

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).

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

April 16, 1975.

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 172, standardizing the marking of public vehicles

(reported by Committee on State Government):

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

(If ALL members of committee sign, leave above line blank.)

Rasmussen, Chairman
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FISCAL NOTE

FEB 8 1975

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

REQUEST NUMBER 2152
SB NO. 172
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 Com**
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)

Prepared By *Walter S. ...* Title *...* Date *1-27-75*

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

Requested By

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

Reviewed By OPP&FM

Bill Requested By: Executive ; Department ; Legislative Committee Title

New Program or Activity ; Change in Existing Program or Activity

Title of Bill: An Act Relating to . . . **To Remove the Annual Vehicle License Renewal Requirement for Government Vehicles**

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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A. Revenue Impact by Fund and Source:	BIENNIAL IMPACT			EST. YR IMPACT INCREASE (D)
	FIRST YEAR (Increase (Decrease))	SECOND YEAR (Increase (Decrease))	TOTAL (Increase (Decrease))	
Fund Title:				
Source Title:				
State 108-253 Motor Vehicle Fund	(44,930)	(44,500)	(91,430)	(291)
State 106-253 Highway Safety Fund	(4,720)	(4,890)	(9,610)	(30)
Local				
TOTAL	(49,650)	(51,390)	(101,040)	(322)
B. Expenditure Impact by Source of Funds:				
Fund Title:				
State Motor Vehicle Fund	(4,433)	(17,396)	(21,829)	(96)
Federal				
Local				
TOTAL	(4,433)	(17,396)	(21,829)	(96)
C. Expenditure Impact Detail:				
Man Years	(.1)	(1.0)	(1.1)	(5)
Salaries and Wages	794	(6,113)	(5,319)	(31)
Personal Service Contracts				
Goods and Services	(5,279)	(9,982)	(15,261)	(57)
Travel				
Equipment				
Employee Benefits	32	(1,301)	(1,269)	(6)
Grants and Subsidies				
Debt Service				
Capital Outlay:				
Land				
Buildings				
Improvements Other Than Buildings				
TOTAL	(4,433)	(17,396)	(21,829)	(96)

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Prepared By *[Signature]* Controller
 Title
H. George Ides

01/15/75

Date Submitted

The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the need for renewing exempt plates, except for federal plates; to make the exempt agency responsible for assignment of plates to vehicles under the agency's control; to clarify the cost of replacement plates ordered by exempt agencies; and to raise the initial cost of exempt plates from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

REVENUE IMPACT

	<u>FY-1976</u>	<u>FY-1977</u>	<u>BIENNIUM TOTAL</u>	<u>SIX-YEAR IMPACT</u>
Motor Vehicle Fund	(\$44,930)	(\$46,500)	(\$ 91,430)	(\$291,780)
Highway Safety Fund	(4,720)	(4,890)	(9,610)	(30,680)
	<u>(\$49,650)</u>	<u>(\$51,390)</u>	<u>(\$101,040)</u>	<u>(\$322,460)</u>

The above figures reflect a loss of revenue to the Motor Vehicle Fund and Highway Safety Fund.

EXPENDITURE IMPACT

Title Division

	<u>FY-1976</u>	<u>FY-1977</u>	<u>BIENNIUM TOTAL</u>	<u>SIX-YEAR IMPACT</u>
Man-Years	(1.0)	(1.0)	(2.0)	(6.0)
<u>Salaries</u>				
Clerk II	(\$5,940)	(\$6,228)	(\$12,168)	(\$39,216)
<u>Employee Benefits</u>				
OASI	(\$ 348)	(\$ 364)	(\$ 712)	(\$2,294)
Retirement	(419)	(439)	(858)	(2,765)
Med Aid & Ind Ins	(78)	(78)	(156)	(468)
Health Insurance	(420)	(420)	(840)	(2,520)
	<u>(\$1,265)</u>	<u>(\$1,301)</u>	<u>(\$2,566)</u>	<u>(\$8,047)</u>
<u>Goods & Services</u>				
Postage	(\$ 5,420)	(\$ 5,460)	(\$10,880)	(\$ 33,728)
Printing	(3,620)	(3,710)	(7,330)	(23,456)
Data Processing	(1,053)	(1,050)	(2,043)	(6,731)
	<u>(\$10,043)</u>	<u>(\$10,210)</u>	<u>(\$20,253)</u>	<u>(\$ 63,415)</u>

