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1 AN ACT Relating to two-year registration periods for certain
2 vehicles while maintaining existing annual vehicle registration fee
3 amounts; amending RCW 46.16A.010, 46.16A.020, 46.16A.110, 46.16A.180,
4 46.17.015, 46.17.025, 46.17.305, 46.17.323, 46.17.350, 46.17.355,
5 46.17.365, 46.17.375, 46.68.030, 82.44.060, 82.50.460, and 82.80.140;
6 adding a new section to chapter 46.16A RCW; providing an effective
7 date; and providing a contingent expiration date.

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

9 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16A.010 and 2010 c 161 s 401 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 For the purposes of this chapter unless the context clearly
12 requires otherwise:

13 (1) "Commercial motor vehicle," for the purposes of requiring a
14 department of transportation number, means the same as defined in RCW
15 46.25.010(6), or a motor vehicle used in commerce when the motor
16 vehicle: (a) Has a gross vehicle weight rating of 11,794 kilograms or
17 more (26,001 pounds or more) inclusive of a towed unit of a gross
18 vehicle weight rating of more than 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds or
19 more); (b) has a gross vehicle weight rating of 11,794 kilograms or
20 more (26,001 pounds or more); or (c) is used in the transportation of
21 hazardous materials, as defined in RCW 46.25.010(13);

1 (2) "Department of transportation number" means a department of
2 transportation number from the federal motor carrier safety
3 administration;

4 (3) "Interstate commercial motor vehicle" means a commercial
5 vehicle that operates in more than one state;

6 (4) "Intrastate commercial motor vehicle" means a commercial
7 vehicle that operates exclusively within the state of Washington;

8 (5) "Motor carrier" means a person or entity who has been issued
9 a department of transportation number and who owns a commercial motor
10 vehicle;

11 (6) "Registration year" means the effective period of a vehicle
12 registration issued by the department. A registration year begins at
13 12:01 a.m. on the date of the calendar year designated by the
14 department and ends at 12:00 a.m. the same day the following year
15 unless otherwise specified;

16 (7) "Renewal notice" means the notice to renew a vehicle
17 registration sent to the registered owner by the department;

18 (8) "Two-year registration period" means the effective period of
19 a vehicle registration issued by the department for a two-year
20 period. A two-year registration period begins at 12:01 a.m. on the
21 date of the calendar year designated by the department and ends at
22 12:00 a.m. the same day two years later unless otherwise specified.

23 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16A.020 and 2014 c 80 s 2 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (1) A person may designate either a one-year registration or a
26 two-year registration when registering a vehicle that is eligible for
27 a two-year registration period. If a two-year registration is
28 designated by the registered owner, all applicable taxes and fees
29 must be collected for a twenty-four month period instead of a twelve-
30 month period. The department, county auditor or other agent, or
31 subagent appointed by the director shall assign a new registration
32 year or two-year registration period to a vehicle if:

33 (a) The registered ownership of the vehicle is being transferred,
34 except as provided in subsection (4) of this section. The renewed
35 vehicle registration is valid for a full ~~((twelve-month))~~
36 registration year or two-year registration period unless: (i) The
37 vehicle changes ownership during the ~~((twelve-month))~~ registration
38 year or two-year registration period, in which case the registration

1 expires; or (ii) a specific expiration date is required by law, rule,
2 or program; or

3 (b) The Washington vehicle registration has expired and the
4 registered owner:

5 (i) Is a member of the United States armed forces;

6 (ii) Was stationed outside of Washington under military orders
7 during the prior vehicle registration year or two-year registration
8 period; and

9 (iii) Provides the department a copy of the military orders.

10 (2) Each registration year may be divided into twelve
11 registration months. Each two-year registration period may be divided
12 into twenty-four registration months. Each registration month begins
13 at 12:01 a.m. on a day of the month assigned by the department and
14 ends at 12:00 a.m. on the same day the following month.

15 (3) A registration period extends through the end of the next
16 business day when the final day of a registration year or two-year
17 registration period or month falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal
18 holiday.

