

CHAPTER 170.

[House Bill No. 642.]

MOTOR FREIGHT CARRIERS.

AN ACT relating to motor freight carriers regulated by the Washington utilities and transportation commission; amending section 81.80.300, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 and RCW 81.80.300; amending section 81.80.312, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 and RCW 81.80.312; amending section 81.80.318, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 8, chapter 59, Laws of 1963, and RCW 81.80.318; amending section 81.80.320, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 and RCW 81.80.320; repealing section 81.80.310, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 and RCW 81.80.310; repealing section 81.80.314, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 and RCW 81.80.314; repealing section 81.80.316, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 and RCW 81.80.316; repealing section 81.80.317, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 and RCW 81.80.317; repealing section 3, chapter 173, Laws of 1961 and RCW 81.80.3175; and declaring an effective date.

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

RCW 81.80.300 amended.

Section 1. Section 81.80.300, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 and RCW 81.80.300 are each amended to read as follows:

Motor freight carriers. Identification cards.

The commission shall prescribe an identification cab card and identification decal or stamp or number which must be carried within the cab of each motive power vehicle of each motor carrier required to have a permit under this chapter.

The identification cab card and the decal or stamp or number provided for herein may be in such form and contain such information as required by the commission.

It shall be unlawful for any "common carrier" or "contract carrier" to operate any motor vehicle within this state unless there is carried within the cab of the motive power vehicle, either operating as a solo vehicle or in combination with trailers, the identification cab card and decal or stamp or number required by this section and the payment by

such carrier of a total fee of three dollars for each such decal or stamp or number plus, for a solo truck, the applicable gross weight fee prescribed by RCW 81.80.320; for a combination of vehicles, i.e. a motive power vehicle and a trailer or combination of trailers, a payment of a total fee of three dollars plus two times the applicable gross weight fee prescribed by RCW 81.80.320 for the motive power vehicle.

Equipment of carriers operated between points in this state and points outside the state exclusively in interstate commerce, may be operated with cab cards and decals or stamps or numbers not assigned to specific motive power vehicles upon application therefor and payment for each such decal or stamp or number a total fee of three dollars plus, for a solo truck, two times the applicable gross weight fee prescribed by RCW 81.80.320, for the motive power vehicle; for a combination of vehicles, i.e. a motive power vehicle and a trailer or combination of trailers, a payment of a total fee of three dollars plus four times the applicable gross weight fee prescribed by RCW 81.80.320, for the motive power vehicle.

The commission may adopt rules and regulations imposing a reduced schedule of fees for short term operations, requiring reports of carriers, and imposing 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 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 January 1st of each year: *Provided*, That such decal or stamp or number may be issued for

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the ensuing calendar year on and after the first day of December preceding and may be used from the date of issue until December 31st of the succeeding calendar year for which the same was issued. In case an applicant receives a permit after January 1st of any year such decal or stamp or number shall be obtained and attached to the identification cab card and carried within the cab of the motive power vehicle subject to this chapter before operation of any such vehicle is commenced.

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.

RCW 81.80.312
amended.

Sec. 2. Section 81.80.312, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 and RCW 81.80.312 are each amended to read as follows:

Identification
plate—Intra-
state com-
merce—Inter-
change of
trailers—
Agreement.

No carrier shall interchange its trailers or semi-trailers with any other carrier without first filing an interchange agreement with and securing approval thereof by the commission. The interchange agreement providing for the transfer or interchange of trailers or semitrailers pursuant thereto shall be authorized only on through movements between connecting regular route carriers.

Any carrier operating any motive power vehicle owned by another person or party shall secure identification cab cards and decals or stamps or numbers

in his own name for such motive power vehicles as required by RCW 81.80.300.

Sec. 3. Section 81.80.318, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 8, chapter 59, Laws of 1963, and RCW 81.80.318 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 81.80.318
amended.

Any motor carrier engaged in this state in the casual or occasional carriage of property in interstate or foreign commerce, who would otherwise be subject to all of the requirements of this chapter, shall be authorized to engage in such casual or occasional carriage, upon securing from the commission a single trip transit permit, valid for a period not exceeding ten days, which shall authorize a one way trip in transporting property for compensation between points in the state of Washington and points in other states, territories, or foreign countries.

