

RCW 4.92.180 State, local governments not liable for injury to unauthorized third-party occupant of state or local government vehicle. (1) The state and local governments are not liable for any injury received by a third-party occupant of a vehicle that is owned, leased, or rented by the state or local government if, at the time the injuries were inflicted, the third-party occupant was:

(a) Riding in or on the vehicle with a state or local government employee who had explicitly acknowledged in writing the employer's policy on use of vehicles owned, leased, or rented by the state or local government; and

(b) Not specifically and expressly authorized by the state or local government to be an occupant of the vehicle.

(2) For purposes of this section, "third-party occupant" means a person who occupies a vehicle owned, leased, or rented by the state or local government and who is not an officer, employee, or agent of the state or local government. "Local government" includes any city, county, or other subdivision of the state and any municipal corporation, quasi-municipal corporation, or special district within the state. [2011 c 82 § 2.]

Intent—2011 c 82: "The legislature intends to overrule the state supreme court's holding in *Rahman v. State*, No. 83428-8 (January 20, 2011), by modifying the application of the common law doctrine of respondeat superior." [2011 c 82 § 1.]

Application—2011 c 82: "This act applies to all causes of action accruing on or after July 22, 2011." [2011 c 82 § 4.]