

CHAPTER 129.

[S. B. 295.]

COMMON CARRIERS OF PROPERTY IN INTERSTATE
COMMERCE—FEES—PLATES.

AN ACT relating to common carriers of property in interstate commerce; authorizing the apportionment of regulatory fees of such carriers under reciprocal agreements between states, District of Columbia, territories and countries relative thereto; authorizing interstate carriers to operate with plates not assigned to specific vehicles upon payment of certain increased regulatory fees; amending chapter 81.80, RCW; and repealing section 81.80.390, RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 81.80, RCW, New section.
a new section to read as follows:

The commission, in respect to common carriers engaged in interstate commerce, may enter into reciprocal agreements with other states, the District of Columbia, territories and countries which are authorized to make like agreements, to apportion the regulatory fees of common carriers between Washington and the other states, District of Columbia, territories or countries into which such carriers operate. Reciprocal agreements authorized.

Purpose.

The percentage of miles each such carrier operates in Washington as they bear to the total miles each such carrier operates in the other states, District of Columbia, territories and countries involved shall be used by the commission to determine what percentage of each of the carrier's total vehicles shall be attributable to operating in Washington as the basis for computing the total regulatory fees to be paid by each such carrier to the commission. How fees determined.

The commission may require each such carrier to submit under oath such information, records and data as it deems necessary for carrying out the provisions of this section. The commission's determination of the number of vehicles of each carrier to be used as Investigation.
Commission's determination final.

the basis for computing the regulatory fees payable by each carrier shall be final.

Disposition
of funds.

All moneys collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the public service revolving fund.

Repealing
clause.

SEC. 2. Section 81.80.390, RCW, as derived from section 34, chapter 184, Laws of 1935, is repealed.

New section.

SEC. 3. There is added to chapter 81.80, RCW, a new section to read as follows:

Carriers engaged in operating vehicles in a single line unitary operation, and not through interchange with connecting carriers, between points in this state and points outside the state in interstate commerce may operate such vehicles in such transportation with attached identification plates which are not assigned to specific vehicles. The commission may issue such identification plates upon application therefor and the payment by the applicant for each pair of plates of a total fee of three dollars plus two times the applicable gross weight fee prescribed by RCW 81.80-.320. The commission may require such reports of carriers, adopt such rules and regulations, and impose such 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 such plates.

Identification
plates.

Fees.

Administra-
tion.

Emergency.

SEC. 4. The provisions of this act are necessary for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1953.

Passed the House March 4, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1953.