19 (4) A vehicle registration does not expire when a change in
20 vehicle ownership is the result of one or more of the following
21 circumstances:

22 (a) When adding a lien holder to the certificate of title or
23 removing a lien holder from the certificate of title;

24 (b) When a vehicle is transferred from one spouse or registered
25 domestic partner to another;

26 (c) When removing a deceased spouse or registered domestic
27 partner from the certificate of title;

28 (d) When a vehicle is transferred by gift or inheritance to one
29 or more members of the registered owner's immediate family;

30 (e) When a vehicle is transferred into or out of a trust in which
31 the registered owner or one or more immediate family members of the
32 registered owner is the beneficiary;

33 (f) When a leaseholder buys out the leased vehicle; or

34 (g) When a person changes his or her name.

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

37 (1) A registered owner or the registered owner's authorized
38 representative must apply for a renewal vehicle registration to the
39 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by

1 the director on a form approved by the director. The application for
2 a renewal vehicle registration must be accompanied by a draft, money
3 order, certified bank check, or cash for all fees and taxes required
4 by law for the application for a renewal vehicle registration.

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

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

18 (3) An application and the fees and taxes for a renewal vehicle
19 registration must be handled in the same manner as an original
20 vehicle registration application. The registration does not need to
21 show the name of the lien holder when the application for renewal
22 vehicle registration becomes the renewal registration upon
23 validation.

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

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

35 (a) The state of Washington, or by any county, city, town, school
36 district, or other political subdivision of the state of Washington;
37 or

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

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16A.180 and 2013 c 157 s 3 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) A registration certificate must be:

4 (a) Signed by the registered owner, or if a firm or corporation,
5 the signature of one of its officers or other authorized agent, to be
6 valid;

7 (b) Carried in the vehicle for which it is issued; and

8 (c) Provided to law enforcement and the department by the
9 operator of the vehicle upon demand.

10 ~~((d))~~ (2) The registration certificate required by this section
11 may be provided in either paper or electronic format. Acceptable
12 electronic formats include the display of electronic images on a
13 cellular phone or any other type of portable electronic device.

14 ~~((2))~~ (3) It is unlawful for any person to operate or be in
15 possession of a vehicle without carrying a registration certificate
16 for the vehicle. Any person in charge of a vehicle shall, upon demand
17 of any of the local authorities or of any police officer or of any
18 representative of the department, permit an inspection of the vehicle
19 registration certificate. This section does not apply to a vehicle
20 for which registration is not required to be renewed annually or
21 biennially and is a publicly owned vehicle marked as required under
22 RCW 46.08.065.

23 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.17.015 and 2010 c 161 s 502 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (1) A person who applies for a vehicle registration or for any
26 other right to operate a vehicle on the highways of this state shall
27 pay a twenty-five cent license plate technology fee for a vehicle
28 subject to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, or a
29 fifty cent license plate technology fee for a vehicle subject to a
30 two-year registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, in
31 addition to any other fees and taxes required by law. The license
32 plate technology fee must be distributed under RCW 46.68.370.

33 (2) A vehicle registered under RCW 46.16A.455 or 46.17.330 is not
34 subject to the license plate technology fee.

35 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.17.025 and 2010 c 161 s 503 are each amended to
36 read as follows:

37 (1) A person who applies for a vehicle registration or for any
38 other right to operate a vehicle on the highways of this state shall

1 pay a fifty cent license service fee for a vehicle subject to a
2 registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, or a one dollar
3 license service fee for a vehicle subject to a two-year registration
4 period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, in addition to any other fees
5 and taxes required by law. The license service fee must be
6 distributed under RCW 46.68.220.

7 (2) A vehicle registered under RCW 46.16A.455 or 46.17.330 is not
8 subject to the license service fee.

9 **Sec. 7.** RCW 46.17.305 and 2010 c 161 s 522 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Before accepting an application for a vehicle registration for a
12 boat trailer, the department, county auditor or other agent, or
13 subagent appointed by the director shall require the applicant to pay
14 a three dollar aquatic weed fee for a boat trailer subject to a
15 registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, or a six dollar
16 aquatic weed fee for a boat trailer subject to a two-year
17 registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, in addition to any
18 other fees and taxes required by law. The ((three-dollar)) aquatic
19 weed fee must be deposited in the freshwater aquatic weeds account
20 created in RCW 43.21A.650.

21 **Sec. 8.** RCW 46.17.323 and 2012 c 74 s 10 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) Before accepting an application for an annual vehicle
24 registration renewal for an electric vehicle that uses propulsion
25 units powered solely by electricity, the department, county auditor
26 or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director must require
27 the applicant to pay a one hundred dollar fee for an electric vehicle
28 subject to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, or a
29 two hundred dollar fee for an electric vehicle subject to a two-year
30 registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, in addition to any
31 other fees and taxes required by law. The ((one-hundred-dollar)) fee
32 is due only at the time of annual or biennial registration renewal.

