

## CHAPTER 252.

[ S. B. 461. ]

MOTOR VEHICLES—CERTIFICATES OF OWNERSHIP—  
VEHICLE LICENSES.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; registration; licensing and identification thereof; providing for renewal and transfer of certificates of ownership and registration; notification of new address; providing penalties; adding new sections to chapters 46.12 and 46.16, RCW; amending sections 46.12.100, 46.12.110, 46.16.210 and 46.16.220, RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 46.12.100, RCW, as derived from section 6(a), chapter 188, Laws of 1937, as amended, is amended as follows: Amendment.

In the event of the sale or other transfer to a new registered owner of any vehicle for which a certificate of ownership and a certificate of license registration have been issued, the registered and legal owners shall endorse upon the back of the certificate of ownership an assignment thereof in form printed thereon, and shall record thereon name of purchaser and date of transaction and shall deliver the same to the purchaser or transferee at the time of the delivery to him of the vehicle. Delivery of a certificate of title to a purchaser or his agent without at the same time recording the name of the purchaser and the date of the transaction on the assignment form shall constitute a misdemeanor. Sale or transfer of vehicle; assignment of certificates.  
  
Penalty.

SEC. 2. Section 46.12.110, RCW, as derived from section 6(b), chapter 188, Laws of 1937, as amended, is amended as follows: Amendment.

The purchaser or transferee, unless such person is a dealer, shall within fifteen days thereafter apply to the director or his duly authorized agent for the reissue of such certificate of ownership and transfer of license registration. Such application shall be Application for re-issuance of certificate and transfer of registration.

- Form. made on forms prescribed by the director and accompanied by a fee of one dollar. Upon receipt of such application, accompanied by the endorsed certificate of ownership and such other documentary evidence as is deemed necessary, the director shall, if the application is in order and if all provisions relating to certificates of ownership and license registration have been complied with, issue a new certificate of ownership and new certificate of license registration as in the case of an original issue and shall transmit the fees together with an itemized detailed report to the state treasurer, to be deposited in the motor vehicle fund. If the purchaser or transferee fails or neglects to transfer such certificate of ownership and license registration within fifteen days after date of delivery of the vehicle to him he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and in addition thereto he shall on making application for transfer be assessed a five dollar penalty on the sixteenth day and one dollar additional for each day thereafter, but not to exceed fifteen dollars: *Provided*, That the penalty shall not apply to a registered dealer who has purchased the vehicle for the purpose of resale.
- Fee. .
- Penalty.
- Exception.
- Amendment. SEC. 3. Section 46.16.210, RCW, as derived from section 34, chapter 188, Laws of 1937, as amended, is amended as follows:
- Application; recheck by director and correction of errors. (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.
- Renewal of license. (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, accompanied by the certificate of registration for the last registra-

tion period in which the vehicle was registered in Washington, 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) An application for license, new or renewal, may not be filed prior to the first day of January of the calendar year for which the license is to be issued and if the application for renewal is not filed prior to the sixteenth day of February in each year, a penalty of three dollars shall be assessed and shall not under any condition be waived unless the applicant can furnish an affidavit certifying that the vehicle has not been operated on highways in this state while owned by him since the expiration date of the last license issued in this state, or that the vehicle has been stolen or embezzled: *Provided*, That this penalty shall not apply to vehicles that were at the time of expiration held for sale by a registered dealer and on which an application for renewal license is made by the purchaser at time of sale.

SEC. 4. Section 46.16.220, RCW, as derived from section 12, chapter 164, Laws of 1947, is amended as follows:

Vehicle licenses and vehicle license number plates may be issued for the current calendar year on and after the first day of January and must be used and displayed from the date of issue or from the fifteenth day of February, whichever date is later until renewed in the succeeding calendar year: *Provided*, That no vehicle licenses and vehicle license number plates shall be valid beyond the fifteenth day of Feb-

ruary of the year next following the year in which they were issued.

New section.

SEC. 5. A new section is hereby added to chapter 46.16, RCW, to read as follows:

Truck or trailer; display of license.

The owner or operator of any truck or trailer, including house trailer, shall at all times display either a vehicle license or receipt for personal property tax paid in the current year. It shall be unlawful for any person to display in lieu of the license required, a dealer or trip plate license except for the initial delivery of the vehicle from the seller. The provisions of this section shall not apply to those vehicles identified in section 46.16.065, RCW. A violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor.

Partial invalidity.

SEC. 6. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this act should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the invalidity or unconstitutionality thereof shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this act.

Emergency.

SEC. 7. This act is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of this state and the support of the state government of the state of Washington and its existing institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1953.

Passed the House March 10, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1953.