

## CHAPTER 153.

[ H. B. 102. ]

## MOTOR VEHICLES.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles and amending section 1 of the Washington Highway License Act, chapter 188, Laws of 1937 (sec. 6312-1, Rem. Rev. Stat.).

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

Amendments. SECTION 1. That section 1, chapter 188, Laws of 1937 (sec. 6312-1, Rem. Rev. Stat.) be amended to read as follows:

Definitions. Section 1. The following words and phrases, wherever used in this act, shall have the meaning as in this section ascribed to them, unless where used the context thereof shall clearly indicate to the contrary:

"Authorized emergency vehicle." (a) "Authorized Emergency Vehicle." Any vehicle, as herein defined, of any fire department, police department, sheriff's office, coroner, prosecuting attorney, Washington state patrol, ambulance service, public or private, or any other vehicle authorized in writing by the state commission on equipment.

"Auto stage." (b) "Auto Stage." Any motor vehicle, as herein defined, used for the purpose of carrying passengers together with incidental baggage and freight or either, on a regular schedule of time and rates: *Provided*, That no motor vehicle shall be considered to be an auto stage where substantially the entire route traveled by such vehicle is within the corporate limits of any incorporated city or town or the corporate limits of any adjoining incorporated cities or towns.

"Axle." (c) "Axle." A structure or structures in the same or approximately the same transverse plane with a vehicle supported by wheels and on which or with which such wheels revolve.

(d) "Bicycle." Every vehicle, as herein defined, having a saddle for the use of the rider, operated by human power, and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, but excluding a farm tractor. "Bicycle."

(e) "Cancel." In all its forms shall mean the invalidation indefinitely and until successful application but shall be for a period of not less than one (1) year. "Cancel."

(f) "City Street." Every public highway as herein defined, or part thereof located within the limits of incorporated cities and towns, except alleys. "City street."

(g) "Combination of Vehicles." Every combination of motor vehicle and trailer or motor vehicle and semi-trailer the principal use of which is the transportation of commodities, merchandise, produce, freight or animals. "Combination of vehicles."

(h) "Commercial Vehicle." Any vehicle the principal use of which is the transportation of commodities, merchandise, produce, freight, animals or passengers for hire. "Commercial vehicle."

(i) "County Road." Every public highway as herein defined, or part thereof, outside the limits of incorporated cities and towns and which has not been designated as a primary state highway. "County road."

(j) "Farm Tractor." Every motor vehicle, as herein defined, designed and used primarily as a farm implement for drawing plows, mowing machines, and other implements of husbandry. "Farm tractor."

(k) "For Hire Vehicle." Any motor vehicle, as herein defined, other than an auto stage, as herein defined, used for the transportation of persons for compensation. "For hire vehicle."

(l) "Legal Owner." A mortgagee or owner of the legal title to a vehicle. "Legal owner."

(m) "Local Authorities." Every county, municipal, or other local public board or body having authority to adopt local police regulations under the constitution and laws of this state. "Local authorities."

- "Metal tire." (n) "Metal Tire." Every tire, the bearing surface of which in contact with the highway is wholly or partly of metal or other hard, non-resilient material.
- "Motor truck." (o) "Motor Truck." Any motor vehicle as herein defined, designed or used for the transportation of commodities, merchandise, produce, freight or animals.
- "Motor vehicle." (p) "Motor Vehicle." Every vehicle, as herein defined, which is in itself a self-propelled unit.
- "Motoreycle." (q) "Motorcycle." Every motor vehicle, as herein defined, having a saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, but excluding a farm tractor.
- "Non-resident." (r) "Non-resident." Any person whose residence is outside this state and who is temporarily sojourning within this state.
- "Operator." (s) "Operator." Every person who is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle as herein defined, upon a public highway, as herein defined.
- "Peace officer." (t) "Peace Officer." Any officer authorized by law to execute criminal process or to make arrests for the violation of the statutes generally or of any particular statute or statutes relative to the public highways of this state.
- "Person." (u) "Person." Every natural person, firm, co-partnership, corporation, association or organization.
- "Pneumatic tires." (v) "Pneumatic Tires." Every tire of rubber or other resilient material designed to be inflated with compressed air to support the load thereon.
- "Primary state highway." (w) "Primary State Highway." Every public highway as herein defined, or part thereof, which has been designated as a primary state highway by legislative enactment.
- "Public highway." (x) "Public Highway." Every way, lane, road, street, boulevard, and every way or place in the State of Washington open as a matter of right to

public vehicular travel both inside and outside the limits of incorporated cities and towns.

