

BILL REPORT

Bill No.:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Olympia, Washington

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HB 172

Public Vehicles; Indentity

Companion Measure
No. SB 2152

Brief Title From Status of Bills

Representatives Bagnariol, Curtis, Sinpoch, Polk (Legislative Budget Feb 9, 1975

Sponsor

Committee Request)

Date

Reported by Committee on State Government

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Staff Contact (Name & Tel. No.)

Committee Recommendation: Majority DPA (8)

Minority

Majority Report Signed By:

Minority Report Signed By:

(Complete only if a Minority Report is filed)

Purpose of Bill and Effect on Existing Law:

Provides uniform standards for marking cars owned by state and local governments. The standards are aimed both at providing clear markings and establishing uniformity. Also included are standards relating to the issuance and use of confidential license plates. The purpose is to limit the use of confidential plates to law enforcement and situations where personal security of a public official require their use.

Effect of Committee Amendments:

(page 4, sec. 2, line 16) Substituting "publicly" for "state" acknowledges the coverage of local governments and the federal government by section two. The same applies to the insertion of "of the appropriate governmental unit".

(page 4, sec. 2) Substitutes a new subsection (1) in section 2. Gives the proper (over)

Fiscal Impact:

\$61,425 cost avoidance (first year); \$74,685 savings for the biennium

Principal Proponents:

Principal Opponents:

Legislative Budget Committee

(see direct copy committee amendment page)

Attachments:

Comments: (Continue on Reverse)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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DIGEST OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Committee on State Government

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(page 4, line 29) Makes clear that the quantity of confidential plates issued is to be reported, not the individual license plate numbers.

BILL ANALYSIS

BILL NO. EHB 172 (cf SB 2152) (as amended) DATE: April 16, 1975

SPONSOR: Representatives Bagnariol, Curtis, Shinpoch and Polk
(By Legislative Budget Committee Request to implement performance audit recommendations)

SHORT TITLE: Public vehicles, identity

REPORTED BY: Committee on State Government

ANALYZED BY: Tony Cook, Staff Counsel

ISSUES:

- (1) Should the state policy on identification of public vehicles be clarified and expanded to provide for uniformity of such markings?
- (2) Should the requirements for the use of confidential plates and unmarked vehicles be detailed and codified?
- (3) Should exempt plates for government agencies be issued in blocks for reallocation by such agencies and the fee for such plates increased?
- (4) Should government agencies be required to renew their license tabs annually?

EVALUATION:

Present law:

RCW 46.08.065 provides that publicly owned vehicles other than law enforcement vehicles shall be marked with the name of the owning or controlling agency painted on the side of the vehicle. Distinctive insignia may be used as a substitute when approved by the State Commission on Equipment for the vehicles of departments and offices of the state.

The licenses on publicly owned vehicles are required to be renewed annually.

Effect of the bill:

Changes the requirement for name identification from "painting" to "displaying" to permit the use of decals and magnetic signs and changes the letter size from two inches to one and one-quarter inches in height. Specifies the conditions under which the requirement for identification may be waived as being confidential or undercover investigative purposes. Also exempts transit vehicles and cars loaned to school districts for driver training.

The Department of General Administration with consent of the Automotive Policy Board is authorized to allow the use of special insignia rather than the state seal for state vehicles and the governing body of any local government may adopt and use such insignia. In both cases, the name of the public body owning and operating the vehicle must be included as part of the insignia in colors contrasting with the vehicle and in letters not less than one and one-quarter inches in height.

Motorcycles are also required to be marked by letters of contrasting color but not of any required size.

The use of confidential license plates is limited to confidential law enforcement, public health, and public assistance purposes and the use of statewide elected officials on official business. The chief of the Washington State Patrol may recommend that the director of motor vehicles provide for the use of confidential plates and unmarked cars for state officials, public officers or employees for their personal security. The state treasurer is specifically provided the use of an unmarked car for transportation of state funds or securities. Violations of provisions of the act subject the violator to disciplinary action including suspension or termination of employment.

Grandfather clauses are included for any distinctive insignia which was approved by the state Commission on Equipment on or before January 1, 1975 if it conforms to the standards of the act. In addition any vehicle properly marked before the effective date of the act need not be remarked until July 1, 1977.

Provides that the department may issue government plates in blocks rather than individually. Increases the fee for such plates from one to two dollars.

Exempts government owned vehicles from annual license renewal; limits the replacement fee to specified requirements and completely exempts foreign nation vehicles from replacement fees.

Fiscal effect:

The identification provisions of the bill are estimated to produce a \$74,685.00 savings for the biennium. The licensing provisions are estimated to produce a biennium revenue loss of \$101,040 and an expenditure reduction of \$21,829 to the department of motor vehicles with a substantial savings to other state and local agencies (Dept. of Highways estimates that state agencies will save \$59,995; counties \$130,376; and cities \$70,410 for the biennium).

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Senate Amendments to Committee Amendment
to Engrossed House Bill No. 172
By Senator Woody

On page 4, on the first line of subsection (3)
after "official" strike "elected on a statewide
basis".

MAY 2 1975 ADOPTED

On page 4, line 20, after "Any" and before
"state" insert "elected".

MAY 2 1975 ADOPTED

On page 4, line 23, after "any" strike "state
official".

MAY 2 1975 ADOPTED

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 172,

by Representatives Bagnariol, Curtis, Shinpoch and Polk (by
Legislative Budget Committee request):

Standardizing the marking of public vehicles.

Senate Committee on State

Government report: Do Pass as Amended

(DIGEST AFTER HOUSE 2ND READING)

Prescribes required standards of design and display for identification and marking of vehicles owned by the state and local governmental units, excluding vehicles used by law enforcement authorities for prescribed undercover or special investigative purposes.

Limits issuance of confidential licenses to (1) agencies for law enforcement purposes only; (2) state officials elected on a state-wide basis on request for use on official business; (3) for use on unmarked publicly owned cars when necessary for the personal security of any state official, other public officer, or public employee for official business for the period of time required for such security; and (4) the state treasurer's office for transportation of state funds or negotiable securities to or from the treasurer's office.

Requires the legislative auditor to examine or require filing of the total number of such plates issued to each agency. Requires reports of the use of such plates to the legislative budget committee and to the legislature.

Subjects violators to disciplinary action.

(DIGEST OF ADOPTED SENATE AMENDMENTS)

(following the enacting clause) Prescribes required standards of design and display for identification and marking of vehicles owned by the state and local governmental units, excluding vehicles used by law enforcement authorities for prescribed undercover or special investigative purposes, municipal transit vehicles, and cars loaned to schools for driver training.

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Amends the title accordingly.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

M I N U T E S

January 31, 1975
House Office Building 334
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by Representative Sommers, Chairwoman

Doug Pullen of the Washington State Research Council gave a presentation on state government structure, boards and commissions. A copy of his presentation was given to each member of the committee.

✓ HB 172 - Standardizing the marking of public vehicles

Don Petersen, Legislative Budget Committee. Copy of staff memo dated January 31, 1975 given to each member of the committee. The intent of the bill is to provide better public visibility of government-owned vehicles and to provide a means for more efficiently marking vehicles operated by the state and by units of local government. It also sets forth proposed legislative policy positions as to the utilization of confidential license plates by state government officials.

Dave Kirk, Department of Motor Vehicles.

1. Page 4, line 1 - feels that the provision limiting confidential plates to "law enforcement" needs a better definition of law enforcement. Raised a question about confidential plates for elected officials only and questioned if not necessary for appointed officials as well.

2. Page 4, line 12 - At present the DMV both authorizes and issues confidential plates. They feel this is best handled by a single agency.

3. Page 4, line 29 regarding number of plates needs clarifying.

Don Petersen - testified that this is just a summary listing - not names and actual numbers of plates. Suggested that the chief of the Washington State Patrol should be the one to determine issuing confidential plates for security reasons.

HB 199 - Repealing laws relating to the Osaka exposition

Copy of memo from Representative Shinpoch, dated January 31, 1975 given to each member of the committee (copy in file)

Moved out do pass (8).

Executive Session

HB 104 - Restricting the power of state agencies to provide cars to employees

Moved out do pass (8).

HB 105 - Transferring the state motor pool to the Department of General Administration

Don Moos, of the Governor's Office, testified in favor of changing the policy board from its present makeup to:

Governor designee
DSHS Secretary
Highways Director
Commissioner of Public Lands
Higher Ed Representatives

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Petersen and Hazzard expressed concern with any change in the makeup of the board - it was intended the board be representative of a wide variety of interests. Representative Hendricks moved the amendment presented by Moos - amendment failed.

HB 105 - moved out do pass (8).

Meeting adjourned.

HB 172 - MARKING OF PUBLIC VEHICLES
(Bagnariol) (LBC request, Don Petersen)

Hearing January 31

This is one of the package of three bills implementing recommendations of a performance audit on the use of motor vehicles. (Motor pool to GA and automotive policy board; prohibition of state cars as compensation.)

Present state law regarding the marking of vehicles is not being thoroughly complied with. The intent of this bill is to provide better public visibility of government vehicles and to provide for more efficient marking of those vehicles.

The bill also sets forth proposed legislative policy regarding the utilization of confidential license plates.

Dave Kirk, DMV, made the following points:

- a) They feel that the provision limiting confidential plates to "law enforcement" needs a better definition of law enforcement. They get requests and feel the need for some clear definition.
- b) Raised a question about confidential plates for elected officials only and questioned if not necessary for appointed officials as well.
- c) At present the DMV both authorizes and issues confidential plates. They feel this is best handled by a single agency.

Discussion with Petersen pointed out that DMV may issue rules and regs and may therefore themselves define "law enforcement". Petersen also pointed out that section 2, subsection 3 provides for the chief of the state patrol to authorize confidential plates for appointed officials where security is indicated. Kirk seemed satisfied except for their questions regarding the authority vested in one agency. (Since the exception is made for security reasons it seems appropriate that the head of the state patrol have this authority.)

AMENDMENT NEEDED - Section 2 (4), line 29, change the word "numbers" to "quantity" or some other synonym to clarify this point.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

M I N U T E S

February 10, 1975
House Office Building 334
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by Representative Sommers, Chairwoman

HB 314 - World fair bond fund

George Dwinell, Deputy Treasurer. Transfer proceeds from the sale of Century 21 World Fair assets and future revenues to a general fund.

HB 315 - Directing the investment of current state funds

George Dwinell. Treasurer's office wants to handle surplus money (day-to-day expenses) without going through Finance Committee in advance. Long-term investment (one year or more) would continue to be handled by the Finance Committee. Basically a revenue flow problem.

HB 316 - State warrants

George Dwinell. Attorney General suggested destruction after six years. California has total destruction after five years; Federal Government after six years. Annual savings of \$1,980 based on 1.70 per cu ft storage. Amendment presented: Page 1, line 8, change to six years. Presently have 3.6 million warrants a year. Applies only to warrants that have been redeemed.

Karen Vialle, OPP&FM, supports all three bills. HB 314 - frees \$900,000 that would just sit there. HB 315 - relieves problems on the Finance Committee - cost avoidance - no additional staff person would be required by Finance Committee. HB 316 - Very good

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housekeeping bill - cost savings probably underestimated because of increasing cost for storage space.

HB 314, HB 315, and HB 316 moved out do pass (9). HB 316 with amendment.

HB 29 - Gambling Commission

Staff will prepare two alternative amendments regarding removing the director.

Amendment - page 6, line 34 approved by the committee.

Three Shinpoch amendments adopted.

Executive session continued until Wednesday, February 12.

HB 172 - Public vehicles, identity

Moved out do pass (9) with four amendments.

Meeting adjourned.

BILL DIGEST

H. B. No. 172 By Representatives
Bagnariol, Curtis, Shinpoch, Polk (By
Legislative Budget Committee Request)

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vehicles.

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design and display for identification
and marking of vehicles owned by the
state and local governmental units,
excluding vehicles used by law
enforcement authorities for prescribed
undercover or special investigative
purposes.

Subjects violators to
disciplinary action.

Jan 20 First reading, referred to State
Government.

Dave

FISCAL NOTE

Office of Program Planning & Fiscal Management 105
Responding Agency Title Code No.

