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By Representative Klippert

1 AN ACT Relating to encouraging the department of licensing and  
2 other licensing entities to ask vehicle owners about purchasing a  
3 discover pass upon registration; and amending RCW 46.16A.090.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16A.090 and 2012 c 261 s 9 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent  
8 appointed by the director must provide an opportunity for a vehicle  
9 owner to make a voluntary donation as provided in this section when  
10 applying for an initial or renewal vehicle registration.

11 (2)(a) A vehicle owner who registers a vehicle under this chapter  
12 may donate one dollar or more to the organ and tissue donation  
13 awareness account to promote the donation of organs and tissues under  
14 the uniform anatomical gift act as described in chapter 68.64 RCW.  
15 The donation of one or more dollars is voluntary and may be refused  
16 by the vehicle owner.

17 (b) The department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent  
18 appointed by the director must:

19 (i) Ask a vehicle owner applying for a vehicle registration if  
20 the owner would like to donate one dollar or more;

1 (ii) Inform a vehicle owner of the option for organ and tissue  
2 donations as required under RCW 46.20.113; and

3 (iii) Make information booklets or other informational material  
4 available regarding the importance of organ and tissue donations to  
5 vehicle owners.

6 (c) All reasonable costs associated with the creation of the  
7 donation program created under this section must be paid  
8 proportionally or by another agreement by a participating Washington  
9 state organ procurement organization established for organ and tissue  
10 donation awareness purposes by the Washington state organ procurement  
11 organizations. For the purposes of this section, "reasonable costs"  
12 and "Washington state organ procurement organization" have the same  
13 meaning as in RCW 68.64.010.

14 (3) The department must collect from a vehicle owner who pays a  
15 vehicle license fee under RCW 46.17.350(1) (a), (d) through (l), (n),  
16 (o), or (q) or who registers a vehicle under RCW 46.16A.455 with a  
17 declared gross weight of twelve thousand pounds or less a voluntary  
18 donation of five dollars. The donation may not be collected from any  
19 vehicle owner actively opting not to participate in the donation  
20 program. The department must ensure that the opt-out donation under  
21 this section is clear, visible, and prominently displayed in both  
22 paper and online vehicle registration renewals. Notification of  
23 intent to not participate in the donation program must be provided  
24 annually at the time of vehicle registration renewal. The donation  
25 must be deposited in the state parks renewal and stewardship account  
26 established in RCW 79A.05.215 to be used for the operation and  
27 maintenance of state parks.

28 (4) The department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent  
29 appointed by the director is encouraged to ask a vehicle owner who  
30 registers a vehicle under this chapter ((may)) whether the owner  
31 would like to purchase a discover pass for the price amount  
32 established in RCW 79A.80.020. Purchase of a discover pass is  
33 voluntary by the vehicle owner. The discover pass fee must be  
34 deposited in the recreation access pass account created in RCW  
35 79A.80.090. The department, county auditor((7)) or other agent, or  
36 subagent appointed by the director is not responsible for delivering  
37 a purchased discover pass to a motor vehicle owner. The agencies, as

1 defined in RCW 79A.80.010, must deliver the purchased discover pass  
2 to a motor vehicle owner.

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