33 (2) This section only applies to:

34 (a) A vehicle that is designed to have the capability to drive at
35 a speed of more than thirty-five miles per hour; and

36 (b) An annual or biennial vehicle registration renewal that is
37 due on or after February 1, 2013.

1 (3)(a) The fee under this section is imposed to provide funds to
2 mitigate the impact of vehicles on state roads and highways and for
3 the purpose of evaluating the feasibility of transitioning from a
4 revenue collection system based on fuel taxes to a road user
5 assessment system, and is separate and distinct from other vehicle
6 license fees. Proceeds from the fee must be used for highway
7 purposes, and must be deposited in the motor vehicle fund created in
8 RCW 46.68.070, subject to (b) of this subsection.

9 (b) If in any year the amount of proceeds from the fee collected
10 under this section exceeds one million dollars, the excess amount
11 over one million dollars must be deposited as follows:

12 (i) Seventy percent to the motor vehicle fund created in RCW
13 46.68.070;

14 (ii) Fifteen percent to the transportation improvement account
15 created in RCW 47.26.084; and

16 (iii) Fifteen percent to the rural arterial trust account created
17 in RCW 36.79.020.

18 **Sec. 9.** RCW 46.17.350 and 2014 c 30 s 2 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 (1) Before accepting an application for a vehicle registration,
21 the department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed
22 by the director shall require the applicant, unless specifically
23 exempt, to pay the following vehicle license fee by vehicle type:

VEHICLE TYPE	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE	DISTRIBUTED UNDER
(a) Auto stage, six seats or less	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(b) Camper	\$ 4.90	\$ 3.50	RCW 46.68.030
(c) Commercial trailer	\$ 34.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.035
(d) For hire vehicle, six seats or less	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(e) Mobile home (if registered)	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(f) Moped	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(g) Motor home	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
(h) Motorcycle	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030

1	(i) Off-road vehicle	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	RCW 46.68.045
2	(j) Passenger car	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
3	(k) Private use single-axle	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	RCW 46.68.035
4	trailer			
5	(l) Snowmobile	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	RCW 46.68.350
6	(m) Snowmobile, vintage	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	RCW 46.68.350
7	(n) Sport utility vehicle	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
8	(o) Tow truck	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
9	(p) Trailer, over 2000	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
10	pounds			
11	(q) Travel trailer	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.030
12	(r) Wheeled all-terrain	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	RCW 46.09.540
13	vehicle, on-road use			
14	(s) Wheeled all-terrain	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	RCW 46.09.510
15	vehicle, off-road use			

16 (2) The vehicle license fee required in subsection (1)(b), (f),
17 (g), (h), (j), (k), (n), (p), and (q) of this section for vehicles
18 subject to a two-year registration period, as defined in RCW
19 46.16A.010, is doubled and must be paid biennially.

20 (3) The vehicle license fee required in subsection (1) of this
21 section is in addition to the filing fee required under RCW
22 46.17.005, and any other fee or tax required by law.

23 **Sec. 10.** RCW 46.17.355 and 2011 c 171 s 61 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (1) In lieu of the vehicle license fee required under RCW
26 46.17.350 and before accepting an application for a vehicle
27 registration for motor vehicles described in RCW 46.16A.455, the
28 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by
29 the director shall require the applicant, unless specifically exempt,
30 to pay the following license fee by weight:

31	WEIGHT	SCHEDULE A	SCHEDULE B
32	4,000 pounds	\$ 38.00	\$ 38.00
33	6,000 pounds	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00
34	8,000 pounds	\$ 58.00	\$ 58.00

