

Public hearing transcript for changes to 308-96A-560 WAC – Special license plates

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Kelsey Stone (00:03):

All right, I'll keep an eye on the chat in case anybody pops in while I'm going through the script, but it'll basically be as it was at the Abandoned RV Public Hearing. We'll read the script, wait and see if anybody's online, and then we can close out.

(00:17):

Good morning, this is a public hearing before the Washington State Department of Licensing, being held to elicit public testimony, both oral and written, with regard to proposed rules amending WAC 308-96A-560. These proposed rules clarify standard specialty plate design guidelines by requiring new specialty plates to have the jurisdiction at the top of the plate.

(00:39):

This hearing is being held via Zoom and in person at 1125 Washington Street Southeast, Olympia, Washington. This hearing is taking place at 10:00 AM on October 11th, 2023. Public notice that this hearing was given, by notice number WSR 23-18-093, filed with the code advisor's office on September 6th, 2023. The department posts all of our rulemaking information on dol.wa.gov/about/rulemaking-activity. And this is where you can access all rulemaking notices and proposed language for this rulemaking.

(01:13):

The sign-in sheet, your testimony, and any documents you provide are public documents. This rule is proposed pursuant to the provisions of RCW 46.18.200 and RCW 46.01.110.

(01:27):

My name is Kelsey Stone and my title is Legislative Policy Analyst. The Director of licensing has designated me to preside over this hearing. Representatives of the Washington State Department of Licensing are present today. If there are questions, Carl Backen, Legislative Policy Analyst, George Price, Driver and Vehicle Records Administrator, Sena Tala Lamotu, Licensing Services Manager, and Shante Bernie, Driver and Vehicle Records Assistant Administrator.

(01:51):

The procedure today will be as follows. The department is required to make a record of this hearing by demographic, mechanical, or electronic means. Therefore, we are audio recording this hearing. For virtual attendees wishing to testify, please provide your name and contact information in the chat, or unmute and tell me you would like to testify when I call on your screen name.

(02:10):

For those in the room wishing to testify, who have not already noted their desire to testify on the sign-in sheet, please wait for me to ask the room if there's anyone else willing to testify, and notify me at that time.

(02:20):

I will ask you to provide your contact information, which will be added to the sign-in sheet. The sign-in sheet will be used to call forward individuals for testimony, and is later used to ensure public hearing participants are notified of rulemaking requests and the agency's response to comments.

(02:35):

You will be called to testify in the order in which I collect your information. To assist in preparing the record of this public hearing, individuals testifying today should state their name, who they represent, if they're testifying on behalf of others, and whether they support or oppose the proposed rules.

(02:49):

The department has received written comments on these proposed rules. For those wishing to provide written comments, please hand them to or email them to rules coordinator at dol.wa.gov and we'll include them in the formal record in our response to questions.

(03:03):

Copies of these written comments will be added to the rulemaking file. Now we will hear oral statements from those present. And it doesn't look like anybody joined us. Are there any other comments on these rules?

(03:16):

This is where I say viewer. Thank you for your comments. The department will prepare a concise explanatory statement, which will, among other things, summarize all the oral and written comments received regarding the proposed rules, and respond to them by category or subject matter.

(03:31):

Copies of the concise explanatory statement will be forwarded to all those who have made oral or written comments. And with that, the hearing is adjourned.