

but shall in any event have a period of not less than two weeks in which to respond.

(h) The final hearing shall be open to the public. There shall be available at the hearing copies of the board's findings of fact, preliminary report, and any written rebuttal received by the board from the person charged. The board shall, on the basis of these documents and any final statement made by the person charged, render a final decision as to whether the facts justify a finding of unethical conduct. A final decision must be agreed upon by at least six members of the board. The board shall notify the appropriate law enforcement agency directly if the board makes a finding that it has reasonable grounds to believe that a criminal violation has occurred.

(i) If the board in its final decision determines that the facts support a finding of unethical conduct, it shall include in its decision a specific recommendation for disciplinary action which may include but is not necessarily limited to: (i) In the case of a legislator, reprimand, censure, or expulsion, and when applicable, restitution; and (ii) in the case of a legislative employee, reprimand, suspension, or dismissal, and when applicable, restitution. Such decision shall be transmitted to the chief clerk of the house or the secretary of the senate as appropriate. Such officer shall deliver the report to his house at such time as that house is in session, for such action as that house deems appropriate.

(j) Upon receipt, complaints shall be assigned a reference number. Each board shall maintain and keep current for public inspection a status sheet which shall contain with respect to each complaint: Its reference number, the date received by the board, and its present status, including the date of any hearings scheduled. The name of the complainant and the person charged shall be entered on the status sheet following the notification provided for in subsection (4)(c) of this section.

The secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the house of representatives shall make available to the public copies of the status sheets, findings of fact, written rebuttals, preliminary reports, and final decisions issued by their respective boards.

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## CHAPTER 166

[House Bill No. 1508]

### RIDE-SHARING VEHICLES—EXCISE TAX EXEMPTIONS

AN ACT Relating to energy conservation tax exemptions; adding a new section to chapter 82-.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.44 RCW; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 82.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The tax imposed by this chapter shall not apply to sales of vans which are to be used regularly as ride-sharing vehicles, as defined in RCW 46.74.010(3), by not less than seven persons, including passengers and driver.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 82.12 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The tax imposed by this chapter shall not apply with respect to the use of vans used regularly as ride-sharing vehicles, as defined in RCW 46.74.010(3), by not less than seven persons, including passengers and driver, if the vans are exempt under section 3 of this act for thirty-six consecutive months beginning within thirty days of application for exemption under this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 82.44 RCW a new section to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter, in addition to the exclusions under RCW 82.44.010, "motor vehicle" shall not include vans used regularly as ride-sharing vehicles, as defined in RCW 46.74.010(3), by not less than seven persons, including passengers and driver. The registered owner of one of these vans shall notify the department of licensing upon termination of regular use of the van as a ride-sharing vehicle and shall be liable for the tax imposed by this chapter, prorated on the remaining months for which the van is licensed.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Sections 1 through 3 of this act shall expire on January 1, 1988.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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