1	10,000 pounds	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
2	12,000 pounds	\$ 77.00	\$ 77.00
3	14,000 pounds	\$ 88.00	\$ 88.00
4	16,000 pounds	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
5	18,000 pounds	\$ 152.00	\$ 152.00
6	20,000 pounds	\$ 169.00	\$ 169.00
7	22,000 pounds	\$ 183.00	\$ 183.00
8	24,000 pounds	\$ 198.00	\$ 198.00
9	26,000 pounds	\$ 209.00	\$ 209.00
10	28,000 pounds	\$ 247.00	\$ 247.00
11	30,000 pounds	\$ 285.00	\$ 285.00
12	32,000 pounds	\$ 344.00	\$ 344.00
13	34,000 pounds	\$ 366.00	\$ 366.00
14	36,000 pounds	\$ 397.00	\$ 397.00
15	38,000 pounds	\$ 436.00	\$ 436.00
16	40,000 pounds	\$ 499.00	\$ 499.00
17	42,000 pounds	\$ 519.00	\$ 609.00
18	44,000 pounds	\$ 530.00	\$ 620.00
19	46,000 pounds	\$ 570.00	\$ 660.00
20	48,000 pounds	\$ 594.00	\$ 684.00
21	50,000 pounds	\$ 645.00	\$ 735.00
22	52,000 pounds	\$ 678.00	\$ 768.00
23	54,000 pounds	\$ 732.00	\$ 822.00
24	56,000 pounds	\$ 773.00	\$ 863.00
25	58,000 pounds	\$ 804.00	\$ 894.00
26	60,000 pounds	\$ 857.00	\$ 947.00
27	62,000 pounds	\$ 919.00	\$ 1,009.00
28	64,000 pounds	\$ 939.00	\$ 1,029.00
29	66,000 pounds	\$ 1,046.00	\$ 1,136.00
30	68,000 pounds	\$ 1,091.00	\$ 1,181.00
31	70,000 pounds	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 1,265.00
32	72,000 pounds	\$ 1,257.00	\$ 1,347.00

1	74,000 pounds	\$ 1,366.00	\$ 1,456.00
2	76,000 pounds	\$ 1,476.00	\$ 1,566.00
3	78,000 pounds	\$ 1,612.00	\$ 1,702.00
4	80,000 pounds	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 1,830.00
5	82,000 pounds	\$ 1,861.00	\$ 1,951.00
6	84,000 pounds	\$ 1,981.00	\$ 2,071.00
7	86,000 pounds	\$ 2,102.00	\$ 2,192.00
8	88,000 pounds	\$ 2,223.00	\$ 2,313.00
9	90,000 pounds	\$ 2,344.00	\$ 2,434.00
10	92,000 pounds	\$ 2,464.00	\$ 2,554.00
11	94,000 pounds	\$ 2,585.00	\$ 2,675.00
12	96,000 pounds	\$ 2,706.00	\$ 2,796.00
13	98,000 pounds	\$ 2,827.00	\$ 2,917.00
14	100,000 pounds	\$ 2,947.00	\$ 3,037.00
15	102,000 pounds	\$ 3,068.00	\$ 3,158.00
16	104,000 pounds	\$ 3,189.00	\$ 3,279.00
17	105,500 pounds	\$ 3,310.00	\$ 3,400.00

18 (2) Schedule A applies to vehicles either used exclusively for
19 hauling logs or that do not tow trailers. Schedule B applies to
20 vehicles that tow trailers and are not covered under Schedule A.

21 (3) If the resultant gross weight is not listed in the table
22 provided in subsection (1) of this section, it must be increased to
23 the next higher weight.

24 (4) The license fees provided in subsection (1) of this section
25 for vehicles that are twelve thousand pounds or less and subject to a
26 two-year registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, are
27 doubled and must be paid biennially.

28 (5) The license fees provided in subsection (1) of this section
29 are in addition to the filing fee required under RCW 46.17.005 and
30 any other fee or tax required by law.

31 ~~((+5))~~ (6) The license fee based on declared gross weight as
32 provided in subsection (1) of this section must be distributed under
33 RCW 46.68.035.

1 **Sec. 11.** RCW 46.17.365 and 2010 c 161 s 533 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) A person applying for a motor vehicle registration and paying
4 the vehicle license fee required in RCW 46.17.350(1) (a), (d), (e),
5 (h), (j), (n), and (o) shall pay a motor vehicle weight fee in
6 addition to all other fees and taxes required by law. The motor
7 vehicle weight fee:

8 (a) Must be based on the motor vehicle scale weight;

9 (b) Is the difference determined by subtracting the vehicle
10 license fee required in RCW 46.17.350 from the license fee in
11 Schedule B of RCW 46.17.355, plus two dollars; and

12 (c) Must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415.

