

CHAPTER 142

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 4545]

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX EXEMPTIONS—RIDE-SHARING VEHICLES

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle excise tax exemptions; amending section 3, chapter 166, Laws of 1980 and RCW 82.44.015; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 3, chapter 166, Laws of 1980 and RCW 82.44.015 are each amended 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: (1) Vans used regularly as ride-sharing vehicles, as defined in RCW 46.74.010(3), by not ((fess)) fewer than seven persons, including passengers and driver, or not fewer than five persons including the driver, when at least three of those persons are confined to wheelchairs when riding; or (2) vehicles with a seating capacity greater than fifteen persons which otherwise qualify as ride-sharing vehicles under RCW 46.74.010(3) used exclusively for ride sharing for the elderly or the handicapped by not fewer than seven persons, including driver. The registered owner of one of these ~~((vans))~~ vehicles shall notify the department of licensing upon termination of regular use of the ~~((van))~~ vehicle 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))~~ vehicle is licensed.

NEW SECTION. 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 Senate March 8, 1982.

Passed the House March 6, 1982.

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CHAPTER 143

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 4547]

ANTIQUA MOTOR VEHICLES—SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

AN ACT Relating to licenses for antique vehicles; and amending section 46.16.310, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 114, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.310.

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

Section 1. Section 46.16.310, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 114, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.310 are each amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, any motor vehicle(~~(, manufactured during or prior to the year 1931,)~~) which is not less than 40 years old and owned and operated primarily as a collector's item shall, upon application and acceptance in the manner and at the time prescribed by the department, be issued a special commemorative license plate in lieu of the regular license plates. Any vehicles to be so licensed must be in good running order. In addition to paying all other initial fees required by law, each applicant shall pay a fee of twenty-five dollars, which fee shall entitle him to one permanent license plate valid for the life of the vehicle.

The registration numbers and special license plates assigned to such motor vehicles shall run in a separate numerical series, commencing with "Horseless Carriage No. 1." The plates shall be of a distinguishing color.

In the event of defacement, loss, or destruction of such special plate, the owner shall apply for a replacement plate in the same manner as prescribed by law for the replacement of regular plates.

All fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the motor vehicle fund.

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CHAPTER 144

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 4638]

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES—RETIREMENT BENEFITS—LUMP SUM PAYMENTS

AN ACT Relating to retirement of public employees; adding a new section to chapter 41.26 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.32 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 41.40 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 41.26 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) On or after the effective date of this act, the director may pay a beneficiary, as defined in RCW 41.04.040(3), subject to the provisions of subsection (4) of this section, a lump sum payment in lieu of a monthly benefit if the initial monthly benefit computed in accordance with RCW 41.26.420 would be less than fifty dollars. The lump sum payment shall be the greater of the actuarial equivalent of such monthly benefits or an amount equal to the individual's accumulated contributions plus accrued interest.

(2) A beneficiary, as defined in RCW 41.04.040(3), subject to the provisions of subsection (4) of this section, who is receiving a regular monthly benefit of less than fifty dollars may request, in writing, to convert from a