

CHAPTER 241

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 3194]

MOTOR VEHICLE CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle certificates of ownership; amending section 46.08.120, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 22, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 46.01.260; and adding a new section to chapter 46.12 RCW.

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

Sec. 1. Section 46.08.120, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 22, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 46.01.260 are each amended to read as follows:

The director, in his discretion, may destroy applications for vehicle licenses, copies of vehicle licenses issued, applications for drivers' licenses, copies of issued drivers' licenses, certificates of title and registration or other documents, records or supporting papers on file in his office which have been microfilmed or photographed or are more than five years old. If the applications for vehicle licenses are renewal applications, the director may destroy such applications when the computer record thereof has been updated.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 46.12 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 42.17 RCW, the name or address of an individual vehicle owner shall not be released by the department, county auditor or other public agency except upon written request, signed by the person requesting disclosure, stating their full legal name and address. The request for disclosure is itself a public record, subject to inspection and copying, and shall be retained by the disclosing agency for two years.

When deemed appropriate by the disclosing agency, notice that such a disclosure request has been honored may be sent to the affected vehicle owner, indicating the name and address of the person requesting disclosure.

This section shall not apply to persons who routinely request disclosure of vehicle registration information for use in the course of their business or occupation.

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