13 (2) A person applying for a motor home vehicle registration
14 shall, in lieu of the motor vehicle weight fee required in subsection
15 (1) of this section, pay a motor home vehicle weight fee of seventy-
16 five dollars for a motor home subject to a registration year, as
17 defined in RCW 46.16A.010, or a motor home vehicle weight fee of one
18 hundred fifty dollars for a motor home subject to a two-year
19 registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, in addition to all
20 other fees and taxes required by law. The motor home vehicle weight
21 fee must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415.

22 (3) The department shall:

23 (a) Rely on motor vehicle empty scale weights provided by vehicle
24 manufacturers, or other sources defined by the department, to
25 determine the weight of each motor vehicle; and

26 (b) Adopt rules for determining weight for vehicles without
27 manufacturer empty scale weights.

28 **Sec. 12.** RCW 46.17.375 and 2010 c 161 s 534 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 (1) Before accepting an application for registration for a
31 recreational vehicle, the department, county auditor or other agent,
32 or subagent appointed by the director shall require an applicant to
33 pay a three dollar sanitary disposal fee for a recreational vehicle
34 subject to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, or a
35 six dollar sanitary disposal fee for a recreational vehicle subject
36 to a two-year registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, in
37 addition to any other fees and taxes required by law. The
38 recreational vehicle sanitary disposal fee must be deposited in the
39 RV account created in RCW 46.68.170.

1 (2) For the purposes of this section, "recreational vehicle"
2 means a camper, motor home, or travel trailer.

3 **Sec. 13.** RCW 46.68.030 and 2011 c 171 s 85 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The director shall forward all fees for vehicle registrations
6 under chapters 46.16A and 46.17 RCW, unless otherwise specified by
7 law, to the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed
8 report. The state treasurer shall credit these moneys to the motor
9 vehicle fund created in RCW 46.68.070.

10 (2) Proceeds from vehicle license fees and renewal vehicle
11 license fees must be deposited by the state treasurer as follows:

12 (a) \$20.35 of each initial or renewal vehicle license fee for a
13 vehicle subject to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010,
14 and \$40.70 of each initial or renewal vehicle license fee for a
15 vehicle subject to a two-year registration period, as defined in RCW
16 46.16A.010, must be deposited in the state patrol highway account in
17 the motor vehicle fund, hereby created. Vehicle license fees, renewal
18 vehicle license fees, and all other funds in the state patrol highway
19 account must be for the sole use of the Washington state patrol for
20 highway activities of the Washington state patrol, subject to proper
21 appropriations and reappropriations.

22 (b) \$2.02 of each initial vehicle license fee for a vehicle
23 subject to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, and
24 \$4.04 of each initial vehicle license fee for a vehicle subject to a
25 two-year registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, and \$0.93
26 of each renewal vehicle license fee for a vehicle subject to a
27 registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, and \$1.86 of each
28 renewal vehicle license fee for a vehicle subject to a two-year
29 registration period, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, must be deposited
30 each biennium in the Puget Sound ferry operations account.

31 (c) Any remaining amounts of vehicle license fees and renewal
32 vehicle license fees that are not distributed otherwise under this
33 section must be deposited in the motor vehicle fund.

34 **Sec. 14.** RCW 82.44.060 and 2010 c 161 s 911 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 (1) Any locally imposed excise tax:

37 (a) Is due at the time of registration of a vehicle;

1 (b) Must be paid in full before any registration certificate or
2 license tab may be issued;

3 (c) Is in addition to any other vehicle license fees required by
4 law;

5 (d) Must be collected by the department, county auditor or other
6 agent, or subagent appointed by the director of licensing before
7 issuing the registration certificate;

8 (e) Must be collected for each registration year or two-year
9 registration period; and

10 (f) Must be levied for one full registration year or two-year
11 registration period beginning on the date of the calendar year
12 designated by the department and ending on the same date of the next
13 or second succeeding calendar year. For vehicles registered under
14 chapter 46.87 RCW, proportional registration, and for vehicle dealer
15 plates issued under chapter 46.70 RCW, the registration year is the
16 period provided in those chapters. However, the tax shall in no case
17 be less than two dollars except for proportionally registered
18 vehicles.

19 (2) A vehicle is deemed registered for the first time in this
20 state when the vehicle was not previously registered by this state
21 for the registration year or two-year registration period immediately
22 preceding the registration year or two-year registration period in
23 which the application for registration is made or when the vehicle
24 has been registered in another jurisdiction subsequent to any prior
25 registration in this state.

