

Transcript of public hearing on rulemaking for WAC 308-101-240

Ellis Starrett (00:01):

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 those rules amending WAC 308-101-240. This proposed rule will provide greater clarity around the department's policy for the duration of the probationary period for habitual traffic offenders and clarifies criteria for violations of the probation or stay agreement. This hearing is being held via Zoom and in person at 1125 Washington Street Southeast, Olympia, Washington. This hearing is taking place at 11:00 A.M. on July 8th, 2025. Public notice of this hearing was given by notice number WSR 25-12-105, filed with the Code Reviser's office on June 4th, 2025. 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.

(01:07):

The sign-in sheet, your testimony and any documents you provide are public documents. This rule is proposed pursuant to the provisions of RCW 46.01.110 and Chapter 46.65 RCW, Washington Habitual Traffic Offenders Act. My name is Ellis Starrett and my title is Rules and Policy Manager. The Director of Licensing has designated me to [inaudible 00:01:31] over this hearing. Representatives of the Washington State Department of Licensing are present today if there are questions. Marguerite Friedlander, Interviews and Hearings Administrator. Marta Reinhold, Interviews and Hearings Assistant Administrator. Audrey Ross, Hearings Assistant Administrator. Ellen West, Management Analyst 4. Colton Myers, Legislative and Policy Analyst. And Kelsey Stone, Legislative and Policy Analyst.

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The procedure today will be as follows. The department is required to make a record of this hearing by stenographic, 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 tell us and unmute and tell me you would like to testify when I call on your screen. 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 wishing to testify and notify me at that time. I will ask you to provide your contact information, which will be added to the sign-in sheet. This sign-in sheet will be used to call forward individuals for testimony and is later used to ensure hearing participants are notified of rulemaking results and the agency's response to comments.

(02:38):

You'll 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. The department has not received written, or maybe we have received one written comment on these proposed rules. For those wishing to provide written comments, please hand them to me or email them to rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov and we will include them in the formal record and our response to questions. Copies of these written comments will be added to the rulemaking file. Now we will hear oral statements from those present.

(03:18):

Is there anyone here wishing to testify today? Hearing no one. Thank you for your comments. The department will prepare a concise explanatory statement which will, among other things, summarize all of the oral and written comments received regarding the proposed rule and respond to them by category or subject matter. Copies of the concise explanatory statement will be forwarded to all those who have made oral or written comments. This hearing is adjourned. And one moment while I stop the recording