FISCAL NOTE

Department of Motor Vehicles
 Responding Agency Title

240
 Code No.

REQUEST NUMBER 2
 39
 Concerning
 SB NO.
 HB NO.

01/15/75

Date Submitted

Title Division (cont)

	<u>FY-1976</u>	<u>FY-1977</u>	<u>BIENNIUM TOTAL</u>	<u>SIX-YEAR IMPACT</u>
TOTAL TITLE DIVISION	<u>(\$17,248)</u>	<u>(\$17,739)</u>	<u>(\$34,987)</u>	<u>(\$110,678)</u>

The above figures reflect a reduction of expenditures due to reduced workload.

Information Systems

	<u>FY-1976</u>	<u>FY-1977</u>	<u>BIENNIUM TOTAL</u>	<u>SIX-YEAR IMPACT</u>
Man-Years	.9	-0-	.9	1.0
<u>01 Salaries</u>				
29+3 Computer System Analysis IV	\$ 274	\$ -0-	\$ 274	\$ 274
25+2 Programmer III	441	115	556	1,063
14+2 R. T. Typist	<u>6,019</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>6,019</u>	<u>6,019</u>
	\$6,734	\$ 115	\$6,849	\$7,356
<u>07 Employee Benefits</u>				
01 OASI	\$ 394	-0-	\$ 394	\$ 430
02 Retirement	475	-0-	475	519
03 Med Aid & Ind Ins	70	-0-	70	70
04 Health Insurance	<u>378</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>378</u>
	\$1,317		\$1,317	\$1,397
<u>03 Goods & Services</u>				
02 Printing	\$ 45	\$-0-	\$ 45	\$ 45
05 System A	910	228	1,138	2,049
05 System B	<u>3,809</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>3,809</u>	<u>3,809</u>
	\$4,764	\$228	\$4,992	\$5,903
TOTAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS	<u>\$12,815</u>	<u>\$343</u>	<u>\$13,158</u>	<u>\$14,656</u>

The above figures reflect the cost to revise the files on Exempt Plates.

BILL ANALYSIS

BILL NO. EHB 172 (cf SB 2152) DATE: March 5, 1975

SPONSOR: Representatives Bagnariol, Curtis, Shinpoch and Polk
(By Legislative Budget Committee Request to implement
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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?

OBJECT:

To provide for uniformity of markings on public vehicles and to control and limit the use of confidential plates and unmarked cars.

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.

Effect of the bill:

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NOTE: References are made throughout the bill to the "Automotive Policy Board". This board is proposed to be created by section 6 of House Bill 105. It would consist of the Commissioner of Public Lands, the State Attorney General, the Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services, the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles and a representative of four year institutions of higher education designated by a majority vote of the presidents of those institutions. If HB 105 does not pass, it would be preferable to strike the references to the Automotive Policy Board; thus granting authority to perform the designated functions directly by the Department of General Administration or the Washington State Patrol without consultation with the board.

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FISCAL NOTE

Department of Motor Vehicles
 Responding Agency Title

240
 Code No.

REQUEST NUMBER 2

Concerning 39
 SB NO. HB NO.

Requested By

Reviewed By OPP&FM

- Original
- House Committee Amendment
- Senate Committee Amendment
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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

A. Revenue Impact by Fund and Source:	BIENNIAL IMPACT			FIVE-YEAR IMPACT
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Source Title:				
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Buildings				
Improvements Other Than Buildings				
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[Handwritten Signature] Controller
 Prepared By Title

H. George Iden

Date 1-16-75

BILL REPORT

Bill No.:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Olympia, Washington

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

Chesl 4855

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 direction to the department of motor vehicles. Language is more consistent with subsections (3) and (4).