REQUEST NUMBER
 2152 172
SB NO. HB NO.

- Original
- House Committee Amendment
- Senate Committee Amendment
- Engrossed House Bill
- Engrossed Senate Bill.....
- Substitute

Requested By

Reviewed By OPP&FM

Bill Requested By: Executive ; Department ; Legislative Committee Legislative Budget Committ
Title

New Program or Activity ; Change in Existing Program or Activity ; Local Government Impact

Title of Bill: An Act Relating to

Publicly owned motor vehicles

ESTIMATED STATE FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

A. Revenue Impact by Fund and Source:	BIENNIAL IMPACT			SIX-YEAR IMPACT
	FIRST YEAR Increase (Decrease)	SECOND YEAR Increase (Decrease)	TOTAL Increase (Decrease)	
Fund Title:				
Source Title:				
State				
Federal				
Local				
TOTAL				
B. Expenditure Impact by Source of Funds:				
Fund Title:				
State				
Federal	See FN-2 - Form attached			
Local				
TOTAL				
C. Expenditure Impact Detail:				
FTE Staff Years				
Salaries and Wages				
Personal Service Contracts				
Goods and Services				
Travel				
Equipment				
Employee Benefits				
Grants and Subsidies				
Debt Service				
Capital Outlay:				
Land				
Buildings				
Improvements Other Than Buildings				
TOTAL				

D. Attach Explanation of Estimate
 (Use Form FN-2)

Heinz Swoboda Program Analyst 1-31-75
Prepared By Title Date

FISCAL NOTE

Office of Prog. Planning & Fiscal Mgmt. 105
 Responding Agency Title Code No. Concerning 2152 172
 REQUEST NUMBER
 SE NO. HB NO.

January 31, 1975
 Date Submitted

This bill is related to the marking of public owned motor vehicles. It actually has two purposes:

- (1) to eliminate the requirement that markings be "painted" on the vehicles by substituting the word "displayed", and
- (2) to require that appropriate markings be displayed on both sides of each vehicle.

Presently, the statutes require that the markings be "painted" on the left side of each vehicle. Painting is not economically feasible and has not been enforced. The use of decals has proven more economical providing easier application and removal. By substituting the word "displayed" this bill will legalize the use of decals. (If not passed, strict enforcement of law would require a substantial state expenditure to bring the 7,800 state vehicles into conformance.)

It has been estimated by the Legislative Budget Committee staff that approximately ten percent of the current state owned motor vehicles are marked in accordance with RCW 46.08.065.

In addition, this bill requires markings on both sides of each vehicle in comparison to the present requirements of the left side only. This will require bringing in the 7,800 state vehicles and applying appropriate markings on the right side.

Fiscal impact of requiring compliance with existing statute (RCW 46.08.065):

7,020 - vehicles (90% of 7,800)
 x \$11.50 - cost of time and materials, per Legislative Budget Committee estimates
 \$80,730.00

Fiscal impact of proposed legislation (Senate Bill No. 2152 - House Bill No. 172)

7,020 - vehicles (90% of 7,800)
 x \$ 3.00 - cost of time and materials, per Legislative Budget Committee estimates
 \$19,305.00

Cost avoidance of proposed legislation: \$61,425 (first year)

SUMMARY

	Compliance With RCW 46.08.065	Compliance With This Bill	Savings
<u>Cost Per Vehicle</u>	\$ 11.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 8.50
Cost of marking (90% of fleet (1 year)	\$ 80,730.00	\$19,305.00	\$61,425.00
Cost of marking 20% of fleet (annual turnover rate)	17,940.00	4,680.00	13,260.00
Biennial Impact	\$ 98,670.00	\$23,985.00	\$74,685.00

House Committee Amendments to House Bill No. 172
By Committee on State Government

On page 4, line 1, strike all of subsection (1) down to and including "purposes." on line 3 and insert "(1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the department of motor vehicles is authorized to issue confidential motor vehicle license plates to units of local government and to agencies of the federal government for law enforcement purposes only."

Adopted 2/18/75

On page 4, line 16, after "unmarked" strike "state" and insert "publicly"

Adopted 2/18/75

On page 4, line 16, after "vehicle" insert "of the appropriate governmental unit"

Adopted 2/18/75

On page 4, line 29, after "the" strike "numbers" and insert "total number"

Adopted 2/18/75

Report of Standing Committee

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Olympia, Washington

February 9, 1973

(date)

House Bill

No. 172

(Type in House or Senate Bill, Resolution, or Memorial)

Prime Sponsor Representative Bagnariol

Standardizing the marking of public vehicles.

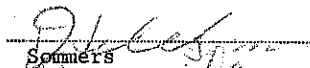
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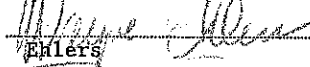
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MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass with the following amendment(s):

Signed by

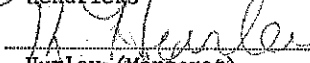
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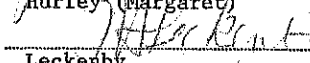
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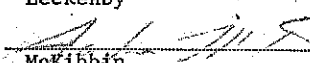
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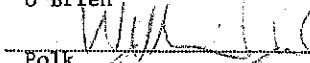
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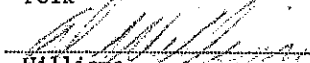
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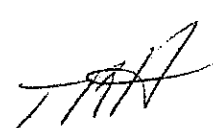
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State of Washington
Legislative Budget Committee
Olympia, Washington

January 31, 1975

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Helen Sommers, Chairwoman
House Committee on State Government

FROM: Thomas R. Hazzard, Legislative Auditor 

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 172
(Marking of publicly owned motor vehicles)

SUMMARY

This bill represents the outcome of the first major review of public motor vehicles marking and identification requirements since the current law was originally enacted in 1937. The bill is intended to provide better public visibility of government owned vehicles and to provide a means for more efficiently marking vehicles operated by the state and by units of local government. It also sets forth proposed legislative policy positions as to the utilization of "confidential" license plates by state government officials and employees as well as their use by units of local government and federal government agencies. The bill also includes specific penalty provisions (Section 3) to encourage compliance with the statute. The bill is intended to implement recommendations 6(a), 6(b) and 7 of the recent Legislative Budget Committee performance audit covering utilization of passenger motor vehicles used in conducting state business.

MAJOR FEATURES OF BILL

Regular marking. Under present legislative policies as set forth in RCW 46.08.065, all motor vehicles operated on the public highways by state agencies or units of local government are to have painted on the left side of the vehicle in letters at least two inches high, the words "STATE OF WASHINGTON" or the name of the appropriate city, county or other unit of local government plus the name of the state agency or local government agency using the vehicle.

The motor vehicle utilization audit included a review of state agency compliance with the marking requirements established by the Legislature

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under RCW 46.08.065.* The audit found that the requirements of RCW 46.08.065 were not being followed by state agencies in the marking of state vehicles.** House Bill No. 172 is intended to allow use of more modern and less costly methods of marking public vehicles. The bill reduces the size of the required lettering (from two inches to one and one-quarter inches) and allows the use of decals and other marking methods in addition to painted identification. It has been estimated that the new marking requirements will cost substantially less per vehicle to install and remove relative to the marking requirements of the existing law.

The bill does propose markings on both sides of the vehicle, in lieu of on the left side only as at present. It also will extend the law to cover vehicles under agency control. (This is intended to cover vehicles under long-term lease, loan, or similar arrangements tantamount to ownership.) A vehicle marking exemption for vehicles used by sheriffs, local police, and local peace officers is continued but is limited to vehicles used for undercover or confidential investigative purposes.

Insignia Alternative. The current statute also allows use of a distinctive insignia (including substantially the same information) as an alternative to the "regular" marking requirements. Under existing law, insignia are subject to approval by the state commission on equipment. The proposed new language continues permission to use distinctive insignia as an alternative to "regular" marking but for units of local government approval authority is shifted from the state commission on equipment to the governing body of the county, city or other local government unit concerned. As to state agencies, approval authority is shifted to the Department of General Administration and the automotive policy board. Existing state agency insignia would be automatically approved for continued use (if approved by state commission on equipment on or before January 1, 1975) and if they contain the information and lettering size required by the proposed law.

Marking Exemptions. Under the existing law, no marking exemptions are provided other than a blanket exemption for the Washington State Patrol and for local sheriffs' offices and local police departments. Under House Bill No. 172, Washington State Patrol vehicles used for general undercover or confidential investigative purposes would be exempt from the marking requirement. State Patrol traffic vehicles may also be exempted at the

* Performance Audit No. 74-2, Passenger Motor Vehicles Used in Conducting State Business, July 19, 1974, pp. 44-45

** Ibid. page 54

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Chief's discretion. Other exemptions would be permitted covering vehicles used for law enforcement, confidential public health work, public assistance fraud/support investigations. Exemptions are also permitted for vehicles under temporary lease, for vehicles used by statewide elected officials, where needed for employee security purposes, and for vehicles used for the transportation of money and securities by the State Treasurer.

State Agencies Vehicle Covered. The present law covers all state agencies. The scope of this coverage apparently extends to include commodity commissions and possibly such entities as the Washington State School Directors Association. Under the language of the proposed bill, commodity commissions would be excluded and coverage of the law limited to those agencies financed in whole or in some part from funds appropriated by the Legislature. No change in the types of motor vehicles covered is intended under the bill. Special language covering motorcycles is included in the new bill to recognize the limited space available for marking purposes.

Confidential Plates. There is no statute, legislative guidelines or other published policy governing the use of confidential plates.* Theoretically, the director of motor vehicles could authorize their use on all publicly owned motor vehicles without violating any law or other legislative guideline.

Under the proposal in House Bill No. 172, the use of such plates by local government agencies (and federal agencies) would be limited to law enforcement purposes. State agency use would be restricted to confidential investigative or undercover work of state law enforcement agencies, confidential public health work and confidential public assistance fraud or support investigations. For personal security reasons, the Chief of the Washington State Patrol (with the approval of the automotive policy board) could authorize use of confidential plates and an unmarked car. In addition, the office of the State Treasurer is authorized to use an unmarked state car and confidential license plates, where required, to transport state funds or negotiable securities to or from his office. State officials elected on a statewide basis may also secure one set of confidential plates for use on official business.

* Confidential plates are regular passenger car license plates used on publicly owned motor vehicles which bear no distinguishing symbols, letters or numbers to distinguish them from plates regularly assigned to privately owned motor vehicles.

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Administrative Penalties. Violation of the provisions of the proposed bill subjects the public officer or employee to disciplinary action by the appropriate appointing authority or employing agency.

"Grandfather" clause - any vehicle properly marked under existing law would not need to be remarked to conform to new marking requirements until July 1, 1977.

Fiscal Impact. The data presently available to the Legislative Budget Committee staff indicates the cost of conforming to the statutory standards of the new law will be no more than under the current law and could be substantially less. A set of two decals conforming to the new standards will cost about \$2.50.

A section by section analysis of the highlights of House Bill No. 172 is attached as Appendix One.

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Attachment: Highlights of HB 172

APPENDIX ONE

SECTION BY SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Public Motor Vehicle Identification Bill

HOUSE BILL NO. 172

Section

ONE Subsection (1) amends existing law to delete material dealing with state-owned vehicles. (Material relating to state shifted to subsequent subsections.) Marking requirements extended to vehicles controlled by local governments (i.e., long-term lease). Size of required letters reduced (two inches to 1-1/4 inch) which corresponds with proposed state requirement. Use of distinctive insignia by local government agencies may be permitted by appropriate overall local governing body. Use of unmarked vehicles by police agencies limited to undercover or confidential investigative purposes.

Subsection (2). All vehicles owned or controlled by state agencies financed in whole or in part from appropriated funds to be plainly marked on both sides with the agency name (or state motor pool, as appropriate) with minimum letter size of 1-1/4 inch and the state seal at least six inches in diameter. The words "For Official Use Only" are to appear immediately below seal or authorized insignia.

Subsection (3). With the consent of the automotive policy board, the Department of General Administration may approve agency use of a distinctive insignia in lieu of the state seal required in subsection (2). Must be at least six inches across in smallest dimension and in a color contrasting to vehicle color. The words "State of Washington" must be displayed above the insignia in letters at least one and one-quarter inches high in a color contrasting to the vehicle.