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transit permit.

No identification cab cards and decals or stamps or numbers and no regulatory fees other than as provided in this section shall be required for such permit. The permit must be carried in the cab of the motive power vehicle.

The permit shall be issued upon application to the commission or any of its duly authorized agents upon payment of a fee of ten dollars and the furnishing of proof of possession of public liability and property damage insurance in limits of at least twenty-five thousand dollars, for injury or death of any one person, and subject to such limit as to any one person, for one hundred thousand dollars for injury or death of all persons caused by any one accident and for ten thousand dollars for all damages to property caused by one accident. Such proof may consist of an insurance policy or a certificate of insurance.

The commission shall not be required to collect the excise tax prescribed by RCW 82.44.070 on any vehicle subject only to the payment of this fee.

RCW 81.80.320 amended.

Sec. 4. Section 81.80.320, chapter 14, Laws of 1961, and RCW 81.80.320 are each amended to read as follows:

Motor freight carriers—Gross weight fees.

In addition to all other fees to be paid by him, every "common carrier" and "contract carrier" shall pay to the commission each year at the time of, in connection with, and before receiving his identification decal or stamp or number for each motive power vehicle operated by him, based upon the maximum gross weight thereof as set by the carrier in his application for his regular license plates, the following fees:

Less than 4,000 pounds	\$ 7.00
4,000 pounds or more and less than 6,000 pounds..	8.00
6,000 pounds or more and less than 8,000 pounds..	9.00
8,000 pounds or more and less than 10,000 pounds..	10.00
10,000 pounds or more and less than 12,000 pounds..	11.00
12,000 pounds or more and less than 14,000 pounds..	12.00
14,000 pounds or more and less than 16,000 pounds..	13.00
16,000 pounds or more and less than 18,000 pounds..	14.00
18,000 pounds or more and less than 20,000 pounds..	15.00
20,000 pounds or more and less than 22,000 pounds..	16.00
22,000 pounds or more and less than 24,000 pounds..	17.00
24,000 pounds or more and less than 26,000 pounds..	18.00
26,000 pounds or more and less than 28,000 pounds..	19.00
28,000 pounds or more and less than 30,000 pounds..	20.00
30,000 pounds or more and less than 32,000 pounds..	21.00
32,000 pounds or more and less than 34,000 pounds..	22.00
34,000 pounds or more and less than 36,000 pounds..	23.00

It is the intent of the legislature that the fees collected under the provisions of this chapter shall reasonably approximate the cost of supervising and regulating motor carriers subject thereto, and to that end the utilities and transportation commission is authorized to decrease the schedule of fees provided in this section by general order entered before November 1st of any year in which it determines that the moneys then in the motor carrier account of the public service revolving fund and the

fees currently to be paid will exceed the reasonable cost of supervising and regulating such carriers during the next succeeding calendar year. Whenever the cost accounting records of the commission indicate that the schedule of fees as previously reduced should be increased such increase, not in any event to exceed the schedule set forth in this section, may be effected by a similar general order entered before November 1st. Any decrease or increase of gross weight fees as herein authorized, shall be made on a proportional basis as applied to the various classifications of equipment.

All fees collected under this section or under any other provision of this chapter shall be paid to the commission and shall be by it transmitted to the state treasurer within thirty days to be deposited to the credit of the public service revolving fund.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect on December 1, 1967. Effective date.

Sec. 6. The following acts or parts of acts are hereby repealed: Repeal.

- (1) Section 81.80.310, chapter 14, Laws of 1961;
- (2) Section 81.80.314, chapter 14, Laws of 1961;
- (3) Section 81.80.316, chapter 14, Laws of 1961;
- (4) Section 81.80.317, chapter 14, Laws of 1961;
- (5) Section 3, chapter 173, Laws of 1961; and
- (6) RCW 81.80.310, 81.80.314, 81.80.316, 81.80.317, and 81.80.3175.

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