

CHAPTER 88.

[Sub. H. B. 26.]

NATIONAL AND STATE FLAGS—DISPLAY.

AN ACT relating to the display of the national and state flags.

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

Flags to be displayed.

SECTION 1. The flag of the United States and the flag of the state shall be prominently installed, displayed and maintained in schools, court rooms and state buildings.

Passed the House February 27, 1955.

Passed the Senate March 1, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 5, 1955.

CHAPTER 89.

[H. B. 87.]

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES.

AN ACT relating to vehicle licenses; amending section 4, chapter 252, Laws of 1953 and RCW 46.16.220, and section 3, chapter 252, Laws of 1953 and RCW 46.16.210, and section 27, chapter 188, Laws of 1937 and RCW 46.08.100, and section 10, chapter 164, Laws of 1947 and RCW 46.16.200; adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW, and repealing section 3, chapter 234, Laws of 1949 and RCW 46.16.190.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 4, chapter 252, Laws of 1953 and RCW 46.16.220 are each amended to read as follows:

Display of motor vehicle licenses and license number plates.

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 through the expiration date, December 31, of the year of issue. Plates of the preceding year may be displayed during the grace period of January 1 through February 15 of the cur-

rent license year: *Provided*, That no vehicle licenses and vehicle license number plates shall be valid beyond the fifteenth day of February of the year next following the year in which they were issued.

SEC. 2. Section 3, chapter 252, Laws of 1953 and RCW 46.16.210 are each amended to read as follows: Amendment.

(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. Application; recheck by director and correction of errors.

(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. Renewal of license.

(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 ve- Filing dates for licenses.

hicle 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.

Amendment.

SEC. 3. Section 27, chapter 188, Laws of 1937 and RCW 46.08.100 are each amended to read as follows:

County auditor's powers and duties.

The county auditor, if appointed by the director, shall carry out the provisions of this title relating to the licensing of vehicles and the issuance of vehicle license number plates under the direction and supervision of the director and may with the approval of the director appoint assistants as special deputies to accept applications and collect fees for vehicle licenses and transfers and to deliver vehicle license number plates.

Fee.

At any time any application is made to the director, the county auditor or other agent pursuant to any law dealing with licenses, certificates of ownership, registration or the right to operate any vehicle upon the public highways of this state, the applicant shall pay to the director, county auditor or other agent a fee of fifty cents for each application in addition to any other fees required by law, which fee of fifty cents, if paid to the county auditor as agent of the director, or if paid to an agent of the county auditor, shall be paid to the county treasurer in the same manner as other fees collected by the county auditor and credited to the county current expense fund. In the event that such fee is paid to another agent of the director, such fee shall be used by such agent to defray his expenses in handling the application. All such filing fees collected by the director or branches of his office shall be certified to the state

treasurer and deposited to the credit of the motor vehicle fund.

SEC. 4. Section 10, chapter 164, Laws of 1947 and RCW 46.16.200 are each amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Upon receipt by agents of the director, including county auditors, of original applications for vehicle licenses accompanied by the proper fees, such agents shall, if the applications are in proper form and accompanied by such information as may be required by the director, immediately forward such applications with proper identifying reports and fees to the director. Forwarding of application and fee to director.

This section amended by sec. 1, chap. 259, Laws of 1955.

SEC. 5. Section 3, chapter 234, Laws of 1949 and RCW 46.16.190 are each repealed. Repeal.

SEC. 6. There is added to chapter 46.04 RCW, a new section to read as follows: New section.

“Temporarily sojourning,” as the term is used in chapter 46.04 RCW, shall be construed to include any nonresident who is within this state for a period of not to exceed six months in any one year. “Temporarily sojourning” defined.

Passed the House March 1, 1955.

Passed the Senate February 28, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 5, 1955.

CHAPTER 90.

[H. B. 33.]

MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL EXCISE TAX REFUNDS.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle fuel excise tax refunds; providing that applications shall be filed within thirteen months from date of purchase; and amending section 1, chapter 38, Laws of 1945 and RCW 82.36.330.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 38, Laws of 1945 and RCW 82.36.330 are each amended to read as follows: Amendment.