

tax on marine fuel. The director shall make or authorize the making of studies, surveys, or investigations to assist him in making such determination, and shall hold one or more public hearings on the findings of such studies, surveys, or investigations prior to making his determination. The director may delegate his duties and authority under this section to one or more persons of the department of motor vehicles if he finds such delegation necessary and proper to the efficient performance of these duties. Except as provided in RCW 43.99.160, costs of carrying out the provisions of this section shall be paid from the marine fuel tax refund account created in RCW 43.99.040.

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CHAPTER 75
[Engrossed House Bill No. 82]
MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES--
APPLICATIONS--FEES

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicles; amending section 46.16.210, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.16.210.

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

Section 1. Section 46.16.210, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.16.210 are each amended to read as follows:

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

(2) Application for the renewal of a vehicle license shall be made to the director or his agents, including county auditors, by the registered owner on a form prescribed by the director. The application must be accompanied by the certificate of registration for the last registration period in which the vehicle was registered in Washington unless the applicant submits a preprinted application mailed

from Olympia, and the payment of such license fees and excise tax as may be required by law. Such application shall be handled in the same manner and the fees transmitted to the state treasurer in the same manner as in the case of an original application. Any such application which upon validation becomes a renewal certificate need not have entered upon it the name of the lien holder, if any, of the vehicle concerned.

(3) Persons expecting to be out of the state during the period from January 1st through February 1st may, not earlier than December 1st, but prior to January 1st, secure renewal of a vehicle license and have license plates or tabs preissued by making application to the director or his agents upon forms prescribed by the director. The application must be accompanied by the certificate of registration for the last registration period in which the vehicle was registered in Washington and be accompanied by such license fees, including a special handling fee of one dollar; fifty cents to be retained by the issuing agency, and fifty cents to be deposited in the highway safety fund, and excise tax as may be required by law.

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CHAPTER 76
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HORTICULTURE INSPECTION

AN ACT Relating to horticulture; amending section 15.04.100, chapter 11, Laws of 1961 and RCW 15.04.100; amending section 23, chapter 122, Laws of 1963 and RCW 15.17.230; and amending section 25, chapter 122, Laws of 1963 and RCW 15.17.250.

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

Section 1. Section 15.04.100, chapter 11, Laws of 1961 and RCW 15.04.100 are each amended to read as follows:

The director shall establish a horticulture inspection trust fund to be derived from horticulture inspection district funds. The director shall adjust district payments so that the balance in the