

CHAPTER 334

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 2558]

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES—NAME CHANGE—DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

AN ACT Relating to a change in the name of the department of motor vehicles; amending section 2, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 and RCW 46.01.020; amending section 17, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 and RCW 46.01.170; amending section 1, chapter ... (HB 174), Laws of 1977 and RCW 43.17-.010; amending section 2, chapter ... (HB 174), Laws of 1977 and RCW 43.17.020; adding new sections to chapter 46.01 RCW; repealing section 1, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 and RCW 46.01-.010; repealing section 6, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 and RCW 46.01.060; repealing section 8, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 and RCW 46.01.080; repealing section 12, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 and RCW 46.01.120; repealing section 22, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 and RCW 46.01.200; and providing an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 46.01 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The legislature finds that the department of motor vehicles administers laws relating to the licensing and regulation of professions, businesses, securities, gambling, and other activities in addition to administering laws relating to the licensing and regulation of vehicles and vehicle operators, dealers, and manufacturers. The present title of the department does not properly indicate its responsibility and creates confusion in the mind of the public. The laws administered by the department have the common denominator of licensing and regulation and are directed toward protecting and enhancing the well-being of the residents of the state. It is the purpose of this 1977 amendatory act to change the name of the department of motor vehicles to the department of licensing in order to accurately reflect the responsibilities and functions of the department.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 and RCW 46.01.020 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A department of the government of this state to be known as the "department of ((motor vehicles)) licensing" is hereby created.

(2) The department shall succeed to and is hereby vested with all powers, duties and jurisdiction relating to motor vehicles now vested in the director of licenses.

(3) All powers, functions, and duties vested by law in the director of motor vehicles or in the department of motor vehicles on or before June 30, 1977, shall be considered powers, functions, and duties of the director of licensing or the department of licensing, respectively, and all rules of the director of motor vehicles on or before June 30, 1977, shall be considered rules of the director of licensing.

(4) Any references in the Revised Code of Washington to the director of motor vehicles or the department of motor vehicles shall be considered to be references to the director of licensing or to the department of licensing, respectively.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 46.01 RCW a new section to read as follows:

All records, books, accounts, equipment, funds, appropriations, and all other property, real, personal, and mixed, held by the department of motor vehicles on June 30, 1977, shall be held by the department of licensing.

Sec. 4. Section 17, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 and RCW 46.01.170 are each amended to read as follows:

The department shall have an official seal with the words "Department of ~~((Motor Vehicles))~~ Licensing of Washington" engraved thereon.

Sec. 5. Section 1, chapter ... (HB 174), Laws of 1977 and RCW 43.17.010 are each amended to read as follows.

There shall be departments of the state government which shall be known as (1) the department of social and health services, (2) the department of ecology, (3) the department of labor and industries, (4) the department of agriculture, (5) the department of fisheries, (6) the department of game, (7) the department of highways, (8) the department of ~~((motor vehicles))~~ licensing, (9) the department of general administration, (10) the department of commerce and economic development, (11) the department of veterans affairs, (12) the department of revenue, and (13) the department of retirement systems, which shall be charged with the execution, enforcement, and administration of such laws, and invested with such powers and required to perform such duties, as the legislature may provide.

Sec. 6. Section 2, chapter ... (HB 174), Laws of 1977 and RCW 43.17.020 are each amended to read as follows:

There shall be a chief executive officer of each department to be known as: (1) The secretary of social and health services, (2) the director of ecology, (3) the director of labor and industries, (4) the director of agriculture, (5) the director of fisheries, (6) the director of game, (7) the director of highways, (8) the director of ~~((motor vehicles))~~ licensing, (9) the director of general administration, (10) the director of commerce and economic development, (11) the director of veterans affairs, (12) the director of revenue, and (13) the director of retirement systems.

Such officers, except the director of highways and the director of game, shall be appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate, and hold office at the pleasure of the governor. If a vacancy occurs while the senate is not in session, the governor shall make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of the senate, when he shall present to that body his nomination for the office. The director of highways shall be appointed by the state highway commission, and the director of game shall be appointed by the game commission.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

- (1) Section 1, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 and RCW 46.01.010;
- (2) Section 6, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 and RCW 46.01.060;
- (3) Section 8, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 and RCW 46.01.080;
- (4) Section 12, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 and RCW 46.01.120; and
- (5) Section 22, chapter 156, Laws of 1965 and RCW 46.01.200.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. This 1977 amendatory act shall take effect on July 1, 1977.

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Passed the House June 18, 1977.

Approved by the Governor June 30, 1977.

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