

any nature shall arise against, the insurance commissioner, the commissioner's agents, or members of the commissioner's staff, or against any health care service contractor, its authorized representative, its agents, its employees, furnishing to the health care service contractor information as to reasons for cancellation or refusal to issue or renew, for libel or slander on the basis of any statement made by any of them in any written notice of cancellation or refusal to issue or renew, or in any other communications, oral or written, specifying the reasons for cancellation or refusal to issue or renew or the providing of information pertaining thereto, or for statements made or evidence submitted in any hearing conducted in connection therewith.

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## CHAPTER 134

[House Bill No. 141]

### MOTOR VEHICLES—TONNAGE LICENSE FEES—PROPORTIONAL REGISTRATION

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle licensing; amending section 46.16.135, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 3, chapter 64, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.135; amending section 14, chapter 106, Laws of 1963 and RCW 46.85.140; amending section 6, chapter 51, Laws of 1971 and RCW 46.85.145; repealing section 46.16.137, chapter 12, Laws of 1961, section 17, chapter 32, Laws of 1967, section 1, chapter 172, Laws of 1974 ex. sess., section 7, chapter 118, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess., section 4, chapter 64, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.137; and repealing section 46.16.138, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.16.138.

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

Section 1. Section 46.16.135, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 3, chapter 64, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.135 are each amended to read as follows:

Tonnage for ~~((motor trucks, trailers, tractors, pole trailers, or semitrailers))~~ any vehicle or combination of vehicles having a declared gross weight ~~((in excess of twenty))~~ of twelve thousand pounds or more may be purchased for any full registration ~~((quarter at one-fourth))~~ month or months at one-twelfth of the usual annual tonnage fee ~~((: PROVIDED, That the fee for the registration quarter in which the vehicle is licensed shall be reduced by one-twelfth of the usual tonnage fee for each full registration month of the registration quarter that shall have elapsed at the time the vehicle is licensed))~~ multiplied by the number of full months for which tonnage is purchased. An additional fee of ~~((one))~~ two dollars shall be charged by the

director each time tonnage is purchased. The director is authorized to establish rules and regulations relative to the issuance and display of certificates or insignia.

~~((No vehicle licensed under the provisions of this section shall be operated over the public highways unless the owner or operator renews the quarterly tonnage license prior to the expiration of the existing tonnage license.))~~ Any person who operates ~~((any such))~~ a vehicle licensed under the provisions of this section upon the public highways after the expiration of the ~~((existing))~~ monthly tonnage license, ~~((shall be))~~ is guilty of a misdemeanor, and in addition shall be required to purchase a tonnage license for the vehicle involved at the fee covering an entire registration year's operation thereof, less the fees for any registration ~~((quarter or registration quarters))~~ month or months of the registration year already paid. If, within five days ~~((thereafter))~~, no tonnage license for a full registration year has been purchased as required aforesaid, the Washington state patrol, county sheriff, or city police shall impound such vehicle in such manner as may be directed for such cases by the chief of the Washington state patrol, until such requirement is met.

Section 2. Section 14, chapter 106, Laws of 1963 and RCW 46.85.140 are each amended to read as follows:

The right to the privilege and benefits of proportional registration of fleet vehicles extended by this chapter, or by any contract, agreement, arrangement or declaration made under the authority of this chapter, shall be subject to the condition that each fleet vehicle proportionally registered under the authority of this chapter also shall be fully or proportionally ~~((or otherwise properly))~~ registered in at least one other jurisdiction during the period for which it is proportionally registered in this state.

Sec. 3. Section 6, chapter 51, Laws of 1971 and RCW 46.85.145 are each amended to read as follows:

If it is determined that any Washington based carrier has not fully or proportionally registered a vehicle or vehicles in another jurisdiction or jurisdictions which are members of the Uniform Compact Agreement after indicating his intent to do so in his application to the state, ~~((and has failed to pay other fees in lieu thereof.))~~ the mileage traveled in such jurisdiction or jurisdictions shall be added to Washington in-state miles for computation of the Washington travel percentage.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

(1) Section 46.16.137, chapter 12, Laws of 1961, section 17, chapter 32, Laws of 1967, section 1, chapter 172, Laws of 1974 ex. sess., section 7, chapter 118, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess., section 4, chapter 64, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.137; and

(2) Section 46.16.138, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.16.138.

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## CHAPTER 135

[Substitute House Bill No. 175]

### COMMERCIAL SALMON VESSEL LIMITATION PROGRAM—EXTENSION— LICENSE—TRANSFER—LANDING REQUIREMENT WAIVER

AN ACT Relating to salmon resources; amending section 2, chapter 184, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 230, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 75.28.455; and repealing section 12, chapter 184, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and section 8, chapter 106, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. (uncodified).

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

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 184, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 230, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 75.28.455 are each amended to read as follows:

On and after May 6, 1974, the department of fisheries of the state of Washington shall initiate a program to limit the number of commercial salmon vessels for each type of fishing gear and area (~~(by issuing licenses and vessel delivery permits to fish for salmon only to those vessels holding such licenses or permits in any year between January 1, 1970 and May 6, 1974. PROVIDED, That only those vessels which held commercial gear fishing licenses or vessel delivery permits valid for salmon during such period and can prove by means of a valid fish receiving document that salmon were caught and landed during such period shall be entitled to a valid commercial fishing license or vessel delivery permit to fish for or possess salmon for the same type of gear and area for each year of a period extending from January 1, 1975 through December 31, 1980. PROVIDED FURTHER, That)~~).

(1) Except for vessels coming under the provisions of RCW 75.28.460, no commercial salmon fishing license or vessel delivery permit shall be issued to a vessel (~~(for calendar years 1979 and 1980)~~) unless that vessel (~~((+))~~) (a) was issued or had transferred to it a valid Washington state commercial salmon fishing license or vessel delivery permit during the previous calendar year, or during the last calendar year in which the vessel was legally eligible for licenses if the vessel's licenses were suspended or revoked during the calendar year or years previous to the year for which the licenses are being sought; (~~(and (2))~~) (b) has not subsequently transferred the license or permit to another vessel; and (c) can prove by means of a valid fish receiving document that food fish were caught and landed by such vessel in this state or in another state during the previous calendar year, or during