

CHAPTER 106.

[House Bill No. 245.]

VEHICLE LICENSE FEES—EXEMPTIONS.

AN ACT relating to vehicle licenses; amending section 46.16.020, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.16.020; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 46.16.020, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.16.020 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 46.16.020 amended.

Any vehicle owned, rented or leased by the state of Washington, or by any county, city, town, school district or other political subdivision of the state of Washington and used exclusively by them, and all vehicles owned by the United States government, or by the government of foreign countries, or by international bodies to which the United States government is a signatory by treaty, and used exclusively in its or their service shall be exempt from the payment of license fees for the licensing thereof as in this chapter provided: *Provided, however,* That such vehicles, except those owned and used exclusively by the United States government and which are identified by clearly exhibited registration numbers or license plates assigned by an instrumentality of that government, shall be registered as prescribed for the license registration of other vehicles and shall display upon the vehicles the vehicle license number plates assigned by the director of licenses and except in cases of a foreign government or international body shall pay for such number plates a fee of one dollar: *Provided, further,* That no vehicle license or license number plates shall be issued to any such vehicle under the provisions of this section for the transportation of school

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children unless and until such vehicle shall have been first personally inspected by the director of licenses or his duly authorized representative.

Sec. 2. 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.

Passed the House March 18, 1965.

Passed the Senate March 24, 1965.

Approved by the Governor April 2, 1965, with the exception of Section 2 which was vetoed.

Veto message.

NOTE: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"This bill exempts from payment of license fees certain vehicles owned or operated by international bodies. I am informed by the Department of Licenses that there are no vehicles involved which will require licensing before the time when the bill would normally become effective. Yet Section 2 contains the standard emergency clause requiring the act to take effect immediately.

"Imposition of an emergency clause defeats the right of the people to reject legislative action by referendum and should be sparingly used. Having carefully considered the provisions of House Bill No. 245, it is clear that no part of the act is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health and safety, or the support of state government and its existing public institutions.

"Section 2 is therefore vetoed. The remainder of House Bill No. 245 is approved."

**DANIEL J. EVANS,
Governor.**