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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Ramos, Robertson, Fitzgibbon, Ryu, Callan, Fey, Ramel, Donaghy, and Riccelli)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the creation, display, and material durability
2 of temporary license plates; amending RCW 46.16A.300, 46.17.400, and
3 46.68.450; reenacting and amending RCW 46.16A.305; adding new
4 sections to chapter 46.04 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 "License plate" means a plate that may be issued to a vehicle
9 owner by the department or by an authorized entity for vehicle
10 licensing or identification purposes. "License plates" do not
11 include: (1) Temporary license plates; or (2) metal tags issued for
12 the purposes of licensing wheeled all-terrain vehicles.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 "Temporary license plate" means a plate or placard that may be
16 issued to a vehicle owner by the department or by an authorized
17 entity for the purposes of temporary vehicle licensing.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04
19 RCW to read as follows:

1 "Temporary operating authority" means a paper or electronic
2 credential issued under chapter 46.87 RCW that conforms with the
3 international registration plan requirements for temporary evidence
4 of apportioned registration.

5 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16A.300 and 2010 c 161 s 415 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The department may authorize vehicle dealers properly
8 licensed under chapters 46.09, 46.10, and 46.70 RCW to issue
9 temporary (~~permits~~) license plates as described in RCW 46.16A.305
10 to operate vehicles under rules adopted by the department.

11 (2) The department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent
12 appointed by the director shall collect the fee required under RCW
13 46.17.400(1)(a) for each temporary (~~permit~~) license plate
14 application sold to an authorized vehicle dealer.

15 (3) The payment of vehicle license fees to an authorized dealer
16 is considered payment to the state of Washington.

17 (4) The department shall provide access to a secure system that
18 allows temporary (~~permits~~) license plates issued by vehicle dealers
19 properly licensed under chapters 46.09, 46.10, and 46.70 RCW to be
20 generated and printed on demand. By July 1, (~~2011~~) 2023, all such
21 (~~permits~~) plates must be generated using the designated system.

22 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.16A.305 and 2010 c 161 s 416 and 2010 c 8 s 9011
23 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

24 (1) The department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent
25 appointed by the director may grant a temporary (~~permit~~) license
26 plate to operate a vehicle for which an application for registration
27 has been made. The application for a temporary (~~permit~~) license
28 plate must be made by the owner or the owner's representative to the
29 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by
30 the director on a form furnished by the department and must contain:

31 (a) A full description of the vehicle, including its make, model,
32 vehicle identification number, and type of body;

33 (b) The name and address of the applicant;

34 (c) The date of application; and

35 (d) Other information that the department may require.

36 (2) Temporary (~~permits~~) license plates must:

37 (a) Be consecutively numbered;

1 (b) ~~Be displayed ((where it is visible from outside of the~~
2 ~~vehicle, such as on the inside left side of the rear window))~~ as
3 described for permanent license plates in RCW 46.16A.200(5)(a);
4 ~~((and))~~

5 (c) Be composed of material that must be durable and remain
6 unaltered in field conditions for a minimum of four months; and

7 (d) Remain on the vehicle only until the receipt of permanent
8 license plates.

9 (3) The application must be accompanied by the fee required under
10 RCW 46.17.400(1)(b).

11 (4) Pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, the department
12 may adopt rules for the design and display of temporary license
13 plates.

14 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.17.400 and 2011 c 171 s 62 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) Before accepting an application for one of the following
17 permits or temporary license plates, the department, county auditor
18 or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director shall require
19 the applicant to pay the following permit or temporary license plate
20 fee by permit or license type in addition to any other fee or tax
21 required by law:

PERMIT OR LICENSE	FEE	AUTHORITY	DISTRIBUTION
TYPE			
(a) Dealer temporary <u>license plate</u>	\$ 15.00	RCW 46.16A.300	RCW 46.68.030
(b) Department temporary <u>license</u> <u>plate</u>	\$.50	RCW 46.16A.305	RCW 46.68.450
(c) Farm vehicle trip	\$ 6.25	RCW 46.16A.330	RCW 46.68.035
(d) Nonresident military	\$ 10.00	RCW 46.16A.340	RCW 46.68.070
(e) Nonresident temporary snowmobile	\$ 5.00	RCW 46.10.450	RCW 46.68.350
(f) Special fuel trip	\$ 30.00	RCW 82.38.100	RCW 46.68.460
(g) Temporary ORV use	\$ 7.00	RCW 46.09.430	RCW 46.68.045
(h) Vehicle trip	\$ 25.00	RCW 46.16A.320	RCW 46.68.455

1 (2) Permit or temporary license plate fees as provided in
2 subsection (1) of this section are in addition to the filing fee
3 required under RCW 46.17.005, except an additional filing fee may not
4 be charged for:

5 (a) Dealer temporary (~~permits~~) license plates;

6 (b) Special fuel trip permits; and

7 (c) Vehicle trip permits.

8 (3) Five dollars of the fifteen dollar dealer temporary
9 (~~permit~~) license plate fee provided in subsection (1)(a) of this
10 section must be credited to the payment of vehicle license fees at
11 the time application for registration is made. The remainder must be
12 deposited to the state patrol highway account created in RCW
13 46.68.030.

14 **Sec. 7.** RCW 46.68.450 and 2010 c 161 s 814 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 The department temporary (~~permit~~) license plate fee imposed
17 under RCW 46.17.400(1)(b) must be distributed as follows:

18 (1) If collected by the department, the fee must be distributed
19 under RCW 46.68.030; and

20 (2) If collected by the county auditor or other agent or
21 subagent, the fee must be distributed to the county current expense
22 fund.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** This act takes effect July 1, 2023.

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