

Sec. 3. Section 1, chapter 1, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.130 are each amended to read as follows:

The limitations of RCW 46.44.010, 46.44.020, 46.44.030, and 46.44.040 shall not apply to the movement of farm implements of less than forty-five thousand pounds gross weight, a total length of seventy feet or less, and a total outside width of fourteen feet or less when being moved while patrolled, flagged, lighted, signed and at a time of day in accordance with rules hereby authorized to be adopted by the highway commission and the statutes. Violation of a rule adopted by the highway commission as authorized by this section or a term of this section is a misdemeanor.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This 1973 amendatory 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 July 1, 1975.

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CHAPTER 169

[House Bill No. 172]

PUBLICLY OWNED VEHICLES—IDENTIFICATION AND LICENSING

AN ACT Relating to publicly owned motor vehicles; amending section 46.08.065, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.08.065; amending section 46.16.020, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 22, chapter 132, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.020; amending section 46.16.210, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 75, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.210; amending section 46.16.270, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 78, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.270; adding new sections to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 46.08 RCW; and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. Section 46.08.065, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.08.065 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) It shall be unlawful for any public officer having charge of any vehicle other than a motorcycle owned ((by the state of Washington)) or controlled by any county, city, town, or ((other)) public body in this state other than the state of Washington and used in public business to operate the same upon the public highways of this state unless and until there shall be ((painted)) displayed upon such automobile or other motor vehicle in letters of contrasting color not less than ((two)) one and one-quarter inches in height in a conspicuous place on the right and left sides thereof, ((the words "State of Washington" or)) the name of such county, city, town, or other public body, together with the name of the department or office upon the business of which the said vehicle is used((~~PROVIDED; That~~)). This section shall not apply to vehicles of ((the Washington state patrol;)) a sheriff's office, local police department, or any vehicles used by local peace officers under public authority for special undercover or ((general)) confidential investigative purposes((~~PROVIDED FURTHER; That~~)). This subsection shall not apply to: (a) Any municipal transit vehicle operated for purposes of providing

public mass transportation; nor to (b) any motor vehicle on loan to a school district for driver training purposes. It shall be lawful and constitute compliance with the provisions of this section, however, for ((any department or office)) the governing body of the appropriate county, city, town, or public body other than the state of Washington or its agencies to adopt and use ((in lieu of the lettering required)) a distinctive insignia ((- approved by the state commission on equipment, and bearing substantially the same information as required herein)) which shall be not less than six inches in diameter across its smallest dimension and which shall be displayed conspicuously on the right and left sides of the vehicle. Such insignia shall be in a color or colors contrasting with the vehicle to which applied for maximum visibility. The name of the public body owning or operating the vehicle shall also be included as part of or displayed above such approved insignia in colors contrasting with the vehicle in letters not less than one and one-quarter inches in height. Immediately below the lettering identifying the public entity and agency operating the vehicle or below an approved insignia shall appear the words "for official use only" in letters at least one inch high in a color contrasting with the color of the vehicle. The appropriate governing body may provide by rule or ordinance for exceptions to the marking requirements for local governmental agencies for the same purposes and under the same circumstances as permitted for state agencies under subsections (4) and (5) of this section.

(2) Except as provided by subsections (3), (4), or (5) of this section, every state office, agency, commission, department, or institution financed in whole or in part from funds appropriated by the legislature shall plainly and conspicuously mark the right and left front doors of each motor vehicle other than a motorcycle under its ownership or control which is used on any public road or street with the name of the operating department, agency, or institution (or the words "state motor pool" as appropriate) in letters at least one and one-quarter inches high of a color contrasting with the color of the vehicle. Immediately below such lettering and also in a contrasting color shall appear the official seal of the state of Washington, the size of which shall be not less than six inches in diameter. Immediately below the official seal, or insignia if authorized under subsection (3) of this section, shall appear the words "for official use only" in letters at least one inch high in a color contrasting with the color of the vehicle.

(3) The department of general administration, with the consent of the automotive policy board, may approve the use of a distinctive departmental, office, agency, institutional, or commission insignia in lieu of the state seal required under subsection (2) of this section. Such insignia, if approved, shall be in a color or colors contrasting with the vehicle to which applied and shall be not less than six inches in diameter or across its smallest dimension. The words "State of Washington" shall be included as part of or displayed above such approved insignia in a color contrasting with the vehicle in letters not less than one and one-quarter inches in height.

(4) Any distinctive departmental, office, agency, institutional, or commission insignia approved for marking of state vehicles by the state commission on equipment on or before January 1, 1975, shall be approved for continued use if it conforms to the standards imposed by subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

(5) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall not apply to vehicles used by the Washington state patrol for general undercover or confidential investigative purposes. Traffic control vehicles of the Washington state patrol may be exempted from the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section at the discretion of the chief of the Washington state patrol. The department of general administration, with the consent of the auto motive policy board, shall promulgate general rules and regulations permitting other exceptions to the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section for other vehicles used for law enforcement, confidential public health work, and public assistance fraud or support investigative purposes, for vehicles leased or rented by the state on a casual basis for a period of less than ninety days, and those provided for in section 2(3) of this 1975 amendatory act. The exceptions in this subsection and those provided for in section 2(3) of this 1975 amendatory act shall be the only exceptions permitted to the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

(6) Any motorcycle owned or controlled by the state of Washington or by any county, city, town, or other public body in this state and used for public purposes on the public highways of this state shall be conspicuously marked in letters of a contrasting color with the words "State of Washington" or the name of such county, city, town, or other public body, together with the name of the department or office upon the business of which the motorcycle is used.

(7) All motor vehicle markings required under the terms of this chapter shall be maintained in a legible condition at all times.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 46.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the department of motor vehicles is authorized to issue confidential motor vehicle license plates to units of local government and to agencies of the federal government for law enforcement purposes only.