Subsection (4). A distinctive agency insignia approved by state commission on equipment on or before January 1, 1975 may be continued in use if it otherwise conforms to the standards imposed by subsections (2) and (3).

Subsection (5). Marking requirements do not apply to state patrol vehicles used for general undercover or confidential investigative purposes. Traffic control vehicles may also be exempted. Other exceptions to marking requirements shall be permitted for law enforcement work, confidential public health work, public assistance fraud or support investigations, public officials elected on a statewide basis, personal security of public officials and employees, transportation of public funds or securities by the Office of the State Treasurer and for vehicles leased on short term basis. (Only exceptions to be permitted.)

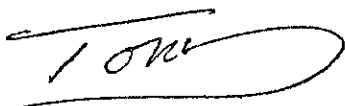
Subsection (6). Publically owned motorcycles to be conspicuously marked in letters of a contrasting color with the name of both the operating government entity and the department or office on whose business the motorcycle is used.

- TWO Use of confidential plates by federal and local government agencies limited to law enforcement work. Use of confidential plates by state limited to same areas (law enforcement, confidential public health work, confidential public assistance fraud or support investigations, necessary personal security purposes, statewide elected officials, state transport of public funds and negotiable securities) as areas where use of unmarked cars is permitted. Director of Motor Vehicles may issue rules governing applications for confidential plates. Legislative Auditor shall examine listings of confidential plate utilization by using governmental unit and report thereon to Legislature and Legislative Budget Committee.
- THREE Violations of this act shall subject the public officer or employee concerned to disciplinary action by appointing authority. Disciplinary action may include suspension without pay or termination of employment.
- FOUR Vehicles properly marked under current law need not be remarked to conform to new requirements until July 1, 1977.

State of Washington
Legislative Budget Committee
April 23, 1975

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Daniel Marsh and
Senator Charles Newschwander

FROM: Thomas R. Hazzard, Legislative Auditor 

SUBJECT: Engrossed House Bill No. 172

The Senate State Government Committee has amended and moved out Engrossed House Bill No. 172 with a "Do Pass" recommendation. As you recall, this bill, as recommended by the Legislative Budget Committee, had three major features: (1) strengthening the long-standing legislative policy (since 1937) calling for the conspicuous marking of publicly-owned vehicles; (2) establishing legislative policy guidelines on the use of confidential plates by state agencies and other governmental entities (no limits provided by law at present); and (3) providing for penalties for failure to comply with the law to assist in the enforcement of legislative policy directives.

The bill is also intended to provide for the more efficient and economical methods of marking publicly-owned or controlled vehicles to comply with the legal standards established by the Legislature. The committee staff solicited cost estimates relative to the cost of conforming with the present statute. The estimated cost of marking a vehicle under the current law was about \$11 per vehicle (painted markings required by current statute). Both sides of the vehicle can be marked for about \$3 under methods allowed by House Bill No. 172.

Several amendments were made by the Senate State Government Committee which will clarify the scope and impact of the bill. An exemption was provided for mass transit vehicles and such other motor vehicles as may be loaned to school districts for driver training purposes. The legend "for official use only" will be applied to local government vehicles as well as state agency vehicles, and explicit language was incorporated requiring the vehicle markings to be kept in a legible condition at all times. Other language as to the issuance of confidential plates for security reasons by the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, with the advice by the Chief of the State Patrol, was clarified.

A further amendment was requested by Representative Ehlers which in essence added the provisions of House Bill No. 39 to our committee bill. These amendments had the affect of eliminating the need for public agencies (state, county, city, etc.) to obtain, install and display annually updated license plate tabs on publicly-owned motor vehicles.

The proponents of the last amendment state that in addition to savings by the Department of Motor Vehicles through elimination of the cost of issuing the tabs yearly, all state agencies, cities and counties would save the yearly registration fees for all except newly registered vehicles, the cost of processing the request for tabs, receiving and installing the tabs. The additional one dollar fee proposed for each original registration, \$2.60 versus \$1.60 (current fee), would only partially offset the revenue losses, however.

As shown below, the cost saving to all levels of government within the state will be \$926,868 over the six-year period. This cost savings is partially offset by a six-year revenue loss by the Departments of Highways and Motor Vehicles of \$322,460. Cost savings data was arrived at as follows: labor time includes all the time it takes to renew a motor vehicle registration from receiving the renewal form to putting the new tabs on the license plate and is estimated at 15 minutes per vehicle. In all but a few cases, the work would presumably be done by several persons. Labor costs are estimated to average five dollars per hour.

The fiscal impact as estimated by the Departments of Highways and Motor Vehicles is summarized below:

	<u>Expenditure Impact</u> <u>on State and Local Governments</u>			
	<u>DMV Admin.</u> <u>Savings</u>	+ <u>Other State</u> <u>County, City Savings</u>		<u>Total</u> <u>Savings</u>
FY 1976	\$ 4,666	\$ 128,149		\$ 132,815
FY 1977	17,435	132,632		150,067
1975-77 Bien.	22,101	260,781		282,882
6-yr. Total	96,577	830,291		926,868
		<u>Revenue Loss</u>		
	<u>FY 76</u>	<u>FY 77</u>	<u>1975-77</u> <u>Biennium</u>	<u>Six-Year</u> <u>Impact</u>
Motor Veh. Fund	\$(44,930)	\$(46,500)	\$(91,430)	\$(291,780)
Highway Safety Fund	<u>(4,720)</u>	<u>(4,890)</u>	<u>(9,610)</u>	<u>(30,680)</u>
	\$(49,650)	\$(51,390)	\$(101,040)	\$(322,460)

State of Washington
Legislative Budget Committee
May 2, 1975

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representatives Bagnariol, Chatalas, Curtis, Polk, Shinpoch and Thompson
FROM: Thomas R. Hazzard, Legislative Auditor *THOR*
SUBJECT: Legislative Budget Committee bills (and one Legislative Budget Committee related bill) passed by Senate

Four bills officially sponsored by the Committee (plus a fifth bill updating the Committee's charter from the legislature) were passed by the Senate today. Four of these bills will come back for House concurrence on Senate amendments. These bills are:

A. Returning for concurrence:

- (1) Engrossed House Bill No. 102 - Reconstitutes state government purchasing and material controls.
(Performance Audit Report No. 74-9)
- ✓(2) Engrossed House Bill No. 172 - Updating laws on marking and identification of publicly-owned vehicles.
(Performance Audit Report No. 74-2)
- (3) Engrossed House Bill No. 310 - Provides for legislative control and legislative visibility for expenditure of revenues resulting from sale of test fishing proceeds, surplus salmon, etc.
(General Legislative Budget Committee request)
- (4) Engrossed House Bill No. 675 - The proposed Senate Committee amendment substantially expands the original bill (which dealt with legislative controls over spending of unanticipated receipts) to embrace an extensive update of the basic laws relating to the Legislative Budget Committee.

B. Passed Legislature (on way to Governor)

House Bill No. 104 - Limits powers of certain state agencies to include personal use of a state-owned (or leased) automobile as part of an employee's compensation "package".
(Performance Audit Report No. 74-2)

May 2, 1975

COMMENTS

Engrossed House Bill 102. This bill is still substantially as recommended by the Committee with only minor technical amendments.

Engrossed House Bill No. 172. The Senate State Government Committee adopted several clarifying amendments to the bill with which the staff concurs. These amendments provide: (1) an explicit exemption for mass transit vehicles and motor vehicles loaned to school districts for driver training purposes; (2) explicit language directing that the vehicle markings be kept legible at all times; and (3) clarifying language as to the use of confidential plates for security purposes.

A further amendment to Engrossed House Bill No. 172 was requested by Representative Ehlers (and adopted by the State Government Committee) which in essence added the provisions of House Bill No. 39 to the basic committee bill. The Ehlers amendment eliminates the need for public agencies to obtain and display annual license plate tabs on publicly-owned motor vehicles.

By floor amendment the Senate also amended Section 2, paragraph (3) (on page 4) of Engrossed House Bill No. 172, which read: "Any state official elected on a statewide basis, shall be provided on request with one set of confidential plates for use on official business... ." The Senate floor amendment changed the bill to read: "Any elected state official shall be provided on request with one set of confidential plates for use on official business... ."

House Bill No. 310. The basic bill recommended by the Legislative Budget Committee was amended and passed by the House. The Senate Ways and Means Committee proposes to strike the House amendment to restore the basic concept of the original bill modified to reflect the possibility that this session may enact legislation calling for free distribution of surplus salmon for charitable purposes.

Engrossed House Bill No. 675. The original House bill proposed to provide by permanent law for the same legislative control of spending from unanticipated receipts as is now provided by language in the appropriation bills for the current biennium. The proposed Ways and Means Committee amendment substantially expands the original bill to embrace a substantial rewrite of the basic laws relating to the Legislative Budget Committee to reflect its current role as a legislative staff arm to encourage and promote economy, efficiency and effectiveness in state government. Explicit language as to revenue forecasting and reports on the economic outlook is also included. Language dealing strictly with the budget has been deleted. Explicit references are added to the Senate and House Committees on Ways and Means as appropriate per current practice. An important addition is language giving the Legislative Budget Committee permission to make management studies and program reviews of local government units (i.e., school districts) which receive state funds as grants-in-aid or as shared revenues.

The staff has prepared detailed comprehensive memoranda on each of these bills should you wish any further information thereon. Please call if you have any questions or other concerns on any of these bills.

HOUSE BILL NO. 172

State of Washington
44th Regular Session

by Representatives Bagnariol, Curtis, Shinpoch,
and Polk (by Legislative Budget Committee request
to implement performance audit recommendations)

Read first time January 20, 1975, and referred to Committee on State Government.

1 AN ACT Relating to publicly owned motor vehicles; amending section
2 46.08.065, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.08.065; adding
3 new sections to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 46.08
4 RCW; and providing penalties.

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

6 Section 1. Section 46.08.065, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and
7 RCW 46.08.065 are each amended to read as follows:

8 (1) It shall be unlawful for any public officer having charge
9 of any vehicle other than a motorcycle owned ((by the state of
10 Washington)) or controlled by any county, city, town, or ((other))
11 public body in this state other than the state of Washington and used
12 in public business to operate the same upon the public highways of
13 this state unless and until there shall be ((painted)) displayed upon
14 such automobile or other motor vehicle in letters of contrasting
15 color not less than ((two)) one and one-quarter inches in height in a
16 conspicuous place on the right and left sides thereof, ((the words
17 "State of Washington" or)) the name of such county, city, town, or
18 other public body, together with the name of the department or office
19 upon the business of which the said vehicle is used((: PROVIDED,
20 That)). This section shall not apply to vehicles of ((the Washington
21 state patrol,)) a sheriff's office, local police department, or any
22 vehicles used by local peace officers under public authority for
23 special undercover or ((general)) confidential investigative
24 purposes((: PROVIDED FURTHER, That)). It shall be lawful and
25 constitute compliance with the provisions of this section, however,
26 for ((any department or office)) the governing body of the
27 appropriate county, city, town, or public body other than the state
28 of Washington or its agencies to adopt and use ((in lieu of the
29 lettering required)) a distinctive insignia ((: approved by the state
30 commission on equipment; and bearing substantially the same

1 information as required herein) which shall be not less than six
2 inches in diameter across its smallest dimension and which shall be
3 displayed conspicuously on the right and left sides of the vehicle.
4 Such insignia shall be in a color or colors contrasting with the
5 vehicle to which applied for maximum visibility. The name of the
6 public body owning or operating the vehicle shall also be included as
7 part of or displayed above such approved insignia in colors
8 contrasting with the vehicle in letters not less than one and one-
9 quarter inches in height. The appropriate governing body may provide
10 by rule or ordinance for exceptions to the marking requirements for
11 local governmental agencies for the same purposes and under the same
12 circumstances as permitted for state agencies under subsections (4)
13 and (5) of this section.

