CHAPTER 266.

[ H. B. 491. ]

MOTOR VEHICLES—FLOATER LICENSE PLATES.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles and licensing thereof; and
adding four new sections to chapter 12, Laws of 1961
(House Bill No. 2) and chapter 46.84 RCW.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 12, Laws
of 1961 (House Bill No. 2) and chapter 46.84 RCW
a new section to read as follows:

Any owner eligible for proportional registration
and licensing pursuant to RCW 46.84.020 but who
is unable in the opinion of the reciprocity commission
to comply with the reporting and application require-
ments thereof, may subject to prior approval of the
commission and in lieu of registration of such ve-
hicles under the provisions of chapter 46.16, and pay-
ment of excise taxes and
fees imposed by chapter
82.44 and RCW 81.80.320, apply to the director of
licenses for issuance of a special "floater" license
plate.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of
1961 (House Bill No. 2) and chapter 46.84 RCW a
new section to read as follows:

Application for each "floater" license plate shall
be made upon forms prescribed by the director and
shall be accompanied by a fee equivalent to double
the total annual fees and taxes which would be due
under the provisions of chapters 46.16 and 82.44 and
RCW 81.80.320 for licensing a semitrailer to the max-
imum gross weight of thirty-one thousand nine hun-
dred ninety nine pounds together with such addi-
tional fees, including filing and special fees, as are
applicable upon annual registration and licensing
of a semitrailer.
Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 (House Bill No. 2) and chapter 46.84 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Each “floater” license plate may be used interchangeably upon any semitrailer, not exceeding the maximum gross weight, for which such license is issued, owned by or in the possession of the licensee. Such “floater” plates shall be valid only for intracity operations.

Every violation of this section shall be punishable as a misdemeanor and every peace officer witnessing any use of any “floater” license plate outside of incorporated cities or towns shall confiscate such plate and forthwith return it to the director.

Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 (House Bill No. 2) and chapter 46.84 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Each “floater” license plate shall be of distinctive design and shall be of such size and contain such symbols as are prescribed by the director. All such plates shall be obtained from the metal working plant of the state penitentiary at Walla Walla, if available therefrom, and shall upon application therefor and payment of all fees, be furnished in the manner provided for the annual licensing of vehicles of like class.

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Approved by the Governor March 20, 1961.