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**HOUSE BILL 1736**

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**By** Representatives Cortes and Fey

1 AN ACT Relating to requiring the department of licensing to  
2 collect vehicle odometer readings at the time of original vehicle  
3 registration and registration renewal; amending RCW 46.16A.040 and  
4 46.16A.110; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** For the purpose of gaining more accurate  
7 information on vehicle miles traveled in the state, including by  
8 geographical region, to further state transportation planning efforts  
9 and the transportation system policy goals of preservation, safety,  
10 stewardship, mobility, economic vitality, and protection of the  
11 environment established in RCW 47.04.280, as well as to facilitate  
12 development of alternative transportation funding mechanisms, the  
13 legislature finds it necessary to collect motor vehicle mileage  
14 information through the reporting of annual odometer readings.  
15 Therefore, the legislature intends to require the department of  
16 licensing to begin collecting motor vehicle odometer mileage upon  
17 vehicle registration beginning March 1, 2024.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16A.040 and 2017 c 147 s 4 are each amended to  
19 read as follows:

1 (1) An owner or the owner's authorized representative must apply  
2 for an original vehicle registration to the department, county  
3 auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director on a  
4 form furnished by the department. The application must contain:

5 (a) A description of the vehicle, including its make, model,  
6 vehicle identification number, type of body, and power to be used;

7 (b) The name and address of the person who is the registered  
8 owner of the vehicle and, if the vehicle is subject to a security  
9 interest, the name and address of the secured party;

10 (c) The purpose for which the vehicle is to be used;

11 (d) The licensed gross weight for the vehicle, which is:

12 (i) The adult seating capacity, including the operator, as  
13 provided for in RCW 46.16A.455(1) if the vehicle will be operated as  
14 a for hire vehicle or auto stage and has a seating capacity of more  
15 than six; or

16 (ii) The gross weight declared by the applicant as required in  
17 RCW 46.16A.455(2) if the vehicle will be operated as a motor truck,  
18 tractor, or truck tractor;

19 (e) The empty scale weight of the vehicle; (~~and~~)

20 (f) If being registered for on-road use, the mileage shown on the  
21 odometer of the motor vehicle at the time of application; and

22 (g) Other information that the department may require.

23 (2) The registered owner or the registered owner's authorized  
24 representative shall sign the application for an original vehicle  
25 registration and certify that the statements on the application are  
26 true to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

27 (3) The application for an original vehicle registration must be  
28 accompanied by a draft, money order, certified bank check, or cash  
29 for all fees and taxes due for the application for an original  
30 vehicle registration.

31 (4) Whenever any person, after applying for or receiving a  
32 vehicle registration, moves from the address named in the application  
33 or in the registration issued to him or her, or changes his or her  
34 name of record, the person shall, within (~~ten~~) 10 days thereafter,  
35 notify the department of the name or address change as provided in  
36 RCW 46.08.195.

37 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.16A.110 and 2014 c 80 s 3 are each amended to  
38 read as follows:

1 (1) A registered owner or the registered owner's authorized  
2 representative must apply for a renewal vehicle registration to the  
3 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by  
4 the director on a form approved by the director. The application for  
5 a renewal vehicle registration must be accompanied by a draft, money  
6 order, certified bank check, or cash for all fees and taxes required  
7 by law for the application for a renewal vehicle registration, and if  
8 a motor vehicle is being registered for on-road use, must include the  
9 mileage shown on the odometer of the vehicle at the time of  
10 application.

11 (2) (a) When a vehicle changes ownership, the person taking  
12 ownership or his or her authorized representative must apply for a  
13 renewal vehicle registration as provided in subsection (1) of this  
14 section and, except as provided in (b) of this subsection, pay all  
15 the taxes and fees that are due at the time of registration renewal.  
16 For the purposes of this section, when a vehicle is sold to a vehicle  
17 dealer for resale, the application for a renewal registration need  
18 not be made until the vehicle is sold by the vehicle dealer.

19 (b) The person taking ownership or his or her authorized  
20 representative must be given credit for the portion of a motor  
21 vehicle excise tax, including the motor vehicle excise tax collected  
22 under RCW 81.104.160, that reflects the remaining period for which  
23 the tax was initially paid by the previous owner.

24 (3) An application and the fees and taxes for a renewal vehicle  
25 registration must be handled in the same manner as an original  
26 vehicle registration application. The registration does not need to  
27 show the name of the lienholder when the application for renewal  
28 vehicle registration becomes the renewal registration upon  
29 validation.

30 (4) A person expecting to be out of state during the normal  
31 renewal period of a vehicle registration may renew a vehicle  
32 registration and have license plates or tabs preissued by applying  
33 for a renewal as described in subsection (1) of this section. A  
34 vehicle registration may be renewed for the subsequent registration  
35 year up to (~~eighteen~~) 18 months before the current expiration date  
36 and must be displayed from the date of issue or from the day of the  
37 expiration of the current registration year, whichever date is later.

38 (5) An application for a renewal vehicle registration is not  
39 required for those vehicles owned, rented, or leased by:

1 (a) The state of Washington, or by any county, city, town, school  
2 district, or other political subdivision of the state of Washington;  
3 or

4 (b) A governing body of an Indian tribe located within this state  
5 and recognized as a governmental entity by the United States  
6 department of the interior.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act takes effect March 1, 2024.

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