14 (2) Except as provided by subsections (3), (4), or (5) of
15 this section, every state officer, agency, commission, department, or
16 institution financed in whole or in part from funds appropriated by
17 the legislature shall plainly and conspicuously mark the right and
18 left front doors of each motor vehicle other than a motorcycle under
19 its ownership or control which is used on any public road or street
20 with the name of the operating department, agency, or institution for
21 the words "state motor pool" as appropriated in letters at least one
22 and one-quarter inches high of a color contrasting with the color of
23 the vehicle. Immediately below such lettering and also in a
24 contrasting color shall appear the official seal of the state of
25 Washington, the size of which shall be not less than six inches in
26 diameter. Immediately below the official seal, or insignia if
27 authorized under subsection (3) of this section, shall appear the
28 words "for official use only" in letters at least one inch high in a
29 color contrasting with the color of the vehicle.

30 (3) The department of general administration, with the
31 consent of the automotive policy board, may approve the use of a
32 distinctive departmental, office, agency, institutional, or
33 commission insignia in lieu of the state seal required under
34 subsection (2) of this section. Such insignia, if approved, shall be
35 in a color or colors contrasting with the vehicle to which applied
36 and shall be not less than six inches in diameter or across its

1 smallest dimension. The words "State of Washington" shall be
2 included as part of or displayed above such approved insignia in a
3 color contrasting with the vehicle in letters not less than one and
4 one-quarter inches in height.

5 (4) Any distinctive departmental, office, agency,
6 institutional, or commission insignia approved for marking of state
7 vehicles by the state commission on equipment on or before January 1,
8 1975, shall be approved for continued use if it conforms to the
9 standards imposed by subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

10 (5) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall not apply
11 to vehicles used by the Washington state patrol for general
12 undercover or confidential investigative purposes. Traffic control
13 vehicles of the Washington state patrol may be exempted from the
14 requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section at the
15 discretion of the chief of the Washington state patrol. The
16 department of general administration, with the consent of the auto
17 motive policy board, shall promulgate general rules and regulations
18 permitting other exceptions to the requirements of subsections (2)
19 and (3) of this section for other vehicles used for law enforcement,
20 confidential public health work, and public assistance fraud or
21 support investigative purposes, for vehicles leased or rented by the
22 state on a casual basis for a period of less than ninety days, and
23 those provided for in section 2(3) of this 1975 amendatory act. The
24 exceptions in this subsection and those provided for in section 2(3)
25 of this 1975 amendatory act shall be the only exceptions permitted to
26 the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

27 (6) Any motorcycle owned or controlled by the state of
28 Washington or by any county, city, town, or other public body in this
29 state and used for public purposes on the public highways of this
30 state shall be conspicuously marked in letters of a contrasting color
31 with the words "State of Washington" or the name of such
32 city, town, or other public body, together with the name of the
33 department or office upon the business of which the motorcycle is
34 used.

35 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of
36 1961 and to chapter 46.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

- 1 (1) The use of confidential motor vehicle license plates by
2 federal and local government agencies shall be limited to law
3 enforcement purposes.
4 (2) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this
5 section the use of confidential plates on vehicles owned or operated
6 by the state of Washington by any officer or employee thereof, shall

House Committee Amendments to House Bill No. 172
By Committee on State Government

On page 4, line 1, strike all of subsection (1) down
to and including "purposes." on line 3 and insert
" (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of
this section, the department of motor vehicles is
authorized to issue confidential motor vehicle license
plates to units of local government and to agencies
of the federal government for law enforcement
purposes only."

Adopted 2/18/75

On page 4, line 16, after "unmarked" strike "state"
and insert "publicly"

Adopted 2/18/75

On page 4, line 16, after "vehicle" insert "of the
appropriate governmental unit"

Adopted 2/18/75

On page 4, line 29, after "the" strike "numbers" and
insert "total number"

Adopted 2/18/75

- 1 disciplinary action by the appropriate appointing authority or
2 employing agency. Such disciplinary action may include, but shall
3 not be limited to, suspension without pay or termination of
4 employment in the case of repeated or continuing noncompliance.
5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of
6 1961 and to chapter 46.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:
7 Any vehicle properly marked pursuant to statutory requirements
8 in effect prior to the effective date of this 1975 amendatory act,
9 need not be remarked to conform to the requirements of sections 1, 2,
10 and 3 of this 1975 amendatory act until July 1, 1977.

- 30 Public agency. Reports on the utilization of such plates shall be
31 submitted to the legislative budget committee and to the legislature.
32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of
33 1961 and to chapter 46.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

- 34 A violation of any provision of RCW 46.08.065 as now or
35 hereafter amended or of section 2 of this 1975 amendatory act shall
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1 Senate Committee Amendment to Engrossed House Bill No. 172 2:1 P
 2 By Committee on State Government ARTA;
 as amended by Senator Woody

3 Strike all material after the enacting clause and insert the 1
 4 following: 5

5 "Section 1. Section 46.08.065, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and 6
 6 RCW 46.08.065 are each amended to read as follows: 7

7 (1) It shall be unlawful for any public officer having charge 8
 8 of any vehicle other than a motorcycle owned ((by the state of 9
 9 Washington)) or controlled by any county, city, town, or ((other)) 9
 10 public body in this state other than the state of Washington and used 10
 11 in public business to operate the same upon the public highways of 11
 12 this state unless and until there shall be ((painted)) displayed upon 11
 13 such automobile or other motor vehicle in letters of contrasting 12
 14 color not less than ((two)) one and one-quarter inches in height in a 13
 15 conspicuous place on the right and left sides thereof, ((the words 13
 16 "State of Washington" or)) the name of such county, city, town, or 14
 17 other public body, together with the name of the department or office 15
 18 upon the business of which the said vehicle is used ((: PROVIDED, 15
 19 That)). This section shall not apply to vehicles of ((the Washington 16
 20 state patrol)) a sheriff's office, local police department, or any 17
 21 vehicles used by local peace officers under public authority for 17
 22 special undercover or ((general)) confidential investigative 18
 23 purposes ((: PROVIDED FURTHER, That)). This subsection shall not 19
 24 apply to: (a) Any municipal transit vehicle operated for purposes 19
 25 of providing public mass transportation; nor to (b) any motor vehicle 20
 26 on loan to a school district for driver training purposes. It shall 20
 27 be lawful and constitute compliance with the provisions of this 22
 28 section, however, for ((any department or office)) the governing body 22

1 of the appropriate county, city, town, or public body other than the 23
2 state of Washington or its agencies to adopt and use ((in lieu of the 23
3 lettering required)) a distinctive insignia ((if approved by the state 24
4 commission on equipment, and bearing substantially the same 24
5 information as required herein)) which shall be not less than six 25
6 inches in diameter across its smallest dimension and which shall be 26
7 displayed conspicuously on the right and left sides of the vehicle. 26
8 Such insignia shall be in a color or colors contrasting with the 28
9 vehicle to which applied for maximum visibility. The name of the 28
10 public body owning or operating the vehicle shall also be included as 29
11 part of or displayed above such approved insignia in colors 30
12 contrasting with the vehicle in letters not less than one and one- 31
13 quarter inches in height. Immediately below the lettering 31
14 identifying the public entity and agency operating the vehicle or 32
15 below an approved insignia shall appear the words "for official use 32
16 only" in letters at least one inch high in a color contrasting with 33
17 the color of the vehicle. The appropriate governing body may provide 34
18 by rule or ordinance for exceptions to the marking requirements for 35
19 local governmental agencies for the same purposes and under the same 36
20 circumstances as permitted for state agencies under subsections (4) 36
21 and (5) of this section. 36

22 (2) Except as provided by subsections (3), (4), or (5) of 37
23 this section, every state office, agency, commission, department, or 39
24 institution financed in whole or in part from funds appropriated by 40
25 the legislature shall plainly and conspicuously mark the right and 40
26 left front doors of each motor vehicle other than a motorcycle under 41
27 its ownership or control which is used on any public road or street 41
28 with the name of the operating department, agency, or institution for 42
29 the words "state motor pool" as appropriate, in letters at least one 43
30 and one-quarter inches high of a color contrasting with the color of 43
31 the vehicle. Immediately below such lettering and also in a 44
32 contrasting color shall appear the official seal of the state of 44
33 Washington, the size of which shall be not less than six inches in 45
34 diameter. Immediately below the official seal, or insignia if 46
35 authorized under subsection (3) of this section, shall appear the 46
36 words "for official use only" in letters at least one inch high in a 47

1 color contrasting with the color of the vehicle. 47

2 (3) The department of general administration, with the 48
3 consent of the automotive policy board, may approve the use of a 48
4 distinctive departmental, office, agency, institutional, or 49
5 commission insignia in lieu of the state seal required under 49
6 subsection (2) of this section. Such insignia, if approved, shall be 50
7 in a color or colors contrasting with the vehicle to which applied 51
8 and shall be not less than six inches in diameter or across its 51
9 smallest dimension. The words "State of Washington" shall be 52
10 included as part of or displayed above such approved insignia in a 52
11 color contrasting with the vehicle in letters not less than one and 53
12 one-quarter inches in height. 53

13 (4) Any distinctive departmental, office, agency, 54
14 institutional, or commission insignia approved for marking of state 55
15 vehicles by the state commission on equipment on or before January 1, 55
16 1975, shall be approved for continued use if it conforms to the 56
17 standards imposed by subsections (2) and (3) of this section. 56

18 (5) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall not apply 57
19 to vehicles used by the Washington state patrol for general 58
20 undercover or confidential investigative purposes. Traffic control 58
21 vehicles of the Washington state patrol may be exempted from the 59
22 requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section at the 60
23 discretion of the chief of the Washington state patrol. The 60
24 department of general administration, with the consent of the auto 61
25 motive policy board, shall promulgate general rules and regulations 63
26 permitting other exceptions to the requirements of subsections (2) 63
27 and (3) of this section for other vehicles used for law enforcement, 64
28 confidential public health work, and public assistance fraud or 64
29 support investigative purposes, for vehicles leased or rented by the 64
30 state on a casual basis for a period of less than ninety days, and 65
31 those provided for in section 2(3) of this 1975 amendatory act. The 66
32 exceptions in this subsection and those provided for in section 2(3) 66
33 of this 1975 amendatory act shall be the only exceptions permitted to 66
34 the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section. 67

35 (6) Any motorcycle owned or controlled by the state of 68
36 Washington or by any county, city, town, or other public body in this 69

1 state and used for public purposes on the public highways of this 70
 2 state shall be conspicuously marked in letters of a contrasting color 71
 3 with the words "State of Washington" or the name of such county, 72
 4 city, town, or other public body, together with the name of the 72
 5 department or office upon the business of which the motorcycle is 73
 6 used. 73

7 (7) All motor vehicle markings required under the terms of 74
 8 this chapter shall be maintained in a legible condition at all times. 75

9 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 76
 10 1961 and to chapter 46.08 RCW a new section to read as follows: 77

11 (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the 78
 12 department of motor vehicles is authorized to issue confidential 79
 13 motor vehicle license plates to units of local government and to 80
 14 agencies of the federal government for law enforcement purposes only. 80

15 (2) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this 81
 16 section the use of confidential plates on vehicles owned or operated 82
 17 by the state of Washington by any officer or employee thereof, shall 83
 18 be limited to confidential, investigative, or undercover work of 83
 19 state law enforcement agencies, confidential public health work, and 84
 20 confidential public assistance fraud or support investigations. 84

21 (3) Any elected state official shall be provided on request 85
 22 with one set of confidential plates for use on official business. 86
 23 When necessary for the personal security of any other public officer, 88
 24 or public employee, the chief of the Washington state patrol may 89
 25 recommend that the director issue confidential plates for use on an 90
 26 unmarked publicly owned or controlled vehicle of the appropriate 90
 27 governmental unit for the conduct of official business for the period 91
 28 of time that the personal security of such state official, public 92
 29 officer, or other public employee may require. The office of the 93
 30 state treasurer may use an unmarked state owned or controlled vehicle 94
 31 with confidential plates where required for the safe transportation 95
 32 of either state funds or negotiable securities to or from the office 96
 33 of the state treasurer. 96

34 (4) The director of the department of motor vehicles, with 97
 35 the approval of the automotive policy board established pursuant to 98
 36 section 6, chapter ... (HB 105), Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess., may 98

