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- Text that is surrounded by (({- text here -})) is text that will be DELETED FROM the existing statute if the proposed measure is approved.
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INITIATIVE 680

February 18,1997
LEAGUE OF WASHINGTON TAXPAYERS
"VEHICLE EXCISE TAX REVISION AND REDUCTION"
INITIATIVE

Changes,revision,deletions and/or additions of the Office of Code Revisers draft,dated February 12,1997.

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Sec. 1.Paragraphs (1),(2),(3)and (4).on Pages 1 and 2 approved as revised by the the Office of Code Revisor. Paragraph (5).Beginning with line 28,shall read...ten feet long.Units exceeding these lengths must pay four dollars and fifty cents per foot registrations fees. This formula is...etc,etc.

Paragraph (6)Page 2,Line 38,shall read...eleven feet long.A motor home more than eleven feet long must pay...Line 39...six dollars per foot for the registration fee.The remainder of Pargraph (6), and Paragraphs(7),(8),(9),(10),(11) are approved as submitted by the Office of Code Revisor.

{+ NEW SECTION +}. Sec 2.,NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. and NEW SECTION.Sec.4., are approved as submitted by the Office of Code Reviser.These approved SECTIONS are found on pages 3,4,5 and 6.

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NOTE: The text of the Office of Code Reviser draft follows.

AN ACT Relating to vehicle registration and taxation; adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 46.16.060, 46.16.061, 46.16.063, 46.16.065, 46.16.068, 46.16.070, 46.16.071, 46.16.079, 46.16.085, 46.16.090, 46.16.135, 46.16.505, 82.44.010, 82.44.015, 82.44.020, 82.44.023, 82.44.025, 82.44.030, 82.44.041, 82.44.060, 82.44.065, 82.44.080, 82.44.090, 82.44.100, 82.44.110, 82.44.120, 82.44.130, 82.44.140, 82.44.150, 82.44.155, 82.44.157, 82.44.160, 82.44.170, 82.44.180, 82.50.010, 82.50.060, 82.50.090, 82.50.170, 82.50.250, 82.50.400, 82.50.405, 82.50.410,

82.50.425, 82.50.435, 82.50.440, 82.50.460, 82.50.510, 82.50.520,
82.50.530, 82.50.540, and 82.50.901.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW to read as follows:

(1) All existing excise tax schedules and rates for all vehicles, whether for personal or business use, are voided and replaced with a new and revised tax schedule. This includes the three-part formula used to compute the excise tax, consisting of the value code, the depreciation factor, and the tax rate, that are likewise voided.

(2) The new registration and licensing cost schedule becomes effective January 1, 1998.

(3) All vehicles, regardless of the year, make, or model qualify for the same licensing fee applicable in their respective assigned categories.

(4) Vehicles must be registered for two-year periods with the exception of heavy motor vehicles and buses, which are designated as category one vehicles. These vehicles may be licensed for a one-year, three-fourths year, one-half year, or one-fourth year period if the registered owner provides documentation of the time frame for which licensing is being applied. Otherwise, the owner of a category one vehicle applying for an annual license must pay the two-year registration fee. Registration fees for category one vehicles are determined by vehicle weight in pounds, starting at eight thousand pounds and increasing by two thousand pound increments up to one hundred five thousand five hundred pounds. The basic registration fee of one hundred ten dollars applies to all category one vehicles between eight thousand and ten thousand pounds, and as the vehicle weight increases by two thousand pounds the registration fee increases by fifteen dollars. The three-fourths year fee is the annual fee reduced by twenty-five percent, the one-half year fee by fifty percent, and the one-fourth year fee by seventy-five percent. A two dollar and fifty cent plate fee applies for all category one vehicles that are licensed in the state of Washington.

(5) Campers and trailers are designated as category two vehicles and must be licensed for a required two-year period. Registration fees start at fifty-four dollars for category two vehicles between six and ten feet long. Units exceeding these lengths must pay four dollars and fifty cents per foot in additional registration fees. This formula is for all category two vehicles up to and including sixty-five feet long. A one dollar and fifty cent plate fee must be paid for category two vehicles not having a registration plate. Travel trailers that extend for travel will be measured in the extended position. Trailers that fold for travel will be measured as folded, ready for travel.

