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1 AN ACT Relating to the relationship between motor vehicle liability
2 coverage and registration; adding new sections to chapter 46.16A RCW;
3 and prescribing penalties.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16A RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 To renew a vehicle registration, an applicant must provide proof of
8 being insured under a motor vehicle liability policy with liability
9 limits of at least the amounts provided in RCW 46.29.090, a self-
10 insurance certificate as provided in RCW 46.29.630, or proof of
11 coverage under a liability bond of at least the amounts provided in RCW
12 46.29.090.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16A RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) Whenever the motor vehicle liability insurance policy, self-
16 insurance certificate, or liability bond required under section 1 of
17 this act is not renewed or is canceled, whether the nonrenewal or
18 cancellation is initiated by the insured, the insurance company, or the

1 bonding company, the registered owner of the vehicle or vehicles shall
2 immediately notify the department. Failure to provide notice as
3 required under this subsection is a misdemeanor.

4 (2) Upon learning of or receiving notice that a registered owner no
5 longer carries a liability insurance policy, self-insurance
6 certificate, or liability bond, the department shall immediately notify
7 the registered owner of the vehicle or vehicles formerly covered under
8 the policy, certificate, or bond, that the registration for the vehicle
9 or vehicles will be canceled within thirty days from the day of the
10 notice unless the person in whose name the registration appears
11 furnishes proof to the department within that time that replacement
12 insurance has been obtained, or that the requirements of some other
13 method of proof of financial responsibility allowed under RCW 46.30.020
14 have been met. If that proof is not timely supplied, the department
15 shall immediately cancel the registration.

16 (3) The department shall not refund any part of a registration fee
17 in the event of a registration canceled under this section.

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