case records shall not be admitted into evidence in any
27 court, except where relevant to the prosecution or defense of a
28 criminal charge, or in case appeal is taken from the order of the
29 director, suspending, revoking, canceling, or refusing a vehicle
30 driver's license.

31 (3) The director shall tabulate and analyze vehicle driver's case
32 records and suspend, revoke, cancel, or refuse a vehicle driver's
33 license to a person when it is deemed from facts contained in the
34 case record of such person that it is for the best interest of public
35 safety that such person be denied the privilege of operating a motor
36 vehicle. The director shall also suspend a person's driver's license
37 if the person fails to attend or complete a driver improvement
38 interview or fails to abide by conditions of probation under RCW
39 46.20.335. Whenever the director orders the vehicle driver's license

1 of any such person suspended, revoked, or canceled, or refuses the
2 issuance of a vehicle driver's license, such suspension, revocation,
3 cancellation, or refusal is final and effective unless appeal from
4 the decision of the director is taken as provided by law.

5 **Sec. 10.** RCW 46.68.035 and 2010 c 161 s 804 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The director shall forward all proceeds from vehicle license fees
8 received by the director for vehicles registered under RCW 46.17.330,
9 46.17.350(1) (c) and (k), 46.17.355, and 46.17.400(1)(c) to the state
10 treasurer to be distributed into accounts according to the following
11 method:

12 (1) 22.36 percent must be deposited into the state patrol highway
13 account of the motor vehicle fund;

14 (2) 1.375 percent must be deposited into the Puget Sound ferry
15 operations account of the motor vehicle fund;

16 (3) 5.237 percent must be deposited into the transportation 2003
17 account (nickel account);

18 (4) 11.533 percent must be deposited into the transportation
19 partnership account created in RCW 46.68.290; and

20 (5) The remaining proceeds must be deposited into the motor
21 vehicle fund.

22 **Sec. 11.** RCW 88.02.375 and 2010 c 161 s 1013 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 A vessel owner shall notify the department within (~~fifteen~~) ten
25 days of any of the following:

26 (1) A change of name or address of the owner, as provided in
27 section 2 of this act;

28 (2) Destruction, loss, abandonment, theft, or recovery of the
29 vessel; or

30 (3) Loss or destruction of a valid registration certificate
31 issued for the vessel.

32 **Sec. 12.** RCW 46.17.050 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 211 are each
33 amended to read as follows:

34 (1) Until June 30, 2017, before accepting a report of sale filed
35 under RCW 46.12.650(2), the county auditor or other agent or subagent
36 appointed by the director shall require the applicant to pay:

1 (a) The filing fee under RCW 46.17.005(1), the license plate
2 technology fee under RCW 46.17.015, and the license service fee under
3 RCW 46.17.025 to the county auditor or other agent; and

4 (b) The service fee under RCW 46.17.040(1)(b) to the subagent.

5 (2)(a) Beginning July 1, 2017, before accepting a report of sale
6 filed under RCW 46.12.650(2), the department, county auditor or other
7 agent, or subagent appointed by the director shall require the
8 applicant to pay the filing fee under RCW 46.17.005(1), the license
9 plate technology fee under RCW 46.17.015, the license service fee
10 under RCW 46.17.025, and the service fee under RCW 46.17.040(1)(b).

11 (b) Service((s)) fees collected under (a) of this subsection by
12 the department or county auditor or other agent appointed by the
13 director must be credited to the capital vessel replacement account
14 under RCW 47.60.322.

15 **Sec. 13.** RCW 46.17.060 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 212 are each
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (1) Until June 30, 2017, before accepting a transitional
18 ownership record filed under RCW 46.12.660, the county auditor or
19 other agent or subagent appointed by the director shall require the
20 applicant to pay:

21 (a) The filing fee under RCW 46.17.005(1), the license plate
22 technology fee under RCW 46.17.015, and the license service fee under
23 RCW 46.17.025 to the county auditor or other agent; and

24 (b) The service fee under RCW 46.17.040(1)(b) to the subagent.

25 (2)(a) Beginning July 1, 2017, before accepting a transitional
26 ownership record filed under RCW 46.12.660, the department, county
27 auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director shall
28 require the applicant to pay the filing fee under RCW 46.17.005(1),
29 the license plate technology fee under RCW 46.17.015, the license
30 service fee under RCW 46.17.025, and the service fee under RCW
31 46.17.040(1)(b).

32 (b) Service((s)) fees collected under (a) of this subsection by
33 the department or county auditor or other agent appointed by the
34 director must be credited to the capital vessel replacement account
35 under RCW 47.60.322.

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