1 issue rules and regulations governing applications for, and the use 99
 2 of, such plates by law enforcement and other public agencies. The 99
 3 legislative auditor shall periodically examine or require filing of a 100
 4 current listing of the total number of such plates issued to any law 101
 5 enforcement or other public agency. Reports on the utilization of 101
 6 such plates shall be submitted to the legislative budget committee 102
 7 and to the legislature. 102

8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 103
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10 A violation of any provision of RCW 46.08.065 as now or 105
 11 hereafter amended or of section 2 of this 1975 amendatory act shall 106
 12 subject the public officer or employee committing such violation to 107
 13 disciplinary action by the appropriate appointing authority or 107
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 15 not be limited to, suspension without pay or termination of 108
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17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 110
 18 1961 and to chapter 46.08 RCW a new section to read as follows: 111

19 Any vehicle properly marked pursuant to statutory requirements 112
 20 in effect prior to the effective date of this 1975 amendatory act, 113
 21 need not be remarked to conform to the requirements of sections 1, 2, 113
 22 and 3 of this 1975 amendatory act until July 1, 1977. 114

23 Sec. 5. Section 46.16.020, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last 116
 24 amended by section 22, chapter 132, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and 117
 25 RCW 46.16.020 are each amended to read as follows: 118

26 Any vehicle owned, rented, or leased by the state of 119
 27 Washington, or by any county, city, town, school district, or other 120
 28 political subdivision of the state of Washington and used exclusively 121
 29 by them, and all vehicles owned or leased with an option to purchase 121
 30 by the United States government, or by the government of foreign 122
 31 countries, or by international bodies to which the United States 123
 32 government is a signatory by treaty, and used exclusively in its or 124
 33 their service shall be exempt from the payment of license fees for 124
 34 the licensing thereof as in this chapter provided: PROVIDED, 125
 35 HOWEVER, that such vehicles, except those owned and used exclusively 125
 36 by the United States government and which are identified by clearly 127

1 exhibited registration numbers or license plates assigned by an 127
 2 instrumentality of that government, shall be registered as prescribed 128
 3 for the license registration of other vehicles and shall display 129
 4 ((upon the vehicles)) the vehicle license number plates assigned ((by 129
 5 the director and except in cases of a foreign government or 130
 6 international body shall pay for such number plates a fee of one 131
 7 dollar)) to it. The department shall assign a plate or plates to 131
 8 each vehicle or may assign a block of plates to an agency or 132
 9 political subdivision for further assignment by the agency or 132
 10 political subdivision to individual vehicles registered to it 133
 11 pursuant to this section. The agency or political subdivision, 133
 12 except a foreign government or international body, shall pay a fee of 134
 13 dollars for each plate or plates for each vehicle: PROVIDED, 135
 14 FURTHER, That no vehicle license or license number plates shall be 136
 15 issued to any such vehicle under the provisions of this section for 136
 16 the transportation of school children unless and until such vehicle 137
 17 shall have been first personally inspected by the director or his 138
 18 duly authorized representative. 138

19 Sec. 6. Section 46.16.210, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as 140
 20 amended by section 1, chapter 75, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 141
 21 46.16.210 are each amended to read as follows: 142

22 (1) Upon receipt of the application and proper fee for 143
 23 original vehicle license, the director shall make a recheck of the 144
 24 application and in the event that there is any error in the 145
 25 application it may be returned to the county auditor or other agent 146
 26 to effectively secure the correction of such error, who shall return 147
 27 the same corrected to the director. 148

28 (2) Application for the renewal of a vehicle license shall be 150
 29 made to the director or his agents, including county auditors, by the 151
 30 registered owner on a form prescribed by the director. The 152
 31 application must be accompanied by the certificate of registration 153
 32 for the last registration period in which the vehicle was registered 154
 33 in Washington unless the applicant submits a preprinted application 155
 34 mailed from Olympia, and the payment of such license fees and excise 156
 35 tax as may be required by law. Such application shall be handled in 157
 36 the same manner and the fees transmitted to the state treasurer in 158

1 the same manner as in the case of an original application. Any such 159
 2 application which upon validation becomes a renewal certificate need 160
 3 not have entered upon it the name of the lien holder, if any, of the 161
 4 vehicle concerned. 161

5 (3) Persons expecting to be out of the state during the 162
 6 period from January 1st through February 1st may, not earlier than 163
 7 December 1st, but prior to January 1st, secure renewal of a vehicle 165
 8 license and have license plates or tabs preissued by making 165
 9 application to the director or his agents upon forms prescribed by 166
 10 the director. The application must be accompanied by the certificate 167
 11 of registration for the last registration period in which the vehicle 168
 12 was registered in Washington and be accompanied by such license fees, 170
 13 including a special handling fee of one dollar; fifty cents to be 171
 14 retained by the issuing agency, and fifty cents to be deposited in 172
 15 the highway safety fund, and excise tax as may be required by law. 172

16 (4) Application for the annual renewal of a vehicle license 173
 17 number plate to the director or his agents shall not be required for 174
 18 those vehicles owned, rented, or leased by the state of Washington, 174
 19 or by any county, city, town, school district, or other political 175
 20 subdivision of the state of Washington. 175

21 Sec. 7. Section 46.16.270, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as 177
 22 amended by section 1, chapter 78, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 178
 23 46.16.270 are each amended to read as follows: 179

24 Upon the loss, defacement, or destruction of one or both of 181
 25 the vehicle license number plates issued for any vehicle where more 182
 26 than one plate was originally issued or where one or both have become 183
 27 so illegible or in such a condition as to be difficult to 184
 28 distinguish, the owner of the vehicle shall make application for new 185
 29 vehicle license number plates upon a form furnished by the director, 186
 30 upon which form it shall be required that the owner, in addition to 187
 31 other requirements, make a complete statement as to the cause of the 188
 32 loss, defacement, or destruction of the original plate or plates, 189
 33 which statement shall be subscribed and sworn to before a notary 190
 34 public or other person authorized to certify to statements upon 191
 35 vehicle license applications. Such application shall be filed with 192
 36 the director or his authorized agent, accompanied by the certificate 193

1 of license registration of the vehicle and a fee in the amount of 194
2 four dollars, whereupon the director, or his authorized agent, shall 195
3 issue new vehicle license number plates to the applicant. It shall 196
4 be accompanied by a fee of two dollars for a new vehicle license 197
5 number plate where only one was originally issued and one dollar for 198
6 a new motorcycle license number plate. In the event the director has 199
7 issued license period tabs or a windshield emblem instead of vehicle 200
8 license number plates, and upon the loss, defacement or destruction 201
9 of said tabs or windshield emblem, application shall be made on a 202
10 form provided by the director and in the same manner as above 203
11 described, and shall be accompanied by a fee of one dollar for each 204
12 pair of tabs or for each windshield emblem, whereupon the director 205
13 shall issue to the applicant a duplicate pair of tabs or a windshield 206
14 emblem to replace those lost, defaced or destroyed; PROVIDED, That 207
15 for those vehicles owned, rented, or leased by the state of 208
16 Washington or by any county, city, town, school district, or other 208
17 political subdivision of the state of Washington or United States 209
18 government, a fee shall be charged for replacement of a vehicle 209
19 license number plate only to the extent required by the provisions of 210
20 RCW 46.16.020, 46.16.061, 46.16.237, and 46.01.140; PROVIDED 211
21 FURTHER, That for those vehicles owned, rented, or leased by foreign 211
22 countries or international bodies to which the United States 212
23 government is a signatory by treaty, the payment of any fee for the 213
24 replacement of a vehicle license number plate shall not be required." 213

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Senate Committee Amendment to Engrossed House Bill No.
172
By Committee on State Government

Strike all material after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Section 1. Section 46.08.065, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.08.065 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) It shall be unlawful for any public officer having charge of any vehicle other than a motorcycle owned ((by the state of Washington)) or controlled by any county, city, town, or ((other)) public body in this state other than the state of Washington and used in public business to operate the same upon the public highways of this state unless and until there shall be ((printed)) displayed upon such automobile or other motor vehicle in letters of contrasting color not less than ((two)) one and one-quarter inches in height in a conspicuous place on the right and left sides thereof, ((the words "State of Washington" or)) the name of such county, city, town, or other public body, together with the name of the department or office upon the business of which the said vehicle is used ((: PROVIDED, That)). This section shall not apply to vehicles of ((the Washington state patrol;)) a sheriff's office, local police department, or any vehicles used by local peace officers under public authority for special undercover or ((general)) confidential investigative purposes ((: PROVIDED FURTHER, That)). This subsection shall not apply to: (a) Any municipal transit vehicle operated for purposes of providing public mass transportation; nor to (b) any motor vehicle on loan to a school district for driver training purposes. It shall be lawful and constitute compliance with the provisions of this section, however, for ((any department or office)) the governing body of the appropriate county, city, town, or public body other than the state of Washington or its agencies to adopt and use ((in lieu of the lettering required)) a distinctive insignia ((: approved by the state commission on equipment, and bearing substantially the same information as required herein)) which shall be not less than six inches in

diameter across its smallest dimension and which shall be displayed conspicuously on the right and left sides of the vehicle. Such insignia shall be in a color or colors contrasting with the vehicle to which applied for maximum visibility. The name of the public body owning or operating the vehicle shall also be included as part of or displayed above such approved insignia in colors contrasting with the vehicle in letters not less than one and one-quarter inches in height. Immediately below the lettering identifying the public entity and agency operating the vehicle or below an approved insignia shall appear the words "for official use only" in letters at least one inch high in a color contrasting with the color of the vehicle. The appropriate governing body may provide by rule or ordinance for exceptions to the marking requirements for local governmental agencies for the same purposes and under the same circumstances as permitted for state agencies under subsections (4) and (5) of this section.

(2) Except as provided by subsections (3), (4), or (5) of this section, every state office, agency, commission, department, or institution financed in whole or in part from funds appropriated by the legislature shall plainly and conspicuously mark the right and left front doors of each motor vehicle other than a motorcycle under its ownership or control which is used on any public road or street with the name of the operating department, agency, or institution for the words "state motor pool" as appropriate in letters at least one and one-quarter inches high of a color contrasting with the color of the vehicle. Immediately below such lettering and also in a contrasting color shall appear the official seal of the state of Washington, the size of which shall be not less than six inches in diameter. Immediately below the official seal, or insignia if authorized under subsection (3) of this section, shall appear the words "for official use only" in letters at least one inch high in a color contrasting with the color of the vehicle.

(3) The department of general administration, with the consent of the automotive policy board, may approve the use of a distinctive departmental, office, agency, institutional, or commission insignia in lieu of the state seal required under subsection (2) of this section. Such insignia, if approved, shall be in a

color or colors contrasting with the vehicle to which applied and shall be not less than six inches in diameter or across its smallest dimension. The words "State of Washington" shall be included as part of or displayed above such approved insignia in a color contrasting with the vehicle in letters not less than one and one-quarter inches in height.

(4) Any distinctive departmental, office, agency, institutional, or commission insignia approved for marking of state vehicles by the state commission on equipment on or before January 1, 1975, shall be approved for continued use if it conforms to the standards imposed by subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

(5) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall not apply to vehicles used by the Washington state patrol for general undercover or confidential investigative purposes. Traffic control vehicles of the Washington state patrol may be exempted from the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section at the discretion of the chief of the Washington state patrol. The department of general administration, with the consent of the auto motive policy board, shall promulgate general rules and regulations permitting other exceptions to the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section for other vehicles used for law enforcement, confidential public health work, and public assistance fraud or support investigative purposes, for vehicles leased or rented by the state on a casual basis for a period of less than ninety days, and those provided for in section 2(3) of this 1975 amendatory act. The exceptions in this subsection and those provided for in section 2(3) of this 1975 amendatory act shall be the only exceptions permitted to the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

(6) Any motorcycle owned or controlled by the state of Washington or by any county, city, town, or other public body in this state and used for public purposes on the public highways of this state shall be conspicuously marked in letters of a contrasting color with the words "State of Washington" or the name of such county, city, town, or other public body, together with the name of the department or office upon the business of which the motorcycle is used.