26 (3) An additional tax may not be imposed under this chapter on
27 any vehicle when the certificate of title is being transferred if the
28 tax has already been paid for the registration year or two-year
29 registration period or fraction of a registration year or two-year
30 registration period in which transfer of ownership occurs.

31 **Sec. 15.** RCW 82.50.460 and 1979 c 123 s 3 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 Prior to the end of any registration year or two-year
34 registration period of a vehicle, the director shall cause to be
35 mailed to the owners of travel trailers or campers, of record, notice
36 of the amount of tax payable during the succeeding registration year
37 or two-year registration period. The notice shall contain a legal
38 description of the travel trailer or camper, prominent notice of due
39 dates, and such other information as may be required by the director.

1 **Sec. 16.** RCW 82.80.140 and 2010 c 161 s 917 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) Subject to the provisions of RCW 36.73.065, a transportation
4 benefit district under chapter 36.73 RCW may fix and impose an annual
5 vehicle fee, not to exceed one hundred dollars for a vehicle subject
6 to a registration year, as defined in RCW 46.16A.010, or two hundred
7 dollars for a vehicle subject to a two-year registration period, as
8 defined in RCW 46.16A.010, per vehicle registered in the district,
9 for each vehicle subject to vehicle license fees under RCW
10 46.17.350(1) (a), (c), (d), (e), (g), (h), (j), or (n) through (q)
11 and for each vehicle subject to gross weight license fees under RCW
12 46.17.355 with a scale weight of six thousand pounds or less.

13 (2)(a) A district that includes all the territory within the
14 boundaries of the jurisdiction, or jurisdictions, establishing the
15 district may impose by a majority vote of the governing board of the
16 district up to twenty dollars of the vehicle fee authorized in
17 subsection (1) of this section. If the district is countywide, the
18 revenues of the fee shall be distributed to each city within the
19 county by interlocal agreement. The interlocal agreement is effective
20 when approved by the county and sixty percent of the cities
21 representing seventy-five percent of the population of the cities
22 within the county in which the countywide fee is collected.

23 (b) A district may not impose a fee under this subsection (2):

24 (i) For a passenger-only ferry transportation improvement unless
25 the vehicle fee is first approved by a majority of the voters within
26 the jurisdiction of the district; or

27 (ii) That, if combined with the fees previously imposed by
28 another district within its boundaries under RCW 36.73.065(4)(a)(i),
29 exceeds twenty dollars.

30 If a district imposes or increases a fee under this subsection
31 (2) that, if combined with the fees previously imposed by another
32 district within its boundaries, exceeds twenty dollars, the district
33 shall provide a credit for the previously imposed fees so that the
34 combined vehicle fee does not exceed twenty dollars.

35 (3) The department of licensing shall administer and collect the
36 fee. The department shall deduct a percentage amount, as provided by
37 contract, not to exceed one percent of the fees collected, for
38 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The department
39 shall remit remaining proceeds to the custody of the state treasurer.

1 The state treasurer shall distribute the proceeds to the district on
2 a monthly basis.

3 (4) No fee under this section may be collected until six months
4 after approval under RCW 36.73.065.

5 (5) The vehicle fee under this section applies only when renewing
6 a vehicle registration, and is effective upon the registration
7 renewal date as provided by the department of licensing.

8 (6) The following vehicles are exempt from the fee under this
9 section:

10 (a) Campers, as defined in RCW 46.04.085;

11 (b) Farm tractors or farm vehicles, as defined in RCW 46.04.180
12 and 46.04.181;

13 (c) Mopeds, as defined in RCW 46.04.304;

14 (d) Off-road and nonhighway vehicles, as defined in RCW
15 46.04.365;

16 (e) Private use single-axle trailer, as defined in RCW 46.04.422;

17 (f) Snowmobiles, as defined in RCW 46.04.546; and

18 (g) Vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW and the
19 international registration plan.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16A
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 (1) Each year the department must submit, as part of its regular
23 annual reporting to the legislature, a report on the number of
24 one-year and two-year vehicle registrations as summarized by month.

25 (2) By January 1, 2019, the department must submit a report to
26 the legislature on the implementation of two-year registration
27 periods for vehicles and the department's performance measurements
28 implemented for two-year registration periods.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** Section 8 of this act expires on the date
30 the contingency set out in section 11, chapter 74, Laws of 2012
31 occurs.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** This act takes effect January 1, 2017.

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