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

Fiscal Impact:

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

Principal Proponents:

Principal Opponents:

Legislative Budget Committee

Attachments:

Comments: (Continue on Reverse)

HB 172

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FISCAL NOTE

Department of Highways
 Responding Agency Title

405
 Code No.

Concerning

REQUEST NUMBER 1
 SB NO. 39
 HB NO.

1/ 10/73
 Date Submitted

H.B. 39 would increase the registration fee for exempt vehicles from one (1) dollar per vehicle to two (2) dollars per vehicle for the first year of registration. Annual renewal would be eliminated for all exempt vehicles except federal.

FISCAL YEAR 1976

H.B. 39:

6,400 original registrations X \$2 (basic fee)	=	\$12,800
6,400 " " " X \$.80 (spec. fee)	=	640
600 federal renewals X \$2 (basic fee)	=	1,200
600 " " " X \$.10 (spec. fee)	=	60
Total, H.B. 39, M.V. Fund 108-233		<u>\$14,700</u>
est 1,280 orig. reg. (direct to DMV) X \$.50 (filing fee)	=	640
est 120 fed. renewal (" " ") X \$.50 (filing fee)	=	60
Total, H.B. 39, Fund 106-253 (Highway Safety Fund)		<u>\$ 700</u>
Total State Revenue, H.B. 39		<u>\$15,400</u>

Current:

54,210 exempt registrations X \$1 (basic fee)	=	\$54,210
54,210 " " " X \$.10 (spec. fee)	=	5,420
Total M.V. Fund 108		<u>\$59,630</u>
10,840 exempt reg. (direct to DMV) X \$.50 (filing fee)	=	\$ 5,420
Total Fund 106-253	=	<u>\$ 5,420</u>
Total State Revenue, Current System		<u>\$65,050</u>
FY 1976, Fiscal Impact, H.B. 39		= <u>(\$49,650)</u>

SUMMARY - FISCAL IMPACT

	M.V. Fund 108	M.V. Fund 106	Total
F.Y. 1974	(\$ 44,930)	(\$ 4,720)	(\$ 49,650)
77	(46,506)	(4,826)	(51,332)
Biennial Total	(\$ 91,436)	(\$ 9,546)	(\$101,042)
78	(\$ 48,003)	(\$ 5,043)	(\$ 53,046)
79	(49,233)	(3,173)	(54,406)
80	(50,562)	(3,312)	(53,874)
81	(51,892)	(3,452)	(57,344)
5-year Total	<u>(\$291,126)</u>	<u>(\$10,426)</u>	<u>(\$301,552)</u>

Expenditures in section B, FN-1, reflect Dept. of Motor Vehicles preliminary estimates of savings of administrative costs (an appropriation item from M.V. Fund 108) due to H.B. 39. Savings in the first year are low due to the offsetting expenditures of implementing the new program.

FISCAL NOTE

Department of Highways 405 REQUEST NUMBER 1A
 Responding Agency Title Code No. Concerning 39
SB NO. HB NO.

 1/20/75
 Date Submitted

Expenditures in section B, FN-1, reflect Dept. of Motor Vehicles preliminary estimates of savings of administrative costs (an appropriation item from M.V. Fund 108) due to H.B. 39. Savings in the first year are low due to the offsetting expenditure of implementing the new program.

In addition to the expenditure savings by the Dept. of Motor Vehicles, the State agencies, cities and counties would save registration fees for all except newly registered vehicles. The additional one dollar per original registration, \$2.60 versus \$1.60 (current fee), would only partially offset this expenditures savings.

