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1 AN ACT Relating to motor vehicles; amending RCW 46.16.040,
2 46.16.210, and 46.30.040; and prescribing penalties.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.040 and 1987 c 244 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Application for original vehicle license shall be made on (~~{a}~~)
7 a form furnished for the purpose by the department. Such application
8 shall be made by the owner of the vehicle or duly authorized agent over
9 the signature of such owner or agent, and the applicant shall certify
10 that the statements therein are true to the best of the applicant's
11 knowledge. The application must show:

12 (1) Name and address of the owner of the vehicle and, if the
13 vehicle is subject to a security agreement, the name and address of the
14 secured party;

1 (2) Trade name of the vehicle, model, year, type of body, the
2 identification number thereof;

3 (3) The power to be used--whether electric, steam, gas or other
4 power;

5 (4) The purpose for which said vehicle is to be used and the nature
6 of the license required;

7 (5) The licensed gross weight for such vehicle which in the case of
8 for hire vehicles and auto stages with seating capacity of more than
9 six shall be the adult seating capacity thereof, including the
10 operator, as provided for in RCW 46.16.111. In the case of motor
11 trucks, tractors, and truck tractors, the licensed gross weight shall
12 be the gross weight declared by the applicant pursuant to the
13 provisions of RCW 46.16.111;

14 (6) The unladen weight of such vehicle, if it be a motor truck or
15 trailer, which shall be the shipping weight thereof as given by the
16 manufacturer thereof unless another weight is shown by weight slip
17 verified by a certified weighmaster, which slip shall be attached to
18 the original application;

19 (7) Proof of current insurance required by RCW 46.30.020;

20 (8) Such other information as shall be required upon such
21 application by the department.

22 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.210 and 1977 c 8 s 1 are each amended to read as
23 follows:

24 (1) Upon receipt of the application and proper fee for original
25 vehicle license, the director shall make a recheck of the application
26 and in the event that there is any error in the application it may be
27 returned to the county auditor or other agent to effectively secure the
28 correction of such error, who shall return the same corrected to the
29 director.

1 (2) Application for the renewal of a vehicle license shall be made
2 to the director or his agents, including county auditors, by the
3 registered owner on a form prescribed by the director. The application
4 must be accompanied by the certificate of registration for the last
5 registration period in which the vehicle was registered in Washington
6 unless the applicant submits a preprinted application mailed from
7 Olympia, and the payment of such license fees and excise tax as may be
8 required by law. Such application shall be handled in the same manner
9 and the fees transmitted to the state treasurer in the same manner as
10 in the case of an original application. Any such application which
11 upon validation becomes a renewal certificate need not have entered
12 upon it the name of the lien holder, if any, of the vehicle concerned.

13 (3) Persons expecting to be out of the state during the normal
14 forty-five day renewal period of a vehicle license may secure renewal
15 of such vehicle license for a period of thirty days prior thereto and
16 have license plates or tabs preissued by making application to the
17 director or his agents upon forms prescribed by the director. The
18 application must be accompanied by the certificate of registration for
19 the last registration period in which the vehicle was registered in
20 Washington and be accompanied by such license fees, including a special
21 handling fee of two dollars; one dollar to be retained by the issuing
22 agency, and one dollar to be deposited in the highway safety fund, and
23 excise tax as may be required by law.

24 (4) Every application for an original vehicle license or for the
25 renewal of a vehicle license must be accompanied by proof of the
26 current insurance required by RCW 46.30.020. The department of
27 licensing shall adopt rules concerning valid proof of insurance for
28 persons applying for or renewing a license.

29 (5) Application for the annual renewal of a vehicle license number
30 plate to the director or his agents shall not be required for those

1 vehicles owned, rented, or leased by the state of Washington, or by any
2 county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision of
3 the state of Washington.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.30.040 and 1991 sp.s. c 25 s 2 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Any person who knowingly provides false evidence of financial
7 responsibility to a law enforcement officer (~~(or)~~), to a court, or on
8 an application for an original vehicle license or the renewal of a
9 vehicle license, including an expired or canceled insurance policy,
10 bond, or certificate of deposit is guilty of a misdemeanor.