

Sec. 2. Section 1, chapter 196, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 229, Laws of 1981 and RCW 46.44.160 are each amended to read as follows:

When vehicles for which licensed tonnage has been purchased on a monthly or quarterly basis pursuant to chapter 46.16 or 46.87 RCW ((46-16.135 or 46.85.120 as now or hereafter amended)), then the additional tonnage provided for in RCW 46.44.095 may be purchased on a monthly or a quarterly basis: PROVIDED, That the total additional tonnage purchased under RCW 46.44.095 is not less than six thousand pounds; PROVIDED FURTHER, That those vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW must have a prorate percent of sixty percent or more. The fee for a monthly permit shall be one-twelfth the amount charged for a corresponding twelve-month period, and the fee for a quarterly permit shall be one-fourth the amount charged for a corresponding twelve-month permit, and shall further be reduced by one-twelfth for each full calendar month of the quarter that has elapsed at the time the quarterly permit is purchased. In addition, a fee of five dollars shall be charged for each monthly or quarterly permit issued hereunder.

The quarterly periods covered by this section shall be registration quarters consisting of three registration months. The first quarter shall commence with registration month one.

Passed the House February 3, 1988.

Passed the Senate March 5, 1988.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1988.

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CHAPTER 56

[Substitute House Bill No. 1672]

GROSS WEIGHT IDENTIFICATION OF TRUCKS

AN ACT Relating to identification of trucks; amending RCW 46.16.170; and adding a new section to chapter 46.37 RCW.

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

****NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 46.37 RCW to read as follows:***

All motor carriers shall display an identifying name or number on both sides of their trucks that are licensed under chapter 46.16 RCW and singly or in combination are more than twenty-six thousand pounds gross vehicle weight. The identification shall be in a clearly legible style with letters no less than four inches high and in a color contrasting with the surrounding body panel. On tractors, logging trucks, stake bodies, flat beds, and dump trucks the identification may be placed only on the cab. It shall be visible from a position four feet above the roadway in a lane adjacent to the truck.

If the truck is operated under a permit from the commission, the identification shall contain the name of the permittee, or business name, and the permit number. If the truck is a private carrier, the identification shall contain the name and address of either the business operating the truck or the registered owner.

Common carriers who hold both intrastate and interstate authority between points within the state and also have interstate authority between points in the state and points outside the state may display either their ICC permit number or their commission permit number.

*Sec. 1 was vetoed, see message at end of chapter.

Sec. 2. Section 46.16.170, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 14, chapter 18, Laws of 1986 and RCW 46.16.170 are each amended to read as follows:

Every motor truck, truck tractor, and tractor with a licensed gross weight in excess of ten thousand pounds, shall have painted or stenciled upon the outside thereof, in a conspicuous place, in letters not less than two inches high, the maximum gross weight or combined gross weight for which the same is licensed, as provided in this chapter. It is unlawful for the owner or operator of any vehicle to display a maximum gross weight or combined gross weight other than that shown on the current certificate of license registration of the vehicle.

Passed the House February 13, 1988.

Passed the Senate March 1, 1988.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1988, with the exception of certain items which were vetoed.

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Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 1, Substitute House Bill No. 1672, entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to identification of trucks."

Section 1, if signed, would place an additional burden on owners of trucks. All trucks and truck-trailer combinations weighing over 26,000 lbs. would be required to display identification in four-inch high letters. This includes recreational and farm trucks. Currently, non-farm commercial trucks display identification in two- to three-inch high letters. These trucks would be required to remove or paint over existing identification to display the larger letters. This is an unnecessary regulatory burden on owners of recreational, farm and commercial vehicles. The larger numbers are not needed for law enforcement officers to do their jobs.

With the exception of section 1, Substitute House Bill No. 1672 is approved."