(7) All motor vehicle markings required under the terms of this chapter shall be maintained in a legible condition at all times.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 46.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the department of motor vehicles is authorized to issue confidential motor vehicle license plates to units of local government and to agencies of the federal government for law enforcement purposes only.

(2) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section the use of confidential plates on vehicles owned or operated by the state of Washington by any officer or employee thereof, shall be limited to confidential, investigative, or undercover work of state law enforcement agencies, confidential public health work, and confidential public assistance fraud or support investigations.

(3) (Any state official (elected on a state-wide basis)) shall be provided on request with one set of confidential plates for use on official business. When necessary for the personal security of any state official, other public officer, or public employee, the chief of the Washington state patrol may recommend that the director issue confidential plates for use on an unmarked publicly owned or controlled vehicle of the appropriate governmental unit for the conduct of official business for the period of time that the personal security of such state official, public officer, or other public employee may require. The office of the state treasurer may use an unmarked state owned or controlled vehicle with confidential plates where required for the safe transportation of either state funds or negotiable securities to or from the office of the state treasurer.

(4) The director of the department of motor vehicles, with the approval of the automotive policy board established pursuant to section 6, chapter ... (HB 105), Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess., may issue rules and regulations governing applications for, and the use of, such plates by law enforcement and other public agencies. The legislative auditor shall periodically examine or require filing of a current listing of the total number of such plates issued to any law

enforcement or other public agency. Reports on the utilization of such plates shall be submitted to the legislative budget committee and to the legislature.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 46.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

A violation of any provision of RCW 46.08.065 as now or hereafter amended or of section 2 of this 1975 amendatory act shall subject the public officer or employee committing such violation to disciplinary action by the appropriate appointing authority or employing agency. Such disciplinary action may include, but shall not be limited to, suspension without pay or termination of employment in the case of repeated or continuing noncompliance.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 46.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Any vehicle properly marked pursuant to statutory requirements in effect prior to the effective date of this 1975 amendatory act, need not be remarked to conform to the requirements of sections 1, 2, and 3 of this 1975 amendatory act until July 1, 1977.

Sec. 5. Section 46.16.020, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 22, chapter 132, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Any vehicle owned, rented, or leased by the state of Washington, or by any county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision of the state of Washington and used exclusively by them, and all vehicles owned or leased with an option to purchase by the United States government, or by the government of foreign countries, or by international bodies to which the United States government is a signatory by treaty, and used exclusively in its or their service shall be exempt from the payment of license fees for the licensing thereof as in this chapter provided: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That such vehicles, except those owned and used exclusively by the United States government and which are identified by clearly exhibited registration numbers or license plates assigned by an instrumentality of that government, shall be registered as prescribed for the license registration of other vehicles and shall display (upon

the vehicles)) the vehicle license number plates assigned ((by the director and except in cases of a foreign government or international body shall pay for such number plates a fee of one dollar)) to it. The department shall assign a plate or plates to each vehicle or may assign a block of plates to an agency or political subdivision for further assignment by the agency or political subdivision to individual vehicles registered to it pursuant to this section. The agency or political subdivision, except a foreign government or international body, shall pay a fee of two dollars for the plate or plates for each vehicle: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That no vehicle license or license number plates shall be issued to any such vehicle under the provisions of this section for the transportation of school children unless and until such vehicle shall have been first personally inspected by the director or his duly authorized representative.

Sec. 6. Section 46.16.210, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 75, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.210 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Upon receipt of the application and proper fee for original vehicle license, the director shall make a check of the application and in the event that there is any error in the application it may be returned to the county auditor or other agent to effectively secure the correction of such error, who shall return the same corrected to the director.

(2) Application for the renewal of a vehicle license shall be made to the director or his agents, including county auditors, by the registered owner on a form prescribed by the director. The application must be accompanied by the certificate of registration for the last registration period in which the vehicle was registered in Washington unless the applicant submits a reprinted application mailed from Olympia, and the payment of such license fees and excise tax as may be required by law. Such application shall be handled in the same manner and the fees transmitted to the state treasurer in the same manner as in the case of an original application. Any such application which upon validation becomes a renewal certificate need not have entered upon it the name of the lien holder, if any, of the vehicle concerned.

(3) Persons expecting to be out of the state during the period from January 1st through February 1st may, not earlier than December 1st, but prior to January 1st, secure renewal of a vehicle license and have license plates or tabs preissued by making application to the director or his agents upon forms prescribed by the director. The application must be accompanied by the certificate of registration for the last registration period in which the vehicle was registered in Washington and be accompanied by such license fees, including a special handling fee of one dollar; fifty cents to be retained by the issuing agency, and fifty cents to be deposited in the highway safety fund, and excise tax as may be required by law.

(4) Application for the annual renewal of a vehicle license number plate to the director or his agents shall not be required for those vehicles owned, rented, or leased by the state of Washington, or by any county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision of the state of Washington.

Sec. 7. Section 46.16.270, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 78, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.270 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon the loss, defacement, or destruction of one or both of the vehicle license number plates issued for any vehicle where more than one plate was originally issued or where one or both have become so illegible or in such a condition as to be difficult to distinguish, the owner of the vehicle shall make application for new vehicle license number plates upon a form furnished by the director, upon which form it shall be required that the owner, in addition to other requirements, make a complete statement as to the cause of the loss, defacement, or destruction of the original plate or plates, which statement shall be subscribed and sworn to before a notary public or other person authorized to certify to statements upon vehicle license applications. Such application shall be filed with the director or his authorized agent, accompanied by the certificate of license registration of the vehicle and a fee in the amount of four dollars, whereupon the director, or his authorized agent, shall issue new vehicle license number plates to the applicant. It shall be accompanied by a fee of two dollars for a new

vehicle license number plate where only one was originally issued and one dollar for a new motorcycle license number plate. In the event the director has issued license period tabs or a windshield emblem instead of vehicle license number plates, and upon the loss, defacement or destruction of said tabs or windshield emblem, application shall be made on a form provided by the director and in the same manner as above described, and shall be accompanied by a fee of one dollar for each pair of tabs or for each windshield emblem, whereupon the director shall issue to the applicant a duplicate pair of tabs or a windshield emblem to replace those lost, defaced or destroyed.

PROVIDED, That for those vehicles owned, rented, or leased by the state of Washington or by any county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision of the state of Washington or United States government, a fee shall be charged for replacement of a vehicle license number plate only to the extent required by the provisions of RCW 46.16.020, 46.16.061, 46.16.237, and 46.01.140; PROVIDED FURTHER, That for those vehicles owned, rented, or leased by foreign countries or international bodies to which the United States government is a signatory by treaty, the payment of any fee for the replacement of a vehicle license number plate shall not be required."

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Senate Committee Amendment to Engrossed House Bill No.
172
By Committee on State Government

Strike all material after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"Section 1. Section 46.08.065, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.08.065 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) It shall be unlawful for any public officer having charge of any vehicle other than a motorcycle owned ((by the state of Washington)) or controlled by any county, city, town, or ((other)) public body in this state other than the state of Washington and used in public business to operate the same upon the public highways of this state unless and until there shall be ((painted)) displayed upon such automobile or other motor vehicle in letters of contrasting color not less than ((two)) one and one-quarter inches in height in a conspicuous place on the right and left sides thereof, ((the words "State of Washington" or)) the name of such county, city, town, or other public body, together with the name of the department or office upon the business of which the said vehicle is used((: PROVIDED; That)). This section shall not apply to vehicles of ((the Washington state patrol;)) a sheriff's office, local police department, or any vehicles used by local peace officers under public authority for special undercover or ((general)) confidential investigative purposes((: PROVIDED FURTHER; That)). This subsection shall not apply to: (a) Any municipal transit vehicle operated for purposes of providing public mass transportation; nor to (b) any motor vehicle on loan to a school district for driver training purposes. It shall be lawful and constitute compliance with the provisions of this section, however, for ((any department or office)) the governing body of the appropriate county, city, town, or public body other than the state of Washington or its agencies to adopt and use ((in lieu of the lettering required)) a distinctive insignia ((: approved by the state commission on equipment; and bearing substantially the same information as required herein)) which shall be not less than six inches in

diameter across its smallest dimension and which shall be displayed conspicuously on the right and left sides of the vehicle. Such insignia shall be in a color or colors contrasting with the vehicle to which applied for maximum visibility. The name of the public body owning or operating the vehicle shall also be included as part of or displayed above such approved insignia in colors contrasting with the vehicle in letters not less than one and one-quarter inches in height. Immediately below the lettering identifying the public entity and agency operating the vehicle or below an approved insignia shall appear the words "for official use only" in letters at least one inch high in a color contrasting with the color of the vehicle. The appropriate governing body may provide by rule or ordinance for exceptions to the marking requirements for local governmental agencies for the same purposes and under the same circumstances as permitted for state agencies under subsections (4) and (5) of this section.

(2) Except as provided by subsections (3), (4), or (5) of this section, every state office, agency, commission, department, or institution financed in whole or in part from funds appropriated by the legislature shall plainly and conspicuously mark the right and left front doors of each motor vehicle other than a motorcycle under its ownership or control which is used on any public road or street with the name of the operating department, agency, or institution (or the words "state motor pool" as appropriated) in letters at least one and one-quarter inches high of a color contrasting with the color of the vehicle. Immediately below such lettering and also in a contrasting color shall appear the official seal of the state of Washington, the size of which shall be not less than six inches in diameter. Immediately below the official seal, or insignia if authorized under subsection (3) of this section, shall appear the words "for official use only" in letters at least one inch high in a color contrasting with the color of the vehicle.

(3) The department of general administration, with the consent of the automotive policy board, may approve the use of a distinctive departmental, office, agency, institutional, or commission insignia in lieu of the state seal required under subsection (2) of this section. Such insignia, if approved, shall be in a

color or colors contrasting with the vehicle to which applied and shall be not less than six inches in diameter or across its smallest dimension. The words "State of Washington" shall be included as part of or displayed above such approved insignia in a color contrasting with the vehicle in letters not less than one and one-quarter inches in height.

(4) Any distinctive departmental, office, agency, institutional, or commission insignia approved for marking of state vehicles by the state commission on equipment on or before January 1, 1975, shall be approved for continued use if it conforms to the standards imposed by subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

(5) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall not apply to vehicles used by the Washington state patrol for general undercover or confidential investigative purposes. Traffic control vehicles of the Washington state patrol may be exempted from the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section at the discretion of the chief of the Washington state patrol. The department of general administration, with the consent of the auto motive policy board, shall promulgate general rules and regulations permitting other exceptions to the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section for other vehicles used for law enforcement, confidential public health work, and public assistance fraud or support investigative purposes, for vehicles leased or rented by the state on a casual basis for a period of less than ninety days, and those provided for in section 2(3) of this 1975 amendatory act. The exceptions in this subsection and those provided for in section 2(3) of this 1975 amendatory act shall be the only exceptions permitted to the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

(6) Any motorcycle owned or controlled by the state of Washington or by any county, city, town, or other public body in this state and used for public purposes on the public highways of this state shall be conspicuously marked in letters of a contrasting color with the words "State of Washington" or the name of such county, city, town, or other public body, together with the name of the department or office upon the business of which the motorcycle is used.

(7) All motor vehicle markings required under the terms of this chapter shall be maintained in a legible condition at all times.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 46.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the department of motor vehicles is authorized to issue confidential motor vehicle license plates to units of local government and to agencies of the federal government for law enforcement purposes only.

(2) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section the use of confidential plates on vehicles owned or operated by the state of Washington by any officer or employee thereof, shall be limited to confidential, investigative, or undercover work of state law enforcement agencies, confidential public health work, and confidential public assistance fraud or support investigations.

(3) Any state official elected on a state-wide basis, shall be provided on request with one set of confidential plates for use on official business. When necessary for the personal security of any state official, other public officer, or public employee, the chief of the Washington state patrol may recommend that the director issue confidential plates for use on an unmarked publicly owned or controlled vehicle of the appropriate governmental unit for the conduct of official business for the period of time that the personal security of such state official, public officer, or other public employee may require. The office of the state treasurer may use an unmarked state owned or controlled vehicle with confidential plates where required for the safe transportation of either state funds or negotiable securities to or from the office of the state treasurer.

