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government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect July 1, 1979.

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**CHAPTER 148**

[House Bill No. 358]

**COMMUNITY COLLEGES—FEE WAIVERS—HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

AN ACT Relating to community colleges; and amending section 29, chapter 261, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 2, chapter 191, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28B.15.520.

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

Section 1. Section 29, chapter 261, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 2, chapter 191, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28B.15.520 are each amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or chapter 28B.50 RCW as now or hereafter amended (~~((the college board shall be authorized to permit the))~~) boards of trustees of the various community colleges (~~((to))~~) shall waive general tuition fees, operating fees, and services and activities fees(~~(, and any other fees)~~) for (~~((needy))~~) nineteen years of age or older who (~~((are enrolled))~~) enroll in a course of study or program which will enable them to finish their high school education and obtain a high school diploma or certificate, and for children after the age of nineteen years of any law enforcement officer or fire fighter who lost his life or became totally disabled in the line of duty while employed by any public law enforcement agency or full time or volunteer fire department in this state.

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**CHAPTER 149**

[House Bill No. 196]

**TRUCK LICENSING—COMBINATIONS—PROPORTIONAL REGISTRATION FEES—INTEREST RATE**

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicles; amending section 46.04.530, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.04.530; amending section 46.44.037, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 9, chapter 64, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.037; amending section 19, chapter 106, Laws of 1963 as last amended by section 4, chapter 51, Laws of 1971 and RCW 46.85.190; and adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 46.04.530, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.04.530 are each amended to read as follows:

"Semitrailer" includes every vehicle without motive power designed to be drawn by a vehicle, motor vehicle, or truck tractor and so constructed that an appreciable part of its weight and that of its load rests upon and is carried by such other vehicle, motor vehicle, or truck tractor.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 46.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

"Tandem axle" means any two or more consecutive axles whose centers are more than forty-two inches but not more than eighty-four inches apart, and are individually attached to and/or articulated from a common attachment to the vehicle, including a connecting mechanism designed to equalize the load between axles.

Sec. 3. Section 46.44.037, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 9, chapter 64, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.037 are each amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 46.44.036 and subject to such rules and regulations governing their operation as may be adopted by the state highway commission operation of the following combinations shall be lawful:

(1) A combination consisting of a truck tractor, a semitrailer, and another semitrailer or a full trailer. In this connection a converter gear used to convert a semitrailer into a full trailer shall be considered to be a part of the full trailer and not a separate vehicle. A converter gear being pulled without load and not used to convert a semitrailer into a full trailer may be substituted in lieu of a full trailer or a semitrailer in any lawful combination;

(2) A combination consisting of three trucks or truck tractors used in driveaway service where two of the vehicles are towed by the third in double saddlemount position.

Sec. 4. Section 19, chapter 106, Laws of 1963 as last amended by section 4, chapter 51, Laws of 1971 and RCW 46.85.190 are each amended to read as follows:

Any owner whose application for proportional registration has been accepted shall preserve the records on which the application is based for a period of four years following the year or period upon which said application is based. Upon request of the department, the owner shall make such records available to the department, at its designated office for audit as to accuracy of computations and payments and assessment of deficiencies or allowances for credit. If the department determines that the applicant should have registered more vehicles in this state under the provisions of this chapter the department may deny him the right of any further benefits by reason of any reciprocal agreement or declaration until the fees, interest,

and penalties for such additional vehicle or vehicles which should have been registered, have been paid. The fees, interest, and penalties determined to be due and owing under the provisions of this paragraph shall be a lien upon all the property of the applicant, and such lien shall attach at the time the audit report has been mailed to such applicant by the department, and shall have the effect of an execution duly levied on such property and shall so remain until said additional fees, interest, and penalties so determined, are paid, or a sufficient amount of such property sold for the payment thereof. The department may make arrangements with agencies of other jurisdictions administering motor vehicle registration laws for joint audits of any such owner. No assessment for deficiency or claim for credit may be made for any period for which records are no longer required. Any sums found to be due and owing upon audit shall bear interest of (~~six~~) one percent per month from the date when they should have been paid until the date of actual payment. If the audit discloses a deliberate and wilful intent to evade the requirements of payment under RCW 46.85.110 and 46.85.120, a penalty of ten percent shall also be assessed.

If the audit discloses that an overpayment to the state in excess of twenty-five dollars has been made, the department shall certify such overpayment to the state treasurer who shall issue a warrant for such overpayment to the vehicle operator.

All carriers registered under the provisions of this chapter shall maintain detailed mileage records on an individual vehicle basis. Such operating records shall be prepared for each trip and shall include dates, origin and destination points, total miles traveled, miles traveled in each state, vehicle equipment number, driver's full name, and all other information pertinent to the particular trip.

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## CHAPTER 150

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 2192]

### STATE EMPLOYEES—SICK LEAVE REMUNERATION

AN ACT Relating to state employees; establishing an attendance incentive program; and adding a new section to chapter 41.04 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 41.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

As used in this section the term "eligible employee" means any employee of the state, other than teaching and research faculty at institutions of