

## Six-year expiration cycle for driver licenses and ID cards

**Issue:** In our growing state, continuing to rely on a five-year expiration cycle will increase wait times and service backlogs in DOL driver license offices unless more staff and workspace is added. Alternative customer service channels, online and by-mail renewal, are helping to alleviate workload, but not all eligible customers are choosing these options.

**Proposed solution:** DOL is proposing a six-year renewal cycle for driver licenses and ID cards to reduce wait times in our offices by spreading the renewal workload across six years instead of five.

Renewals account for about 40 percent of driver license activity. Issuing driver licenses and ID cards that are valid for six years will reduce the number of customers renewing each year by about 17 percent and decrease wait times for all in-office transactions.

Fees will increase consistent with the driver license or ID card being valid for an additional year. This legislation will decrease DOL workload, increase customer convenience by adding another year to the renewal cycle and bring nearly \$11 million in additional revenue for the 2013-15 biennium.

- Section 1 amends RCW 46.20.049 for commercial driver licenses, raising the current \$61 fee to \$73.20, or \$12.20 per year if issued or renewed for a different term.
- Section 2 amends RCW 46.20.117 for identicards, raising the current \$20 fee to \$24, or \$4 per year if issued or renewed for a different term.
- Section 4 amends RCW 46.20.161 for driver licenses, raising the current \$25 fee to \$30, or \$5 per year if issued or renewed for a different term.
- Section 5 amends RCW 46.20.181 to set the renewal period at six years, with the exception of commercial driver licenses with a hazardous materials endorsement, and authorize the implementation period from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2021.
- Section 6 amends RCW 46.20.505 for motorcycle endorsements, raising the current endorsement fees as follows:
  - Sets the \$10 initial issue to \$12, or \$2 per year if issued for less than 6 years.
  - Sets the \$25 renewal fee to \$30, or \$5 per year if renewed for less than 6 years
- Section 7 makes July 1, 2013 the effective date of the act.

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**HB 2206**



### Fiscal impact:

Additional revenue of about \$10.9 million will be generated in the 2013-15 biennium.

### Fee increases consistent with additional year of validity:

ID card: \$20 to \$24 (\$4 per year)

Driver license: \$25 to \$30 (\$5 per year)