For purposes of this analysis labor time includes all the time it takes to renew a registration from receiving the renewal form to putting the new tabs on the license plate and is estimated at 15 minutes per vehicle. Since, 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.

EXPENDITURE SAVINGS (excluding DMV expenditures - FN-1)

	<u>State Agencies</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>Total</u>
FY 1976	(\$ 29,481)	(\$ 64,060)	(\$ 34,608)	(\$128,149)
FY 1977	(30,514)	(66,316)	(\$ 35,802)	(132,632)
1975-77 Bienn.	(\$ 59,995)	(\$130,376)	(70,410)	(\$260,781)
6-year Total	(\$190,996)	(\$415,113)	(\$224,182)	(\$830,291)

The federal government would pay more for registrations and renewals, \$2.60 per vehicle versus the current \$1.60 per vehicle.

INCREASED FEDERAL EXPENDITURES

FY 1976	\$ 600
FY 1977	\$ 620
1975-77 Bienn.	\$1,220
6-year Total	\$3,885

FISCAL NOTE

Department of Highways

405

REQUEST NUMBER

1A

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NET EXPENDITURE IMPACT

	<u>DMV</u> <u>Savings</u> +	<u>Other State</u> <u>County, City Savings</u> -	<u>Added</u> <u>Fed. Exp.</u> =	<u>Net</u> <u>Savings</u>
FY 1976	(\$ 4,666)	(\$128,149)	\$ 600	(\$132,215)
FY 1977	(\$17,435)	(\$132,632)	\$ 620	(\$149,447)
1975-77 Bisen.	(\$22,101)	(\$260,781)	\$1,220	(\$281,662)
6-year Total	(\$96,577)	(\$630,291)	\$3,885	(\$922,983)

This fiscal note was revised to include additional information concerning expenditures of state agencies, counties, cities and the federal government.

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ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 172

BY
REPRESENTATIVE S Bagnariol, Curtis,
Shinpooh and Polk (By Legislative
Budget Committee Request to Implement
Performance Audit Recommendations)

BRIEF TITLE

Standardizing the making of public
vehicles.

HOUSE RECORD

Filed with the Chief Clerk of the House
January 20, 1975 for introduction
January 20, 1975 Read first time
ordered printed and referred to Committee
on STATE GOVERNMENT
February 12, 1975 Reported back by
Committee with the recommendation
MAJORITY do pass
MAJORITY do pass as amended (8)
MINORITY do not pass
That Substitute House Bill
be substituted therefor and that Substitute
Bill Do Pass
Passed to second reading.

February 18, 1975 Read second time and
Amended, Ordered Engrossed and
Passed to the Committee on Rules
For Third Reading

FEB 26 1975 Read third time and

PASSED Yeas 97, Nays 0
FEB 26 1975 Title Agree to
FEB 26 1975 Sent to Senate
David J. [Signature] Chief Clerk.

SENATE RECORD

2-27-75 Received from House
Read first time and referred to Committee
on State Govt.
Reported back by
Committee with the recommendation
MAJORITY do pass
MAJORITY do pass as amended
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That Substitute House Bill
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Bill Do Pass
Passed to second reading.

Read second time and

DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

TO EHB 172 BY REPRESENTATIVE EHLERS

(HB 39)

Establishing provisions for the issuance, renewal and replacement of license plates for state, national and foreign entities. HB -0
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Provides for issuance of license plates for government owned vehicles by block rather than individually. Increases the fee for such plates to two dollars. Excludes such license plates from annual renewal requirement. Exempts government owned vehicles from payment of a fee for replacement plates except as required under specified conditions.

HB 172 Public vehicles, identity

Standardizing the marking of public
vehicles.

(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.

