

(4) The county clerk promptly seals and stores at least one original negative of each such photographic film, microphotographic, photostatic or similar reproduction in such manner and place as reasonably to assure its preservation indefinitely against loss, theft, defacement, or destruction.

Sec. 2. Section 36.23.070, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 as amended by section 3, chapter 34, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 36.23.070 are each amended to read as follows:

A county clerk may at any time more than ((seven)) six years after the entry of final judgment in any action apply to the superior court for an authorizing order and, upon such order being signed and entered, destroy any exhibits, unopened depositions and reporters' notes which have theretofore been filed in such cause: PROVIDED, That reporters' notes in criminal cases must be preserved for at least fifteen years: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any exhibits which are deemed to possess historical value may be directed to be delivered by the clerk to libraries or historical societies.

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#### CHAPTER 15

[Senate Bill No. 2056]

#### FOR HIRE VEHICLES--MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

AN ACT Relating to vehicles for hire; amending section 46.72.040, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 82, chapter 32, Laws of 1967 and RCW 46.72.040; and amending section 46.72.050, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 83, chapter 32, Laws of 1967 and RCW 46.72.050.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 46.72.040, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 82, chapter 32, Laws of 1967 and RCW 46.72.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Before a permit is issued every for hire operator shall be required to deposit and thereafter keep on file with the director a surety bond running to the state of Washington covering each and every for hire vehicle as may be owned or leased by him and used in the conduct of his business as a for hire operator. Such bond shall be in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for any recovery for death or personal injury by one person, and ((ten)) three hundred thousand dollars for all persons killed or receiving personal injury

by reason of one act of negligence, and ((one)) twenty-five thousand dollars for damage to property of any person other than the assured, with a good and sufficient surety company licensed to do business in this state as surety and to be approved by the director, conditioned for the faithful compliance by the principal of said bond with the provisions of this chapter, and to pay all damages which may be sustained by any person injured by reason of any careless negligence or unlawful act on the part of said principal, his agents or employees in the conduct of said business or in the operation of any motor propelled vehicle used in transporting passengers for compensation on any public highway of this state.

Sec. 2. Section 46.72.050, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 83, chapter 32, Laws of 1967 and RCW 46.72.050 are each amended to read as follows:

In lieu of the surety bond as provided in this chapter, there may be deposited and kept on file and in force with the director a public liability insurance policy covering each and every motor vehicle operated or intended to be so operated, executed by an insurance company licensed and authorized to write such insurance policies in the state of Washington, assuring the applicant for a permit against property damage and personal liability to the public, with the premiums paid and payment noted thereon. Said policy of insurance shall provide a minimum coverage equal and identical to the coverage required by the aforesaid surety bond, specified under the provisions of section 1 of this 1973 amendatory act. No provisions of this chapter shall be construed to limit the right of any injured person to any private right of action against a for hire operator as herein defined.

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#### CHAPTER 16

[Senate Bill No. 2080]

#### COURT FEES--CRIMINAL CASES

AN ACT Relating to fees of clerks of the superior courts; and amending section 36.18.020, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 as last amended by section 1, chapter [38] (HB[308]), Laws of 1973 and RCW 36.18.020.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 36.18.020, chapter 4, Laws of 1963, as