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By Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Ludwig and Newhouse; by request of Washington State Patrol)

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1 AN ACT Relating to traffic citation records; and amending RCW
2 46.64.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.64.010 and 1961 c 12 s 46.64.010 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 Every traffic enforcement agency in this state shall provide in
7 appropriate form traffic citations containing notices to appear which
8 shall be issued in books with citations in quadruplicate and meeting
9 the requirements of this section.

10 The chief administrative officer of every such traffic enforcement
11 agency shall be responsible for the issuance of such books and shall
12 maintain a record of every such book and each citation contained
13 therein issued to individual members of the traffic enforcement agency
14 and shall require and retain a receipt for every book so issued.

15 Every traffic enforcement officer upon issuing a traffic citation
16 to an alleged violator of any provision of the motor vehicle laws of
17 this state or of any traffic ordinance of any city or town shall
18 deposit the original or a copy of such traffic citation with a court

1 having competent jurisdiction over the alleged offense or with its
2 traffic violations bureau.

3 Upon the deposit of the original or a copy of such traffic citation
4 with a court having competent jurisdiction over the alleged offense or
5 with its traffic violations bureau as aforesaid, said original or copy
6 of such traffic citation may be disposed of only by trial in said court
7 or other official action by a judge of said court, including forfeiture
8 of the bail or by the deposit of sufficient bail with or payment of a
9 fine to said traffic violations bureau by the person to whom such
10 traffic citation has been issued by the traffic enforcement officer.

11 It shall be unlawful and official misconduct for any traffic
12 enforcement officer or other officer or public employee to dispose of
13 a traffic citation or copies thereof or of the record of the issuance
14 of the same in a manner other than as required herein.

15 The chief administrative officer of every traffic enforcement
16 agency shall require the return to him of a copy of every traffic
17 citation issued by an officer under his supervision to an alleged
18 violator of any traffic law or ordinance and of all copies of every
19 traffic citation which has been spoiled or upon which any entry has
20 been made and not issued to an alleged violator.

21 (~~Such chief administrative officer shall also maintain or cause to~~
22 ~~be maintained in connection with every traffic citation issued by an~~
23 ~~officer under his supervision a record of the disposition of the charge~~
24 ~~by the court or its traffic violations bureau in which the original or~~
25 ~~copy of the traffic citation was deposited.))~~

26 Any person who cancels or solicits the cancellation of any traffic
27 citation, in any manner other than as provided in this section, shall
28 be guilty of a misdemeanor.

29 Every record of traffic citations required in this section shall be
30 audited (~~monthly~~) no less than annually by the appropriate fiscal
31 officer of the government agency to which the traffic enforcement
32 agency is responsible.

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