(2) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section the use of confidential plates on vehicles owned or operated by the state of Washington by any officer or employee thereof, shall be limited to confidential, investigative, or undercover work of state law enforcement agencies, confidential public health work, and confidential public assistance fraud or support investigations.

(3) Any state official elected on a state-wide basis shall be provided on request with one set of confidential plates for use on official business. When necessary for the personal security of any other public officer, or public employee, the chief of the Washington state patrol may recommend that the director issue confidential plates for use on an unmarked publicly owned or controlled vehicle of the appropriate governmental unit for the conduct of official business for the period of time that the personal security of such state official, public officer, or other public employee may require. The office of the state treasurer may use an unmarked state owned or controlled vehicle with confidential plates where required for the safe transportation of either state funds or negotiable securities to or from the office of the state treasurer.

(4) The director of the department of motor vehicles, with the approval of the automotive policy board established pursuant to section 6, chapter ...[167] (HB

105), Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess., may issue rules and regulations governing applications for, and the use of, such plates by law enforcement and other public agencies. The legislative auditor shall periodically examine or require filing of a current listing of the total number of such plates issued to any law enforcement or other public agency. Reports on the utilization of such plates shall be submitted to the legislative budget committee and to the legislature.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 46.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

A violation of any provision of RCW 46.08.065 as now or hereafter amended or of section 2 of this 1975 amendatory act shall subject the public officer or employee committing such violation to disciplinary action by the appropriate appointing authority or employing agency. Such disciplinary action may include, but shall not be limited to, suspension without pay or termination of employment in the case of repeated or continuing noncompliance.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 46.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Any vehicle properly marked pursuant to statutory requirements in effect prior to the effective date of this 1975 amendatory act, need not be remarked to conform to the requirements of sections 1, 2, and 3 of this 1975 amendatory act until July 1, 1977.

Sec. 5. Section 46.16.020, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 22, chapter 132, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.020 are each amended to read as follows:

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 or leased with an option to purchase 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 and except in cases of a foreign government or international body shall pay for such number plates a fee of one dollar))~~ to it. The department shall assign a plate or plates to each vehicle or may assign a block of plates to an agency or political subdivision for further assignment by the agency or political subdivision to individual vehicles registered to it pursuant to this section. The agency or political subdivision, except a foreign government or international body, shall pay a fee of two dollars for the plate or plates for each vehicle: **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 children unless and until such vehicle shall have been first personally inspected by the director or his duly authorized representative.

Sec. 6. Section 46.16.210, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 75, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.210 are each amended to read as follows:

(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.

(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.

(3) Persons expecting to be out of the state during the period from January 1st through February 1st may, not earlier than December 1st, but prior to January 1st, secure renewal of a vehicle license and have license plates or tabs preissued by making application to the director or his agents upon forms 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 and be accompanied by such license fees, including a special handling fee of one dollar; fifty cents to be retained by the issuing agency, and fifty cents to be deposited in the highway safety fund, and excise tax as may be required by law.

(4) Application for the annual renewal of a vehicle license number plate to the director or his agents shall not be required for those vehicles 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.

Sec. 7. Section 46.16.270, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 78, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.270 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon the loss, defacement, or destruction of one or both of the vehicle license number plates issued for any vehicle where more than one plate was originally issued or where one or both have become so illegible or in such a condition as to be difficult to distinguish, the owner of the vehicle shall make application for new vehicle license number plates upon a form furnished by the director, upon which form it shall be required that the owner, in addition to other requirements, make a complete statement as to the cause of the loss, defacement, or destruction of the original plate or plates, which statement shall be subscribed and sworn to before a notary public or other person authorized to certify to statements upon vehicle license applications. Such application shall be filed with the director or his authorized agent, accompanied by the certificate of license registration of the vehicle and a fee in the amount of four dollars, whereupon the director, or his authorized

agent, shall issue new vehicle license number plates to the applicant. It shall be accompanied by a fee of two dollars for a new vehicle license number plate where only one was originally issued and one dollar for a new motorcycle license number plate. In the event the director has issued license period tabs or a windshield emblem instead of vehicle license number plates, and upon the loss, defacement or destruction of said tabs or windshield emblem, application shall be made on a form provided by the director and in the same manner as above described, and shall be accompanied by a fee of one dollar for each pair of tabs or for each windshield emblem, whereupon the director shall issue to the applicant a duplicate pair of tabs or a windshield emblem to replace those lost, defaced or destroyed: PROVIDED, That for those vehicles 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 or United States government, a fee shall be charged for replacement of a vehicle license number plate only to the extent required by the provisions of RCW 46.16.020, 46.16.061, 46.16.237, and 46.01.140: PROVIDED FURTHER, That for those vehicles owned, rented, or leased by foreign countries or international bodies to which the United States government is a signatory by treaty, the payment of any fee for the replacement of a vehicle license number plate shall not be required.

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CHAPTER 170

[House Bill No. 763]

DELINQUENT JUVENILES—JURISDICTION BEYOND EIGHTEENTH AND TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAYS

AN ACT Relating to juvenile courts; adding a new section to chapter 13.04 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 13.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

In no case shall a delinquent juvenile be committed by the juvenile court to the department of social and health services for placement in a juvenile correctional institution beyond the child's twenty-first birthday. A delinquent juvenile shall be under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court or the authority of the department of social and health services beyond the child's eighteenth birthday only if the juvenile court has, prior to the juvenile's eighteenth birthday, found the juvenile to be delinquent and has extended the jurisdiction beyond the child's eighteenth birthday by written order setting forth its reasons therefor.

In no event shall the juvenile court have authority to extend jurisdiction over any delinquent juvenile beyond the juvenile's twenty-first birthday.