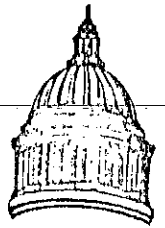
Limits issuance of confidential licenses to (1) agencies for law enforcement purposes only; (2) state officials elected on a state-wide basis on request for use on official business; (3) for use on unmarked publicly owned cars when necessary for the personal security of any state official, other public 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.

ways and means committee

House of Representatives



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Representative Wayne Ehlers
FROM: Tim Kerr, Research Analyst
House Ways and Means Committee
DATE: November 25, 1974
SUBJECT: PUBLIC EXEMPT MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION POLICIES

I. Your question, as relayed to me by Mr. Fred Tilker of LBC staff, is: "(Would) the reduction or elimination of fees charged by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) on state or publicly-owned equipment...be of any benefit to this state?" Underlying this question, furthermore, is another question regarding the policy of one public agency charging other public agencies for a public service.

Speaking from a budgetary standpoint, it is the policy of the House Ways and Means Committee to favor full disclosure of governmental service charges. Such charges support agency working capital funds (e.g. the General Administration Facilities and Services Revolving Fund, Legal Services Revolving Fund, and Data Processing Revolving Fund) and give the Legislature a unit cost tool for measuring provision of service. The charges made by the Department of Motor Vehicles for registration provide this same visibility: unit registration and license plate cost for each vehicle in the state. This, in turn, enables the agency to budget for a certain workload of these units.

Furthermore, according to the Title Division of DMV at year-end 1973 there were 48,556 exempt vehicles registered in the state.

City	12,465
County (including school districts)	23,776
State	11,328
Limited Federal	389
Motorcycles	598

48,556

If state law did not provide for these charges to be made, an appropriation increase of \$80,000 to \$200,000 per year of a biennium

would be required from the Motor Vehicle Fund to support this activity. The charges enable DMV to recapture their costs of providing this service from the multitude of funds, accounts, and tax bases of the various jurisdictions--state and local. Without the charge, these respective entities are receiving a subsidy from the Motor Vehicle Fund. Alternatively, if the funds were not made available by appropriation, the cost would likely be passed on to the general public through increases in title, registration, and filing fees. Both approaches would distort the unit cost of title and registration services.

II. In researching this question, I contacted the Title Division of DMV for an explanation of their processes. As a result of this discussion, I am presenting two modifications of the existing process as it relates to exempt vehicles.

A. Exempt license plates may be transferred from vehicle to vehicle by the agency to which they are issued provided that a report of the transfer is made to DMV. As a practical matter, however, the agencies and jurisdictions involved are fairly lax in such reporting. This situation results in increased costs of processing and tracing plates to vehicles at the beginning of a licensing year.

The Department of Motor Vehicles would like the authority to issue a block of plates to a particular agency(s) and let that agency(s) be responsible for which vehicle would carry a particular plate. Title, which provides documentation of public ownership, would be unaffected by this block allotment of plates.

B. The Department of Motor Vehicles also questioned the need for an annual renewal fee and annual validating tab for exempt vehicles. The department (DMV) feels they are compensated for this activity but questions the need. The exempt agencies bear a cost of in-house processing for the renewal of almost 49,000 exempt vehicles. The result is a kind of make-work record-keeping exercise.

As was the case in item "A" above, title action would not be affected. The agency would process the title for a new vehicle, buy a plate from DMV, or use an unused plate from their block of allotted plates. DMV would not be involved again until a new car was purchased or title was transferred to a private party when an older vehicle was surplus.

If you find merit with either of these proposals, we can have some amendments to the motor vehicle code drafted as proposed legislation. Please feel free to contact me about the matter. I hope this has been of assistance to you.

TK/pr

cc: Fred Tilker, LBC

State of Washington
Legislative Budget Committee
Olympia, Washington

February 4, 1975

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator A. L. Rasmussen, Chairman
Senate Committee on State Government

FROM: Thomas R. Hazzard, Legislative Auditor

SUBJECT: Engrossed House Bill No. 172
Marking of publicly owned motor vehicles (Legislative
Budget Committee request to implement performance audit
recommendations)

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 means for more efficiently, economically and effectively 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 office 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.** Engrossed 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.

