
HOUSE BILL 2526

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By Representatives McCaslin, Blake, Buys, Muri, Griffey, Goodman, Hargrove, Reykdal, Gregerson, Klippert, and Kilduff

1 AN ACT Relating to reducing the number of days that a person must
2 maintain a permanent place of abode in Washington before qualifying
3 as a state resident for the purposes of Title 77 RCW; amending RCW
4 77.08.075; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.08.075 and 2014 c 48 s 2 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 For the purposes of this title or rules adopted under this title,
9 "resident" means:

10 (1) A natural person who has maintained a permanent place of
11 abode within the state for at least (~~ninety~~) thirty days
12 immediately preceding an application for a license, has established
13 by formal evidence an intent to continue residing within the state,
14 is not licensed to hunt or fish as a resident in another state or
15 country, and is not receiving resident benefits of another state or
16 country.

17 (a) For purposes of this section, "permanent place of abode"
18 means a residence in this state that a person maintains for personal
19 use.

1 (b) A natural person can demonstrate that the person has
2 maintained a permanent place of abode in Washington by showing that
3 the person:

4 (i) Uses a Washington state address for federal income tax or
5 state tax purposes;

6 (ii) Designates this state as the person's residence for
7 obtaining eligibility to hold a public office or for judicial
8 actions;

9 (iii) Is a registered voter in the state of Washington; or

10 (iv) Is a custodial parent with a child attending
11 prekindergarten, kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, or
12 high school in this state.

13 (c) A natural person can demonstrate the intent to continue
14 residing within the state by showing that he or she:

15 (i) Has a valid Washington state driver's license; or

16 (ii) Has a valid Washington state identification card, if the
17 person is not eligible for a Washington state driver's license; and

18 (iii) Has registered the person's vehicle or vehicles in
19 Washington state;

20 (2) The spouse of a member of the United States armed forces if
21 the member qualifies as a resident under subsection (1), (3), or (4)
22 of this section, or a natural person age eighteen or younger who does
23 not qualify as a resident under subsection (1) of this section, but
24 who has a parent or legal guardian who qualifies as a resident under
25 subsection (1), (3), or (4) of this section;

26 (3) A member of the United States armed forces temporarily
27 stationed in Washington state on predeployment orders. A copy of the
28 person's military orders is required to meet this condition;

29 (4) An active duty, nonretired member of the United States armed
30 forces who is permanently stationed in Washington or who designates
31 Washington on his or her military "state of legal residence
32 certificate" or enlistment or reenlistment documents. A copy of the
33 person's "state of legal residence certificate" or enlistment or
34 reenlistment documents is required to meet the conditions of this
35 subsection.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of fish and wildlife may
37 not issue refunds or price adjustments for any licenses affected by
38 section 1 of this act purchased prior to April 1, 2017.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect April 1, 2017.

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