

conditions as the public interest may require with respect to the operation of such vehicles.

The commission shall not be required to collect the excise tax prescribed by RCW 82.44.070 for any fees collected under this chapter.

The decal or stamp or number required herein shall be issued annually under the rules and regulations of the commission, and shall be affixed to the identification cab card required by this section not later than February 1st of each year: PROVIDED, That such decal or stamp or number may be issued for the ensuing calendar year on and after the first day of November preceding and may be used from the date of issue until February 1st of the succeeding calendar year for which the same was issued.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of said permit, his agent, servant or employee, or any other person to use or display any identification cab card and decal or stamp or number, the permit number or other insignia of authority from the commission after said permit has expired, been canceled or disposed of, or to operate any vehicle under permit without such identification cab card and decal or stamp or number.

The commission shall collect all fees provided in this section and all such fees shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the public service revolving fund.

Passed the Senate April 5, 1977.

Passed the House May 16, 1977.

Approved by the Governor May 24, 1977.

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CHAPTER 64

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 2530]

SCHOOL BUSES, AXLE EQUIPMENT—AUTO STAGES AND SCHOOL BUSES, ROUTE LIMITATION

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicles; amending section 46.44.030, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 53, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.030; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 46.44.030, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 53, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.030 are each amended to read as follows:

It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways of this state any vehicle other than a municipal transit vehicle having an overall length, with or without load, in excess of thirty-five feet: PROVIDED, That an auto stage or school bus shall not exceed an overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, of forty feet: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any such school bus constructed prior to April 1, 1977, shall be equipped with three axles: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any school bus constructed on or after April 1, 1977, and in excess of thirty-six feet six inches shall be equipped with three axles: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the route of any ((such)) auto stage in excess of thirty-five feet or school bus in excess of thirty-six feet six inches upon or across the public highways ((within

~~the jurisdictional boundaries of any city or county)) shall be limited as determined by the state highway commission ((after consultation and agreement with)) for state highways, or by the local legislative authority(, and the operation of any such school bus upon the public highway shall be limited as determined by the superintendent of public instruction in the manner provided for in RCW 46.61.380)) for other public roads.~~

It is unlawful for any person to operate on the highways of this state any combination of vehicles which contains a vehicle of which the permanent structure is in excess of forty-five feet.

It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways of this state any combination consisting of a nonstinger steered tractor and semitrailer which has an overall length in excess of sixty-five feet.

It is unlawful for any person to operate on the highways of this state any combination consisting of a truck and trailer, or any lawful combination of three vehicles, with an overall length, with or without load, in excess of sixty-five feet, or a combination consisting of a tractor and a stinger steered semitrailer which has an overall length in excess of sixty-five feet without load or in excess of seventy feet with load.

"Stinger steered" as used in this section shall mean a tractor and semitrailer combination which has the coupling connecting the semitrailer to the tractor located to the rear of the center line of the rear axle of the tractor.

These length limitations shall not apply to vehicles transporting poles, pipe, machinery or other objects of a structural nature which cannot be dismembered and operated by a public utility when required for emergency repair of public service facilities or properties but in respect to night transportation every such vehicle and load thereon shall be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker lamps upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of such load.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This 1977 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate May 4, 1977.

Passed the House May 16, 1977.

Approved by the Governor May 24, 1977.

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CHAPTER 65

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 2681]

STATE TREASURER—APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSFERS

AN ACT Relating to appropriations; amending section 185, chapter 269, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. (uncodified); and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 185, chapter 269, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. (uncodified) is amended to read as follows: