
SENATE BILL 5918

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1 AN ACT Relating to ride-sharing vehicles; amending RCW 82.08.0287,
2 82.12.0282, and 82.44.015; adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW;
3 and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Transportation demand strategies that reduce
6 the number of vehicles on Washington state's highways, roads, and
7 streets, and provide attractive and effective alternatives to single-
8 occupancy travel can improve ambient air quality, conserve fossil
9 fuels, and forestall the need for capital improvements to the state's
10 transportation system. The legislature has required many public and
11 private employers in the state's largest counties to implement
12 transportation demand management programs to reduce the number of
13 single-occupant vehicle travelers during the morning and evening rush
14 hours. The legislature finds that additional transportation demand
15 management strategies are necessary to mitigate the adverse social,
16 environmental, and economic effects of automobile dependency and
17 traffic congestion. While expensive capital improvements, including
18 dedicated busways and commuter rail systems, may be necessary to
19 improve the region's mobility, they are only part of the solution. All

1 public and private entities that attract single-occupant vehicle
2 drivers must develop imaginative and cost-effective ways to encourage
3 walking, bicycling, carpooling, vanpooling, bus riding, and
4 telecommuting. It is the intent of the legislature to revise those
5 portions of state law that inhibit the application of imaginative
6 solutions to the state's transportation mobility problems and to
7 encourage many more public and private employers to adopt effective
8 transportation demand management strategies.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 In computing tax there may be deducted from the measure of tax
12 amounts of up to sixty dollars per employee of moneys paid by the
13 employer to employees as incentives to participate in transportation
14 demand management programs under chapter 70.94 RCW.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 82.08.0287 and 1980 c 166 s 1 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 The tax imposed by this chapter shall not apply to sales of vans
18 and cars which are to be used regularly as ride-sharing vehicles, as
19 defined in RCW 46.74.010(3), by not less than (~~seven~~) two persons,
20 including passenger(~~s~~) and driver.

21 **Sec. 4.** RCW 82.12.0282 and 1980 c 166 s 2 are each amended to read
22 as follows:

23 The tax imposed by this chapter shall not apply with respect to the
24 use of vans and cars used regularly as ride-sharing vehicles, as
25 defined in RCW 46.74.010(3), by not less than (~~seven~~) two persons,
26 including passenger(~~s~~) and driver, if the vans and cars are exempt
27 under RCW 82.44.015 for thirty-six consecutive months beginning within
28 thirty days of application for exemption under this section.

29 **Sec. 5.** RCW 82.44.015 and 1982 c 142 s 1 are each amended to read
30 as follows:

31 For the purposes of this chapter, in addition to the exclusions
32 under RCW 82.44.010, "motor vehicle" shall not include: (1) Vans and
33 cars used regularly as ride-sharing vehicles, as defined in RCW
34 46.74.010(3), by not fewer than (~~seven~~) two persons, including
35 passenger(~~s~~) and driver(~~, or not fewer than five persons including~~

1 ~~the driver, when at least three of those persons are confined to~~
2 ~~wheelchairs when riding));~~ or (2) vehicles with a seating capacity
3 greater than fifteen persons which otherwise qualify as ride-sharing
4 vehicles under RCW 46.74.010(3) used exclusively for ride sharing for
5 the elderly or the handicapped by not fewer than seven
6 persons, including driver. The registered owner of one of these
7 vehicles shall notify the department of licensing upon termination of
8 regular use of the vehicle as a ride-sharing vehicle and shall be
9 liable for the tax imposed by this chapter, prorated on the remaining
10 months for which the vehicle is licensed.

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