(4) The director of the department of motor vehicles, with the approval of the automotive policy board established pursuant to section 6, chapter ... (HB 105), Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess., may issue rules and regulations governing applications for, and the use of, such plates by law enforcement and other public agencies. The legislative auditor shall periodically examine or require filing of a current listing of the total number of such plates issued to any law

enforcement or other public agency. Reports on the utilization of such plates shall be submitted to the legislative budget committee and to the legislature.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 46.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

A violation of any provision of RCW 46.08.065 as now or hereafter amended or of section 2 of this 1975 amendatory act shall subject the public officer or employee committing such violation to disciplinary action by the appropriate appointing authority or employing agency. Such disciplinary action may include, but shall not be limited to, suspension without pay or termination of employment in the case of repeated or continuing noncompliance.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 46.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Any vehicle properly marked pursuant to statutory requirements in effect prior to the effective date of this 1975 amendatory act, need not be remarked to conform to the requirements of sections 1, 2, and 3 of this 1975 amendatory act until July 1, 1977.

Sec. 5. Section 46.16.020, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 22, chapter 132, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Any vehicle owned, rented, or leased by the state of Washington, or by any county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision of the state of Washington and used exclusively by them, and all vehicles owned or leased with an option to purchase by the United States government, or by the government of foreign countries, or by international bodies to which the United States government is a signatory by treaty, and used exclusively in its or their service shall be exempt from the payment of license fees for the licensing thereof as in this chapter provided:

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That such vehicles, except those owned and used exclusively by the United States government and which are identified by clearly exhibited registration numbers or license plates assigned by an instrumentality of that government, shall be registered as prescribed for the license registration of other vehicles and shall display ((upon

he vehicles)) the vehicle license number plates assigned ((by the director and except in cases of a foreign government or international body shall pay for each number plates a fee of one dollar)) to it. The department shall assign a plate or plates to each vehicle or may assign a block of plates to an agency or political subdivision for further assignment by the agency or political subdivision to individual vehicles registered to it pursuant to this section. The agency or political subdivision, except a foreign government or international body, shall pay a fee of two dollars for the plate or plates for each vehicle: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That no vehicle license or license number plates shall be issued to any such vehicle under the provisions of this section for the transportation of school children unless and until such vehicle shall have been first personally inspected by the director or his duly authorized representative.

Sec. 6. Section 46.16.210, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 75, Laws of 1969 express. and RCW 46.16.210 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Upon receipt of the application and proper fee for original vehicle license, the director shall make a check of the application and in the event that there is any error in the application it may be returned to the county auditor or other agent to effectively secure the correction of such error, who shall return the same corrected to the director.

(2) Application for the renewal of a vehicle license shall be made to the director or his agents, including county auditors, by the registered owner on a form prescribed by the director. The application must be accompanied by the certificate of registration for the last registration period in which the vehicle was registered in Washington unless the applicant submits a reprinted application mailed from Olympia, and the payment of such license fees and excise tax as may be required by law. Such application shall be handled in the same manner and the fees transmitted to the state treasurer in the same manner as in the case of an original application. Any such application which upon validation becomes a renewal certificate need not have altered upon it the name of the lien holder, if any, of the vehicle concerned.

(3) Persons expecting to be out of the state during the period from January 1st through February 1st may, not earlier than December 1st, but prior to January 1st, secure renewal of a vehicle license and have license plates or tabs preissued by making application to the director or his agents upon forms prescribed by the director. The application must be accompanied by the certificate of registration for the last registration period in which the vehicle was registered in Washington and be accompanied by such license fees, including a special handling fee of one dollar; fifty cents to be retained by the issuing agency, and fifty cents to be deposited in the highway safety fund, and excise tax as may be required by law.

(4) Application for the annual renewal of a vehicle license number plate to the director or his agents shall not be required for those vehicles owned, rented, or leased by the state of Washington, or by any county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision of the state of Washington.

Sec. 7. Section 46.16.270, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 78, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.270 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon the loss, defacement, or destruction of one or both of the vehicle license number plates issued for any vehicle where more than one plate was originally issued or where one or both have become so illegible or in such a condition as to be difficult to distinguish, the owner of the vehicle shall make application for new vehicle license number plates upon a form furnished by the director, upon which form it shall be required that the owner, in addition to other requirements, make a complete statement as to the cause of the loss, defacement, or destruction of the original plate or plates, which statement shall be subscribed and sworn to before a notary public or other person authorized to certify to statements upon vehicle license applications. Such application shall be filed with the director or his authorized agent, accompanied by the certificate of license registration of the vehicle and a fee in the amount of four dollars, whereupon the director, or his authorized agent, shall issue new vehicle license number plates to the applicant. It shall be accompanied by a fee of two dollars for a new

vehicle license number plate where only one was originally issued and one dollar for a new motorcycle license number plate. In the event the director has issued license period tabs or a windshield emblem instead of vehicle license number plates, and upon the loss, defacement or destruction of said tabs or windshield emblem, application shall be made on a form provided by the director and in the same manner as above described, and shall be accompanied by a fee of one dollar for each pair of tabs or for each windshield emblem, whereupon the director shall issue to the applicant a duplicate pair of tabs or a windshield emblem to replace those lost, defaced or destroyed; PROVIDED, That for those vehicles owned, rented, or leased by the state of Washington or by any county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision of the state of Washington or United States government, a fee shall be charged for replacement of a vehicle license number plate only to the extent required by the provisions of RCW 46.16.020, 46.16.061, 46.16.237, and 46.01.140; PROVIDED FURTHER, That for those vehicles owned, rented, or leased by foreign countries or international bodies to which the United States government is a signatory by treaty, the payment of any fee for the replacement of a vehicle license number plate shall not be required."

reference to House Bill 172
- Changes made by the Senate

1 Senate Committee Amendment to Engrossed House Bill No. 172 2;1 P
2 By Committee on State Government ARTA;
as amended by Senator Woody

3 Strike all material after the enacting clause and insert the 1
4 following: 5

5 "Section 1. Section 46.08.065, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and 6
6 RCW 46.08.065 are each amended to read as follows: 7

7 (1) It shall be unlawful for any public officer having charge 8
8 of any vehicle other than a motorcycle owned ((by the state of 9
9 Washington)) or controlled by any county, city, town, or ((either)) 9
10 public body in this state other than the state of Washington and used 10
11 in public business to operate the same upon the public highways of 11
12 this state unless and until there shall be ((printed)) displayed upon 11
13 such automobile or other motor vehicle in letters of contrasting 12
14 color not less than ((two)) one and one-quarter inches in height in a 13
15 conspicuous place on the right and left sides thereof, ((the words 13
16 "State of Washington" or)) the name of such county, city, town, or 14
17 other public body, together with the name of the department or office 15
18 upon the business of which the said vehicle is used((: PROVIDED, 15
19 That)). This section shall not apply to vehicles of ((the Washington 16
20 state patrol)) a sheriff's office, local police department, or any 17
21 vehicles used by local peace officers under public authority for 17
22 special undercover or ((general)) confidential investigative 18
23 purposes((: PROVIDED FURTHER, That)). This subsection shall not 19
24 apply to: (a) ANY municipal transit vehicle operated for purposes 19
25 of providing public mass transportation; nor to (b) any motor vehicle 20
26 on loan to a school district for driver training purposes.] It shall 20
27 be lawful and constitute compliance with the provisions of this 22
28 section, however, for ((any department or office)) the governing body 22

1 of the appropriate county, city, town, or public body other than the 23
 2 state of Washington or its agencies to adopt and use ((in lieu of the 23
 3 lettering required)) a distinctive insignia ((approved by the state 24
 4 commission on equipment, and bearing substantially the same 24
 5 information as required herein)) which shall be not less than six 25
 6 inches in diameter across its smallest dimension and which shall be 26
 7 displayed conspicuously on the right and left sides of the vehicle. 26
 8 Such insignia shall be in a color or colors contrasting with the 28
 9 vehicle to which applied for maximum visibility. The name of the 28
 10 public body owning or operating the vehicle shall also be included as 29
 11 part of or displayed above such approved insignia in colors 30
 12 contrasting with the vehicle in letters not less than one and one- 31
 13 quarter inches in height. [Immediately below the lettering 31
 14 identifying the public entity and agency operating the vehicle or 32
 15 below an approved insignia shall appear the words "for official use 32
 16 only" in letters at least one inch high in a color contrasting with 33
 17 the color of the vehicle.] The appropriate governing body may provide 34
 18 by rule or ordinance for exceptions to the marking requirements for 35
 19 local governmental agencies for the same purposes and under the same 36
 20 circumstances as permitted for state agencies under subsections (4) 36
 21 and (5) of this section. 36

22 (2) Except as provided by subsections (3), (4), or (5) of 37
 23 this section, every state office, agency, commission, department, or 39
 24 institution financed in whole or in part from funds appropriated by 40
 25 the legislature shall plainly and conspicuously mark the right and 40
 26 left front doors of each motor vehicle other than a motorcycle under 41
 27 its ownership or control which is used on any public road or street 41
 28 with the name of the operating department, agency, or institution (or 42
 29 the words "state motor pool" as appropriate) in letters at least one 43
 30 and one-quarter inches high of a color contrasting with the color of 43
 31 the vehicle. Immediately below such lettering and also in a 44
 32 contrasting color shall appear the official seal of the state of 44
 33 Washington, the size of which shall be not less than six inches in 45
 34 diameter. Immediately below the official seal, or insignia if 46
 35 authorized under subsection (3) of this section, shall appear the 46
 36 words "for official use only" in letters at least one inch high in a 47

1 color contrasting with the color of the vehicle. 47

2 (3) The department of general administration, with the 48
 3 consent of the automotive policy board, may approve the use of a 48
 4 distinctive departmental, office, agency, institutional, or 49
 5 commission insignia in lieu of the state seal required under 49
 6 subsection (2) of this section. Such insignia, if approved, shall be 50
 7 in a color or colors contrasting with the vehicle to which applied 51
 8 and shall be not less than six inches in diameter or across its 51
 9 smallest dimension. The words "State of Washington" shall be 52
 10 included as part of or displayed above such approved insignia in a 52
 11 color contrasting with the vehicle in letters not less than one and 53
 12 one-quarter inches in height. 53

13 (4) Any distinctive departmental, office, agency, 54
 14 institutional, or commission insignia approved for marking of state 55
 15 vehicles by the state commission on equipment on or before January 1, 55
 16 1975, shall be approved for continued use if it conforms to the 56
 17 standards imposed by subsections (2) and (3) of this section. 56

18 (5) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall not apply 57
 19 to vehicles used by the Washington state patrol for general 58
 20 undercover or confidential investigative purposes. Traffic control 58
 21 vehicles of the Washington state patrol may be exempted from the 59
 22 requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section at the 60
 23 discretion of the chief of the Washington state' patrol. The 60
 24 department of general administration, with the consent of the auto 61
 25 motive policy board, shall promulgate general rules and regulations 63
 26 permitting other exceptions to the requirements of subsections (2) 63
 27 and (3) of this section for other vehicles used for law enforcement, 64
 28 confidential public health work, and public assistance fraud or 64
 29 support investigative purposes, for vehicles leased or rented by the 64
 30 state on a casual basis for a period of less than ninety days, and 65
 31 those provided for in section 2(3) of this 1975 amendatory act. The 66
 32 exceptions in this subsection and those provided for in section 2(3) 66
 33 of this 1975 amendatory act shall be the only exceptions permitted to 66
 34 the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section. 67

35 (6) Any motorcycle owned or controlled by the state of 68
 36 Washington or by any county, city, town, or other public body in this 69

1 state and used for public purposes on the public highways of this 70
 2 state shall be conspicuously marked in letters of a contrasting color 71
 3 with the words "State of Washington" or the name of such county, 72
 4 city, town, or other public body, together with the name of the 72
 5 department or office upon the business of which the motorcycle is 73
 6 used. 73

7 (7) All motor vehicle markings required under the terms of 74
 8 this chapter shall be maintained in a legible condition at all times. 75

9 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 76
 10 1961 and to chapter 46.08 RCW a new section to read as follows: 77

11 (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the 78
 12 department of motor vehicles is authorized to issue confidential 79
 13 motor vehicle license plates to units of local government and to 80
 14 agencies of the federal government for law enforcement purposes only. 80

15 (2) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this 81
 16 section the use of confidential plates on vehicles owned or operated 82
 17 by the state of Washington by any officer or employee thereof, shall 83
 18 be limited to confidential, investigative, or undercover work of 83
 19 state law enforcement agencies, confidential public health work, and 84
 20 confidential public assistance fraud or support investigations. 84

21 (3) Any elected state official shall be provided on request 85
 22 with one set of confidential plates for use on official business. 86
 23 When necessary for the personal security of any other public officer, 87
 24 or public employee, the chief of the Washington state patrol may 88
 25 recommend that the director issue confidential plates for use on an 89

26 unmarked publicly owned or controlled vehicle of the appropriate 90
 27 governmental unit for the conduct of official business for the period 91
 28 of time that the personal security of such state official, public 92
 29 officer, or other public employee may require. The office of the 93
 30 state treasurer may use an unmarked state owned, or controlled vehicle 94
 31 with confidential plates where required for the safe transportation 95
 32 of either state funds or negotiable securities to or from the office 96
 33 of the state treasurer. 96

34 (4) The director of the department of motor vehicles, with 97
 35 the approval of the automotive policy board established pursuant to 98
 36 section 6, chapter (HB 105) Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess., may 98

House version reads -
 * the chief of the Wn. state patrol, with the approval of the automotive policy board, may authorize the use of confidential plates on unmarked or controlled vehicles.

