

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1244

69th Legislature
2025 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 3, 2025
Yeas 58 Nays 39

**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 16, 2025
Yeas 34 Nays 15

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1244** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

FILED

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1244

Passed Legislature - 2025 Regular Session

State of Washington

69th Legislature

2025 Regular Session

By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representative Wylie; by request of Department of Licensing)

READ FIRST TIME 02/21/25.

1 AN ACT Relating to training as an alternative to driver license
2 suspension for the accumulation of certain traffic infractions;
3 amending RCW 46.20.2892 and 46.20.311; and providing an effective
4 date.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.20.2892 and 2021 c 240 s 7 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) Whenever the official records of the department show that a
9 person has committed a traffic infraction for a moving violation on
10 three or more occasions within a one-year period, or on four or more
11 occasions within a two-year period, the department must suspend the
12 license of the driver for a period of 60 days and establish a period
13 of probation for one (~~calendar~~) year to begin when the suspension
14 ends, except as provided in subsection (2) of this section. Prior to
15 reinstatement of a license, the person must complete a safe driving
16 course as recommended by the department.

17 (2) At any time after the department provides notice of a pending
18 suspension under subsection (1) of this section, a person may
19 complete the safe driving course mandated under subsection (1) of
20 this section. The department must terminate a suspension or pending
21 suspension prior to the expiration of the 60-day period when the

1 department receives notice that the person has completed the safe
2 driving course, provided applicable requirements under RCW 46.20.311
3 have been met and any other applicable licensing fees have been paid.
4 The department must establish a period of probation for one year to
5 begin the day the suspension or pending suspension is terminated. A
6 suspension or pending suspension may only be terminated early once
7 every five years under this subsection.

8 (3) During ((the)) a period of probation, the person must not be
9 convicted of any additional traffic infractions for moving
10 violations. Any traffic infraction for a moving violation committed
11 during the period of probation shall result in an additional 30-day
12 suspension to run consecutively with any suspension already being
13 served. A person is not eligible for early reinstatement under
14 subsection (2) of this section for a probation violation that occurs
15 during the period of probation.

16 ((+2)) (4) When a person has committed a traffic infraction for
17 a moving violation on two occasions within a one-year period or three
18 occasions within a two-year period, the department shall send the
19 person a notice that an additional infraction will result in
20 suspension of the person's license for a period of 60 days.

21 ((+3)) (5) The department may not charge a reissue fee at the
22 end of the term of suspension under this section.

23 ((+4)) (6) For purposes of this section, multiple traffic
24 infractions issued during or as the result of a single traffic stop
25 constitute one occasion.

26 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.20.311 and 2021 c 240 s 8 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 (1)(a) The department shall not suspend a driver's license or
29 privilege to drive a motor vehicle on the public highways for a fixed
30 period of more than one year, except as specifically permitted under
31 RCW 46.20.267, 46.20.342, or other provision of law.

32 (b) Except for a suspension under RCW 46.20.267, 46.20.289,
33 46.20.291(5), 46.61.740, or 74.20A.320, whenever the license or
34 driving privilege of any person is suspended by reason of a
35 conviction, a finding that a traffic infraction has been committed,
36 pursuant to chapter 46.29 RCW, or pursuant to RCW 46.20.291 or
37 46.20.308, the suspension shall remain in effect until the person
38 gives and thereafter maintains proof of financial responsibility for
39 the future as provided in chapter 46.29 RCW.

1 (c) If the suspension is the result of a nonfelony violation of
2 RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, the department shall determine the
3 person's eligibility for licensing based upon the reports provided by
4 the substance use disorder agency or probation department designated
5 under RCW 46.61.5056 and shall deny reinstatement until enrollment
6 and participation in an approved program has been established and the
7 person is otherwise qualified. If the suspension is the result of a
8 violation of RCW 46.61.502(6) or 46.61.504(6), the department shall
9 determine the person's eligibility for licensing based upon the
10 reports provided by the substance use disorder agency required under
11 RCW 46.61.524 and shall deny reinstatement until satisfactory
12 progress in an approved program has been established and the person
13 is otherwise qualified. If the suspension is the result of a
14 violation of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, and the person is required
15 pursuant to RCW 46.20.720 to drive only a motor vehicle equipped with
16 a functioning ignition interlock, the department shall determine the
17 person's eligibility for licensing based upon written verification by
18 a company doing business in the state that it has installed the
19 required device on a vehicle owned or operated by the person seeking
20 reinstatement. The department may waive the requirement for written
21 verification under this subsection if it determines to its
22 satisfaction that a device previously verified as having been
23 installed on a vehicle owned or operated by the person is still
24 installed and functioning or as permitted by RCW 46.20.720(8). If,
25 based upon notification from the interlock provider or otherwise, the
26 department determines that an interlock required under RCW 46.20.720
27 is no longer installed or functioning as required, the department
28 shall suspend the person's license or privilege to drive. Whenever
29 the license or driving privilege of any person is suspended or
30 revoked as a result of noncompliance with an ignition interlock
31 requirement, the suspension shall remain in effect until the person
32 provides notice issued by a company doing business in the state that
33 a vehicle owned or operated by the person is equipped with a
34 functioning ignition interlock device.