(y) "Railroad." A carrier of persons or property upon vehicles, other than street cars, operated upon stationary rails, the route of which is principally outside incorporated cities and towns. "Railroad."

(z) "Registered Owner." A person who holds a certificate of ownership of a vehicle, or in the event the vehicle is subject to an agreement for the conditional sale or lease thereof with a right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with the immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee, or in the event a mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then any such conditional vendee or lessee, or mortgagor having a lawful right of possession or use and control for a period of ten or more successive days. "Registered owner."

(aa) "Revoke." In all its forms shall mean the invalidation for a period of one calendar year and thereafter until reapplication. "Revoke."

(bb) "Road Tractor." Every motor vehicle, as herein defined, designed and used primarily as a road building vehicle in drawing road building machinery and devices. "Road tractor."

(cc) "Roadway." The paved, improved or proper driving portion of a public highway designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel. "Roadway."

(dd) "School Bus." Any motor vehicle, as herein defined, owned by a public or governmental agency and operated for the transportation of children to or from school or school activities or privately owned and operated for compensation for the transportation of children to or from school or school activities. "School bus."

(ee) "Semi-Trailer." Every vehicle without motive power designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle or truck tractor and so constructed that an appreciable part of its weight and that of its load rests "Semi-trailer."

upon and is carried by such motor vehicle or truck tractor.

"Solid tire." (ff) "Solid Tire." Every tire of rubber or other resilient material which does not depend upon inflation with compressed air for the support of the load thereon.

"Street car." (gg) "Street Car." A vehicle other than a train, as herein defined, for the transporting of persons or property and operated upon stationary rails principally within incorporated cities and towns.

"Suspend." (hh) "Suspend." In all its forms shall mean invalidation for any period less than one calendar year and thereafter until reinstatement.

"Traffic." (ii) "Traffic." Pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, street cars, and other conveyances either singly or together while using any public highways for purposes of travel.

"Trailer." (jj) "Trailer." Every vehicle, as herein defined without motive power designed for being drawn by or used in conjunction with a motor vehicle, as herein defined, constructed so that no appreciable part of its weight rests upon or is carried by such motor vehicle.

"Train." (kk) "Train." A vehicle propelled by steam, electricity or other motive power with or without cars coupled thereto, operated upon stationary rails, except street cars.

"Trolley vehicle." (ll) "Trolley Vehicle." A vehicle, as herein defined, the motive power for which is supplied by means of a trolley line and which may or may not be confined in its operation to a certain portion of the roadway in order to maintain trolley line contact.

"Truck tractor." (mm) "Truck Tractor." Any motor truck as herein defined, designed and used primarily for drawing a semi-trailer and not constructed to carry a load thereon other than a part of the weight of such semi-trailer and load so drawn.

"Used vehicle." (nn) "Used Vehicle." A vehicle which has been sold, bargained, exchanged, given away, or title

transferred from the person who first took title to it from the manufacturer or first importer, dealer or agent of the manufacturer or importer, and so used as to have become what is commonly known as "second hand" within the ordinary meaning thereof.

(oo) "Vehicle." Every device capable of being moved upon a public highway and in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway, excepting devices moved by human or animal power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks. "Vehicle."

Words and phrases used herein in the past, present or future tense shall include the past, present and future tenses; words and phrases used herein in the masculine, feminine or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine and neuter genders; and words and phrases used herein in the singular or plural shall include the singular and plural; unless the context thereof shall indicate to the contrary.

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## CHAPTER 154.

[ H. B. 129. ]

### REPORTS ON ACCIDENTS INVOLVING VEHICLES.

AN ACT relating to vehicles and the operation thereof upon the public highways of the state, and amending section 135, chapter 189, Laws of 1937 (sec. 6360-135, Rem. Rev. Stat.).

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

SECTION 1. That section 135, chapter 189, Laws of 1937 (sec. 6360-135, Rem. Rev. Stat.) be amended to read as follows:

Section 135. The operator of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death Duty to report accidents.