(6) Motor homes are designated as category three vehicles and must pay a basic fifty-four dollar registration fee for a motor home up to ten feet long, and a fee of eighty-nine dollars for a motor home up to eleven feet long. A motor home more than eleven feet long must pay an additional six dollars per foot for the registration fee. If trip permits are issued for motor homes that are used for trips of a seven-day duration, the permits are available at a twenty-dollar per trip permit fee. If a trip designation is not chosen, all motor home registrations are for a period of two years.

(7) All other vehicle types listed as follows are category four vehicles, and the registration fees, including plate fees, are:

VEHICLE TYPE	ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE
Passenger cars	\$35.00
Motorcycles.	\$10.00
Light trailers (8000 pounds or less, loaded)	\$33.00
Snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles.	\$10.00

The minimum licensing period is for two years, and ownership papers, including the vehicle title, must be presented at the time the vehicle is to be registered and the fee paid. The fee for reissuance of a title may not exceed ten dollars.

(8) The clean air flat tax shall remain at the current rate as of January 1, 1998, and will not be increased.

(9) All vehicle registration moneys collected by the department of licensing will be disbursed in the following manner: Eight percent to criminal justice, seventy-eight percent to the motor vehicle fund for highway maintenance and construction, and fourteen percent to the general fund.

(10) The department of licensing shall publish and make available fee schedules for all vehicle categories, one through four.

(11) The department of licensing shall adopt rules to implement this act.

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Sec. 2. No terms, conditions, or requirements of this act may be revised or altered without a vote of the people at a general election, and any changes must be approved by a sixty-percent majority of all ballots cast.

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Sec. 3. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

(1) RCW 46.16.060 and 1992 c 216 s 4, 1987 1st ex.s. c 9 s 3, 1985 c 380 s 13, 1981 c 342 s 8, 1975 1st ex.s. c 118 s 3, 1969 ex.s. c 170 s 3, 1969 c 99 s 5, 1965 c 25 s 1, 1961 ex.s. c 7 s 9, & 1961 c 12 s 46.16.060;

(2) RCW 46.16.061 and 1985 c 380 s 14, 1984 c 7 s 49, & 1963 ex.s. c 3 s 40;

(3) RCW 46.16.063 and 1996 c 237 s 1 & 1980 c 60 s 2;

(4) RCW 46.16.065 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 118 s 4, 1961 ex.s. c 7 s 10, & 1961 c 12 s 46.16.065;

(5) RCW 46.16.068 and 1993 c 123 s 4;

(6) RCW 46.16.070 and 1994 c 262 s 8 & 1993 sp.s. c 23 s 60;

(7) RCW 46.16.071 and 1996 c 315 s 4;

(8) RCW 46.16.079 and 1986 c 18 s 5, 1975 c 25 s 16, & 1963 c 18 s 1;

(9) RCW 46.16.085 and 1991 c 163 s 3, 1989 c 156 s 2, 1987 c 244 s 4, 1986 c 18 s 8, & 1985 c 380 s 16;

(10) RCW 46.16.090 and 1989 c 156 s 3 & 1986 c 18 s 10;

(11) RCW 46.16.135 and 1986 c 18 s 12, 1985 c 380 s 19, 1979 ex.s. c 136 s 46, 1979 c 134 s 1, 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 64 s 3, 1975 1st ex.s. c 118 s 6, 1969 ex.s. c 170 s 7, & 1961 c 12 s 46.16.135;

(12) RCW 46.16.505 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 118 s 11, 1975 c 41 s 1, & 1971 ex.s. c 231 s 7;

(13) RCW 82.44.010 and 1990 c 42 s 301, 1979 c 107 s 10, 1971 ex.s. c 299 s 54, 1967 c 121 s 4, 1963 c 199 s 1, & 1961 c 15 s 82.44.010;

(14) RCW 82.44.015 and 1996 c 244 s 7, 1993 c 488 s 3, 1982 c 142 s 1, & 1980 c 166 s 3;