The bill also calls for state-owned and controlled vehicles to carry the legend "for official use only" on each side below the other required markings. An amendment will be offered to extend this same requirement to local government entities.

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 Engrossed 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

Chief's discretion. Other exemptions would be permitted covering vehicles used for law enforcement, confidential public health work, and 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 Types 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. (An amendment will be offered to explicitly exclude local municipal mass transit vehicles from coverage by the bill.)

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 Engrossed 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 by either state or local government officials and employees for the duration of the personal security threat. 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 symbol, i.e., M, K, B, S or WSP, 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 \$3.00.

A section by section analysis of the highlights of Senate Bill No. 2152 is attached as Appendix One.

APPENDIX ONE

SECTION BY SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Public Motor Vehicle Identification Bill

ENGROSSED 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 reports of the quantity and extent of confidential plate utilization by using governmental unit and report thereon to the 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.

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

On page 1, section 1, subsection (1), on line 24 after the period and before "It" insert "This subsection shall not apply to: (a) Any municipal transit vehicle operated for purposes of providing public mass transportation and (b) any motor vehicle on loan to a school district for driver training purposes."

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

On page 2, line 9 after the period and before "The" insert "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."

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

On page 3, after line 34 and before line 35 insert: "(7) All motor vehicle markings required under the terms of this chapter shall be maintained in a legible condition at all times."

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

On page 4, section 2, subsection (3), delete all of line 15 after "patrol" and all of line 16 and insert "may recommend that the director issue confidential plates for use on an"

On page 4, section 2, subsection (4), in line 28 after "for" and before "by" delete "such plates and their use" and insert "and the use of such plates"

On page 5, following line 10, add the following:

~~Section 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.

Section 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 recheck 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 preprinted 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.

Section 7. Section 46.16.270, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 78, Laws 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.

On line 4 of the title, following the semi-colon after RCW and before the word "and", insert the following: amending 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; amending 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; amending section 46.16.270, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 78, Laws 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.270.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 29, 1975
TO: Senator A. L. "Slim" Rasmussen
FROM: Tony Cook, Staff Counsel
SUBJECT: EHB 172

Attached is a copy of the bill analysis for EHB 172 as it was amended by the Committee. The analysis discusses the full effect of the bill as amended.

The material below summarizes the changes made by the Committee to the original bill which are included in the scalped version.

Amendments suggested by Legislative Budget Committee staff after committee discussion of the original bill

Exemptions for municipal transit vehicles and driver training cars. Section 1 (1)(a) (page 1)

Requires the insignia "for official use only" on public vehicles
Section 1 (2) (page 2)

Requires that all markings required by this act be maintained in a legible condition. Section 1 (7) (page 4)

Clarifies that confidential plates may be issued by the Director on recommendation of the Chief of the State Patrol. Section 2 (3) (page 4)

Makes a grammatical correction concerning issuance of rules and regulations governing applications and use of confidential plates
Section 2 (4) (page 4)

Amendments adopted by the Committee at the request of Representative Ehlers (Based on HB 39 as modified by the Department of Motor Vehicles)

Authorizes DMV to issue a block of plates to an agency for local subdivision for further assignment (Section 5)

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Increases the fee for exempt plates from \$1.00 to \$2.00 (Section 5)

Exempts public vehicles from the annual renewal of motor vehicle licenses (Section 6)

Limits the replacement fee for plates for public vehicles to the fees specifically required by various RCW sections and totally exempts from replacement fees vehicles controlled by foreign countries or international bodies (Section 7)

Attached is a copy of the Senate amendment with the above sections indicated in yellow highlighter.

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Attachments

Guess Who Hasn't Got License Tabs

AP, P-I Staff

Several hundred State Highway Department vehicles in King County and 11 other counties were stuck without stickers when the deadline for display of new license tabs rolled around at midnight Tuesday.

