

## CHAPTER 177.

[ S. B. 310. ]

HIGHWAYS—MAXMUM WEIGHT AND HEIGHT  
OF LOADS.

AN ACT relating to primary and secondary state highways; providing for issuance of permits for overwidth, overlength, overweight and overheight loads; providing for maximum weights and heights; fixing a penalty for misrepresentation of size or weight and for operation without conforming to such permit, and amending section 55, chapter 189, Laws of 1937 (section 6360-55, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 292-17).

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

Amend-  
ments.

SECTION 1. That section 55, chapter 189, Laws of 1937 (section 6360-55, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 292-17), be amended to read as follows:

Overload  
permits  
authorized.

Section 55. The Director of Highways with respect to primary and secondary state highways and local authorities with respect to public highways under their jurisdiction may, in their discretion, upon application in writing and good cause being shown therefor, issue a special permit in writing authorizing the applicant to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size, weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in this act, or otherwise not in conformity with the provisions of this act upon any public highway under the jurisdiction of the authority granting such permit and for the maintenance of which said authority is responsible.

No overweight permit shall be issued to any vehicle or combination of vehicles unless such vehicle or combination of vehicles is licensed for the maximum gross weight allowed by law.

Limits.

No permit shall be issued for any movement on state highways where the gross weight, including load, exceeds twenty-two thousand (22,000) pounds

on a single axle or forty thousand (40,000) pounds on any group of axles having a wheelbase between the first and last axle thereof of less than ten (10) feet; nor shall any permit be issued for movement on any two (2) lane state highway where the overall width of load exceeds fourteen (14) feet, on any three (3) lane state highway where the overall width of load exceeds twenty-two (22) feet, or on any four (4) lane state highway where the overall width of load exceeds thirty-two (32) feet: *Provided*, Permits may be issued for weights and widths of vehicles in excess of the preceding limitations on highways or sections of highways which have been designed and constructed for weights and widths in excess of such limitations: *Provided further*, That these limitations may be rescinded during the war emergency when certification is made by military officials as to the necessity for such action.

Limits.

Widths.

The application for any such permit shall specifically describe the vehicle or vehicles and load to be operated or moved and the particular public highways for which permit to operate is requested, and whether such permit is requested for a single trip or for continuous operation.

Application.

The Director of Highways or local authority is authorized to issue or withhold such permit at his or its discretion; or, if such permit is issued, to limit the number of trips, or to establish seasonal or other time limitations within which the vehicles described may be operated on the public highways indicated, or otherwise to limit or prescribe conditions of operation of such vehicle or vehicles when necessary to assure against undue damage to the road foundation, surfaces or structures or safety of traffic, and may require such undertaking or other security as may be deemed necessary to compensate for any injury to any roadway or road structure.

Highway  
Department  
to issue.

Any person who misrepresents the size or weight of any load in obtaining a permit or who does not

Penalty.

follow the requirements and conditions of the permit shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50) or more than one hundred dollars (\$100).

Inspection of permit.

Every permit issued hereunder shall be carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which it refers and shall be open to inspection by any peace officer or authorized agent of any authority granting such permit.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1945.

Passed the House March 6, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1945.

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## CHAPTER 178.

[ S. B. 312. ]

### HIGHWAYS AND STREETS—SIGNS AND GUIDE POSTS.

AN ACT relating to highway and street directional signs and guide posts; authorizing the Director of Highways to designate a uniform standard for the manufacture, display, erection and location of all signs, signals, signboards, guide posts and traffic devices; requiring the Director of Highways upon request to furnish to County Commissioners and governing bodies of cities and towns specifications for such uniform standard and materials for signboards, guide boards and posts, and make a charge therefor; and amending section 48, chapter 53, Laws of 1937 (section 6400-48, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 631-1).

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

Amendments.

SECTION 1. Section 48, chapter 53, Laws of 1937 (section 6400-48, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 631-1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 48. The Director of Highways shall have the power and it shall be his duty to adopt and designate a uniform state standard for the manufacture,