
SENATE BILL 5485

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By Senators Nguyen and Nobles

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting traffic stops for certain traffic
2 violations; and adding a new section to chapter 46.64 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.64
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) A law enforcement officer may not stop, or otherwise detain,
7 a driver of a motor vehicle to enforce the following violations:

8 (a) Failure to keep to the right, as defined by RCW 46.61.100 or
9 46.61.105;

10 (b) Improper turn, as defined by RCW 46.61.290;

11 (c) Failure to stop, as defined by RCW 46.61.055, 46.61.065,
12 46.61.195, 46.61.200, 46.61.340, 46.61.345, 46.61.350, 46.61.365,
13 46.61.370, or 46.61.375;

14 (d) Failure to dim lights, as defined by RCW 46.37.230, and any
15 other equipment violation under chapter 46.37 RCW not defined as a
16 moving violation under WAC 308-104-160;

17 (e) Parking violations under chapter 46.61 RCW;

18 (f) Driving without a license under RCW 46.20.015;

19 (g) Vehicle registration violation under RCW 46.16A.030 (4) and
20 (5);

1 (h) Failure to maintain proof of motor vehicle insurance under
2 RCW 46.30.020; and

3 (i) The following violations suspected solely on the basis of the
4 odor of marijuana: (i) Driving under the influence under RCW
5 46.61.502; (ii) driver under twenty-one consuming alcohol or
6 marijuana under RCW 46.61.503; and (iii) physical control of a motor
7 vehicle under the influence under RCW 46.61.504.

8 (2) Enforcement of the violations listed in subsection (1) of
9 this section may be accomplished only as a secondary action when a
10 driver of a motor vehicle has been detained for a suspected moving
11 violation defined under WAC 308-104-160 not listed in this section.

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