C.W. Peterson, acting finance director for the department, said the state's cars and trucks are not exempt and will have stickers soon.

The delay, he said, is caused by a change in the department's license tab record-keeping procedures.

Don Walsh, department vehicle supervisor for King, Whatcom, Skagit, Island, and Snohomish counties, said he expected to receive the new license tabs last night.

Walsh said the process of affixing tabs to license plates will begin immediately, but it might take a week to complete the job.

"I made several calls to Olympia and informed them we're supposed to be an example for the motoring public — and to travel without new tabs is a bad example," Walsh said.

The state patrol does not intend to ticket tabless highway department vehicles, according to Capt. Randy Jordan of the patrol's Seattle district.

"It was a mistake that's all been taken care of," Capt. Jordan said. "It's not a case of the highway department not buying the tabs," he added.

To ticket the vehicles would be to "shut down" necessary highway maintenance work, he said.

Report of Conference Committee

Olympia, Wash., May 15, 1975

MR. SPEAKER:

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, of your Conference Committee, to whom was referred Engrossed House Bill No. 172, standardizing the marking of public vehicles,

have had the same under consideration, and we ~~recommend~~ report that we are unable to agree and respectfully request the powers of Free Conference in order to make the following changes:

That the Senate Committee Amendments be adopted with the following amendment to the committee amendment:

On page 4, line 21 of the committee amendment strike "Any elected state official" and insert "Any state official elected on a state-wide basis"

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House Members

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William Nelson
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BRIEF TITLE: Public vehicles, identity

BILL NO.: ~~SB 2152~~

SPONSOR: Reps Ragnariel, Shingoch, Curtis
and Polk (LBC request)

DATE: 4-18-75

STAFF: T. Cook

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

1. DRAFTER: ^{LBC} Gary Reid

2. a. COMPANION MEASURES: SB 2152, HB 39

b. PRIOR SESSIONS
BILL NO.: _____

3. a. ASSIGNED COMMITTEE: St. Govt.

b. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Do pass as amended

c. SIGNATORS: Rasmussen, Buffington, Henry, Knoblauch,
Wanamaker, Day (6)

d. HEARINGS: 3/5, 4/16

4. PRINCIPLE PROPONENTS/OPPONENTS:

<u>PERSON</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>+ or -</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
<u>Don Peterson</u>	<u>LBC</u>	<u>+</u>	
<u>Jack Nelson</u>	<u>DMV</u>	<u>+</u>	

BILL NO. EHB 172

DATE 4-17-75

SPONSOR: Reps Bagnariol, Curtis, Shigach and Palk (by Legislative Budget Committee request)

SHORT TITLE: Public vehicles, identity

REPORTED BY: Committee on State Government

DIGESTER: T. Cook

(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*

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 that 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.

Exempts publicly owned vehicles from annual license renewal, limits the replacement fee to specified requirements and totally exempts foreign nation's vehicles from replacement fees.

Provides that motor vehicles may issue government plates in blocks rather than individually.

Increases the fee for government ~~except~~ plates from one to two dollars.

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

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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

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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.

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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 recheck 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 preprinted 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

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 originally issued and one dollar for a new motorcycle 199
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 issued license period tabs or a windshield emblem 200
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 loss, defacement or destruction of said tabs or 202
 windshield emblem, application shall be made on a form 202
 provided by the director and in the same manner as 203
 above described, and shall be accompanied by a fee of 204
 one dollar for each pair of tabs or for each windshield 205
 emblem, whereupon the director shall issue to the 206
 applicant a duplicate pair of tabs or a windshield 206
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PROVIDED, That for those vehicles owned, rented, or 207
leased by the state of Washington or by any county, 208
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government, a fee shall be charged for replacement of a 209
vehicle license number plate only to the extent 210
required by the provisions of RCW 46.16.020, 46.16.061, 210
46.16.237, and 46.01.140; PROVIDED FURTHER, That for 211
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States government is a signatory by treaty, the payment 212
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