(15) RCW 82.44.020 and 1993 sp.s. c 23 s 61, 1993 c 123 s 2, 1991

c 199 s 220, 1990 c 42 s 302, & 1988 c 191 s 1;
(16) RCW 82.44.023 and 1994 c 227 s 3 & 1992 c 194 s 8;
(17) RCW 82.44.025 and 1996 c 139 s 3;
(18) RCW 82.44.030 and 1971 ex.s. c 299 s 51 & 1961 c 15 s
82.44.030;
(19) RCW 82.44.041 and 1990 c 42 s 303;
(20) RCW 82.44.060 and 1990 c 42 s 304, 1981 c 222 s 12, 1979 c 158
s 233, 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 54 s 2, 1975 1st ex.s. c 118 s 14, 1963 c
199 s 4, & 1961 s 15 s 82.44.060;
(21) RCW 82.44.065 and 1990 c 42 s 305;
(22) RCW 82.44.080 and 1961 c 15 s 82.44.080;
(23) RCW 82.44.090 and 1961 c 15 s 82.44.090;
(24) RCW 82.44.100 and 1961 c 15 s 82.44.100;
(25) RCW 82.44.110 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 15 s 2 & 1995 c 398 s 14;
(26) RCW 82.44.120 and 1993 c 307 s 3, 1990 c 42 s 307, 1989 c 68
s 2, 1983 c 26 s 3, 1979 c 120 s 2, 1975 1st ex.s. c 278 s 95, 1974
ex.s. c 54 s 4, 1967 c 121 s 2, 1963 c 199 s 5, & 1961 c 15 s
82.44.120;
(27) RCW 82.44.130 and 1961 c 15 s 82.44.130;
(28) RCW 82.44.140 and 1979 c 158 s 237, 1967 c 121 s 3, & 1961 c
15 s 82.44.140;
(29) RCW 82.44.150 and 1995 2nd sp.s. c 14 s 538, 1994 c 241 s 1,
& 1993 c 491 s 2;
(30) RCW 82.44.155 and 1993 c 492 s 254, 1991 c 199 s 223, & 1990
c 42 s 309;
(31) RCW 82.44.157 and 1994 c 266 s 14;
(32) RCW 82.44.160 and 1995 c 28 s 1;
(33) RCW 82.44.170 and 1990 c 42 s 311, 1987 c 244 s 56, & 1985 c
380 s 22;
(34) RCW 82.44.180 and 1995 c 269 s 2601;
(35) RCW 82.50.010 and 1989 c 337 s 20, 1979 c 107 s 11, 1977 ex.s.
c 22 s 6, 1971 ex.s. c 299 s 35, 1967 ex.s. c 149 s 44, & 1961 c 15 s
82.50.010;
(36) RCW 82.50.060 and 1961 c 15 s 82.50.060;
(37) RCW 82.50.090 and 1961 c 15 s 82.50.090;
(38) RCW 82.50.170 and 1992 c 154 s 6;
(39) RCW 82.50.250 and 1967 ex.s. c 149 s 59;
(40) RCW 82.50.400 and 1993 c 238 s 7, 1992 c 154 s 5, 1990 c 42 s
320, 1979 c 123 s 1, 1975 1st ex.s. c 118 s 15, & 1971 ex.s. c 299 s
55;
(41) RCW 82.50.405 and 1991 c 199 s 226;
(42) RCW 82.50.410 and 1991 c 199 s 225, 1990 c 42 s 321, 1979 c
123 s 2, 1975 1st ex.s. c 118 s 16, 1972 ex.s. c 144 s 2, & 1971 ex.s.
c 299 s 56;
(43) RCW 82.50.425 and 1990 c 42 s 323;
(44) RCW 82.50.435 and 1990 c 42 s 324;
(45) RCW 82.50.440 and 1979 c 158 s 242, 1975 1st ex.s. c 9 s 2, &
1971 ex.s. c 299 s 59;
(46) RCW 82.50.460 and 1979 c 123 s 3, 1975 1st ex.s. c 118 s 17,
& 1971 ex.s. c 299 s 61;
(47) RCW 82.50.510 and 1991 c 199 s 227, 1990 c 42 s 322, 1975-'76
2nd ex.s. c 75 s 1, & 1971 ex.s. c 299 s 66;
(48) RCW 82.50.520 and 1983 c 26 s 4, 1979 c 123 s 4, & 1971 ex.s.
c 299 s 67;
(49) RCW 82.50.530 and 1993 c 32 s 1, 1981 c 304 s 32, & 1971 ex.s.
c 299 s 68;
(50) RCW 82.50.540 and 1971 ex.s. c 299 s 69; and

(51) RCW 82.50.901 and 1971 ex.s. c 299 s 53.

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Sec. 4. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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