35 (d) Whenever the license or driving privilege of any person is
36 suspended as a result of certification of noncompliance with a child
37 support order under chapter 74.20A RCW, the suspension shall remain
38 in effect until the person provides a release issued by the
39 department of social and health services stating that the person is
40 in compliance with the order.

1 (e)(i) Except as provided in RCW 46.20.2892(~~((3))~~)(5), the
2 department shall not issue to the person a new, duplicate, or renewal
3 license until the person pays a reissue fee of (~~(seventy-five~~
4 ~~dollars)~~) \$75.

5 (ii) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, if the
6 suspension is the result of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or
7 46.61.504, or is the result of administrative action under RCW
8 46.20.308, the reissue fee shall be (~~(one hundred seventy dollars)~~)
9 \$170.

10 (2)(a) Any person whose license or privilege to drive a motor
11 vehicle on the public highways has been revoked, unless the
12 revocation was for a cause which has been removed, is not entitled to
13 have the license or privilege renewed or restored until: (i) After
14 the expiration of one year from the date the license or privilege to
15 drive was revoked; (ii) after the expiration of the applicable
16 revocation period provided by RCW 46.20.3101 or 46.61.5055; (iii)
17 after the expiration of two years for persons convicted of vehicular
18 homicide; or (iv) after the expiration of the applicable revocation
19 period provided by RCW 46.20.265.

20 (b)(i) After the expiration of the appropriate period, the person
21 may make application for a new license as provided by law together
22 with a reissue fee in the amount of (~~(seventy-five dollars)~~) \$75.

23 (ii) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, if the
24 revocation is the result of a violation of RCW 46.20.308, 46.61.502,
25 or 46.61.504, the reissue fee shall be (~~(one hundred seventy~~
26 ~~dollars)~~) \$170. If the revocation is the result of a nonfelony
27 violation of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, the department shall
28 determine the person's eligibility for licensing based upon the
29 reports provided by the substance use disorder agency or probation
30 department designated under RCW 46.61.5056 and shall deny reissuance
31 of a license, permit, or privilege to drive until enrollment and
32 participation in an approved program has been established and the
33 person is otherwise qualified. If the suspension is the result of a
34 violation of RCW 46.61.502(6) or 46.61.504(6), the department shall
35 determine the person's eligibility for licensing based upon the
36 reports provided by the substance use disorder agency required under
37 RCW 46.61.524 and shall deny reinstatement until satisfactory
38 progress in an approved program has been established and the person
39 is otherwise qualified. If the revocation is the result of a
40 violation of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, and the person is required

1 pursuant to RCW 46.20.720 to drive only a motor vehicle equipped with
2 a functioning ignition interlock or other biological or technical
3 device, the department shall determine the person's eligibility for
4 licensing based upon written verification by a company doing business
5 in the state that it has installed the required device on a vehicle
6 owned or operated by the person applying for a new license. The
7 department may waive the requirement for written verification under
8 this subsection if it determines to its satisfaction that a device
9 previously verified as having been installed on a vehicle owned or
10 operated by the person is still installed and functioning or as
11 permitted by RCW 46.20.720(8). If, following issuance of a new
12 license, the department determines, based upon notification from the
13 interlock provider or otherwise, that an interlock required under RCW
14 46.20.720 is no longer functioning, the department shall suspend the
15 person's license or privilege to drive until the department has
16 received written verification from an interlock provider that a
17 functioning interlock is installed.

18 (c) Except for a revocation under RCW 46.20.265, the department
19 shall not then issue a new license unless it is satisfied after
20 investigation of the driving ability of the person that it will be
21 safe to grant the privilege of driving a motor vehicle on the public
22 highways, and until the person gives and thereafter maintains proof
23 of financial responsibility for the future as provided in chapter
24 46.29 RCW. For a revocation under RCW 46.20.265, the department shall
25 not issue a new license unless it is satisfied after investigation of
26 the driving ability of the person that it will be safe to grant that
27 person the privilege of driving a motor vehicle on the public
28 highways.

29 (3)(a) Whenever the driver's license of any person is suspended
30 pursuant to Article IV of the nonresident violators compact or RCW
31 46.23.020 or 46.20.289 or 46.20.291(5), the department shall not
32 issue to the person any new or renewal license until the person pays
33 a reissue fee of (~~seventy-five dollars~~) \$75.

34 (b) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, if the
35 suspension is the result of a violation of the laws of this or any
36 other state, province, or other jurisdiction involving (i) the
37 operation or physical control of a motor vehicle upon the public
38 highways while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs,
39 or (ii) the refusal to submit to a chemical test of the driver's

1 blood alcohol content, the reissue fee shall be (~~one hundred seventy~~
2 ~~dollars~~) \$170.

3 (4) When the department reinstates a person's driver's license
4 following a suspension, revocation, or denial under RCW 46.20.3101 or
5 46.61.5055, and the person is entitled to full day-for-day credit
6 under RCW 46.20.3101(4) or 46.61.5055(9)(b)(ii) for an additional
7 restriction arising from the same incident, the department shall
8 impose no additional reissue fees under subsection (1)(e)(ii),
9 (2)(b)(ii), or (3)(b) of this section associated with the additional
10 restriction.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect April 1, 2026.

--- END ---