1 issue rules and regulations governing applications for, ^{and} the use 99
 2 of, ^{technical rewording} such plates by law enforcement and other public agencies. The 99
 3 legislative auditor shall periodically examine or require filing of a 100
 4 current listing of the total number of such plates issued to any law 101
 5 enforcement or other public agency. ~~Reports~~ ^{House and} on the utilization of 101
 6 such plates shall be submitted to the legislative budget committee 102
 7 and to the legislature. 102

8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 103
 9 1961 and to chapter 46.08 RCW a new section to read as follows: 104

10 A violation of any provision of RCW 46.08.065 as now or 105
 11 hereafter amended or of section 2 of this 1975 amendatory act shall 106
 12 subject the public officer or employee committing such violation to 107
 13 disciplinary action by the appropriate appointing authority or 107
 14 employing agency. Such disciplinary action may include, but shall 108
 15 not be limited to, suspension without pay or termination of 108
 16 employment in the case of repeated or continuing noncompliance. 109

17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 110
 18 1961 and to chapter 46.08 RCW a new section to read as follows: 111

19 Any vehicle properly marked pursuant to statutory requirements 112
 20 in effect prior to the effective date of this 1975 amendatory act, 113
 21 need not be remarked to conform to the requirements of sections 1, 2, 113
 22 and 3 of this 1975 amendatory act until July 1, 1977. ^{end of those version} 114

23 Sec. 5. Section 46.16.020, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last 116
 24 amended by section 22, chapter 132, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and 117
 25 RCW 46.16.020 are each amended to read as follows: 118

26 Any vehicle owned, rented, or leased by the state of 119
 27 Washington, or by any county, city, town, school district, or other 120
 28 political subdivision of the state of Washington and used exclusively 121
 29 by them, and all vehicles owned or leased with an option to purchase 121
 30 by the United States government, or by the government of foreign 122
 31 countries, or by international bodies to which the United States 123
 32 government is a signatory by treaty, and used exclusively in its or 124
 33 their service shall be exempt from the payment of license fees for 124
 34 the licensing thereof as in this chapter provided: PROVIDED, 125
 35 HOWEVER, That such vehicles, except those owned and used exclusively 126
 36 by the United States government and which are identified by clearly 127

1 exhibited registration numbers or license plates assigned by an 127
 2 instrumentality of that government, shall be registered as prescribed 128
 3 for the license registration of, other vehicles and shall display 129
 4 ^{HB 39 retains} the vehicle license number plates assigned ^{retained in 129 HB 39} to it. ^{inserted} The department shall assign a plate or plates to 131
 5 ^{HB 39 retains} the director ^{inserted} and except in cases of a foreign government or 130
 6 international body shall pay for such number plates a fee of one 131
 7 dollar ^{inserted} to it. The department shall assign a plate or plates to 131
 8 each vehicle or may assign a block of plates to an agency or 132
 9 political subdivision for further assignment by the agency or 132
 10 political subdivision to individual vehicles (registered to it 133
 11 pursuant to this section.) ^{reinserted} The agency or political subdivision, 134
 12 except a foreign government or international body, shall pay a fee of 134
 13 two dollars for the plate or plates for each vehicle: ^{UNAS-7} PROVIDED, 135
 14 FURTHER, That no vehicle license or license number plates shall be 136
 15 issued to any such vehicle under the provisions of this section for 136
 16 the transportation of school children unless and until such vehicle 137
 17 shall have been first personally inspected by the director or his 138
 18 duly authorized representative. 138

19 Sec. 6. Section 46.16.210, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as 140
 20 amended by section 1, chapter 75, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 141
 21 46.16.210 are each amended to read as follows: 142

22 (1) Upon receipt of the application and proper fee for 143
 23 original vehicle license, the director shall make a recheck of the 144
 24 application and in the event that there is any error in the 145
 25 application it may be returned to the county auditor or other agent 146
 26 to effectively secure the correction of such error, who shall return 147
 27 the same corrected to the director. 148

28 (2) Application for the renewal of a vehicle license shall be 150
 29 made to the director or his agents, including county auditors, by the 151
 30 registered owner on a form prescribed by the director. The 152
 31 application must be accompanied by the certificate of registration 153
 32 for the last registration period in which the vehicle was registered 154
 33 in Washington unless the applicant submits a preprinted application 155
 34 mailed from Olympia, and the payment of such license fees and excise 156
 35 tax as may be required by law. Such application shall be handled in 157
 36 the same manner and the fees transmitted to the state treasurer in 158

* HB 39 reads, "...to individual-~~5~~ vehicles under its jurisdiction..." 127

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 2 application which upon validation becomes a renewal certificate need 160
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 4 vehicle concerned. 161

5 (3) Persons expecting to be out of the state during the 162
 6 period from January 1st through February 1st may, not earlier than 163
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 14 retained by the issuing agency, and fifty cents to be deposited in 172
 15 the highway safety fund, and excise tax as may be required by law. 172

16 (4) Application for the annual renewal of a vehicle license 173
 17 number plate to the director or his agents shall not be required for 174
 18 those vehicles owned, rented, or leased by the state of Washington, 174
 19 or by any county, city, town, school district, or other political 175
 20 subdivision of the state of Washington. 175

21 Sec. 7. Section 46.16.270, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as 177
 22 amended by section 1, chapter 78, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 178
 23 46.16.270 are each amended to read as follows: 179

24 Upon the loss, defacement, or destruction of one or both of 181
 25 the vehicle license number plates issued for any vehicle where more 182
 26 than one plate was originally issued or where one or both have become 183
 27 so illegible or in such a condition as to be difficult to 184
 28 distinguish, the owner of the vehicle shall make application for new 185
 29 vehicle license number plates upon a form furnished by the director, 186
 30 upon which form it shall be required that the owner, in addition to 187
 31 other requirements, make a complete statement as to the cause of the 188
 32 loss, defacement, or destruction of the original plate or plates, 189
 33 which statement shall be subscribed and sworn to before a notary 190
 34 public or other person authorized to certify to statements upon 191
 35 vehicle license applications. Such application shall be filed with 192
 36 the director or his authorized agent, accompanied by the certificate 193

1 of license registration of the vehicle and a fee in the amount of 194
2 four dollars, whereupon the director, or his authorized agent, shall 195
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8 license number plates, and upon the loss, defacement or destruction 201
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10 form provided by the director and in the same manner as above 203
11 described, and shall be accompanied by a fee of one dollar for each 204
12 pair of tabs or for each windshield emblem, whereupon the director 205
13 shall issue to the applicant a duplicate pair of tabs or a windshield 206
14 emblem to replace those lost, defaced or destroyed; PROVIDED, That 207
15 for those vehicles owned, rented, or leased by the state of 208
16 Washington or by any county, city, town, school district, or other 208
17 political subdivision of the state of Washington or United States 209
18 government, a fee shall be charged for replacement of a vehicle 209
19 license number plate only to the extent required by the provisions of 210
20 RCW 46.16.020, 46.16.061, 46.16.237, and 46.01.140; PROVIDED 211
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22 countries or international bodies to which the United States 212
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24 replacement of a vehicle license number plate shall not be required." 213

ADOPTED AS AMENDED MAY 2, 1975

26 Senate Committee Amendment to Engrossed House Bill No. 172 215
27 By Committee on State Government 216

28 In line 2 of the title, after "46.08.065;" and before "adding" insert 217
29 "amending section 46.16.020, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended 218
30 by section 22, chapter 132, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 218
31 46.16.020; amending section 46.16.210, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as 219
32 amended by section 1, chapter 75, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 220

1	46.16.210; amending section 46.16.270, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as	220
2	amended by section 1, chapter 78, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW	221
3	46.16.270;"	221
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to Engrossed House Bill No. 172
By Senator Woody

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after "official" strike "elected on a statewide
basis".

MAY 2 1975 ADOPTED

On page 4, line 20, after "Any" and before
"state" insert "elected".

MAY 2 1975 ADOPTED

On page 4, line 23, after "any" strike "state
official".

MAY 2 1975 ADOPTED

HB 172

The Sunday Olympian, Sunday, February 2, 1975

Bill Provides More Control Of State Cars

The House State Government Committee Friday approved with a "do pass" recommendation two bills which would tighten up the use of state cars and discussed a third bill which would provide mandatory markings on government cars.

All three bills are requests by the Legislative Budget Committee which recently completed an audit on state car usage. There is no one agency responsible for controlling the use of state cars, which each year are driven 91 million miles. In addition, state agencies reimburse employees more than \$3 million for driving their privately owned vehicles 34.5 million miles.

There were no major objections to the marking bill, which also provides policy on the utilization of confidential license plates.

Confidential plates have regular civilian markings instead of the familiar state letters, M, B, K, S or WSP. Testimony revealed that if someone calls the Department of Motor Vehicles requesting the name of a confidential plate owner, a fictitious address and name are given. In addition, the name of the person requesting information is turned over to the state official using the confidential plates.

Nineteen state agencies were using 131 confidential plates, according to the audit.

Currently there is no statute covering the use of confidential plates.

No final action was taken by the committee following a public hearing on the bill.

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Standardizing the Marking of Public Vehicles

Section 1,

Subsection 1

Any vehicle, except a motorcycle, owned by a county, city, or town, but not the state, shall display the name of the public body, and department on both the right and left sides. This does not apply to local police or for undercover purposes.

An insignia may be adopted to comply with this section.

Subsection 2

State vehicles must be marked on right and left doors, with state and department identification.

Subsection 3

The Department of General Administration may with the approval of the automotive policy board, adopt its own insignia.

Subsection 4

Any previous department insignia may be approved for future use if it conforms to new standards.

Subsection 5

The State Patrol is exempt from marking requirements for undercover purposes and traffic control.

The department of general administration with consent of the policy board, may generate rules of exemptions for other vehicles.

Subsection 6

Motorcycles will be marked with state, county, city, or town, and the respective department identification.

New Section 2

Subsection 1

Confidential license plates for federal and local agencies will be limited to law enforcement purposes.

Subsection 2

Confidential plates for state government purposes limited to confidential in estigative or undercover work.

Subsection 3

State-wide elected state officials, upon request will receive confidential license plates for official business.

Use of confidential plates and an unmarked vehicle can be authorized for any public employee, when necessary for personal security while on official business.

The office of state treasurer may use an unmarked vehicle when necessary for the safe transportation of state funds or negotiable securities.

Subsection 4

Rules and regulations for applications for these license plates and their use may be issued by the director of the Dept. of Motor Vehicles with the approval of the automotive policy board.

The legislative auditor will examine the listing of the plates.

Reports concerning these plates will be submitted to the legislative budget committee and to the legislature.

New Section 3

Provides disciplinary action for violators.

New Section 4

Vehicles in use need not be remarked.