

state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately: PROVIDED, That no transfer of vehicles, equipment, supplies, or personnel shall be required prior to July 1, 1975, other than is necessary for the effective operation of this 1975 amendatory act on and after such date.

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## CHAPTER 168

[House Bill No. 171]

### MOTOR VEHICLES—SIZE, WEIGHT, LOAD

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle gross weights; and amending section 46.44.091, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 30, chapter 281, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.091; amending section 2, chapter 137, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 3, chapter 1, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.0941; amending section 1, chapter 1, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.130.

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

Section 1. Section 46.44.091, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 30, chapter 281, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.091 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, no special permit shall be issued for movement on any ((primary or secondary)) state highway or route of a state ((primary or secondary)) highway within the limits of any city or town where the gross weight, including load, exceeds the following limits: (a) Twenty-two thousand pounds on a single axle or on dual axles with a wheelbase between the first and second axles of less than three feet six inches.

(b) Forty-three thousand pounds on ((any group of)) dual axles having a wheelbase between the first and ((last axle thereof less than ten feet. PROVIDED, That)) second axles of not less than three feet six inches but less than seven feet.

(c) On any group of axles or in the case of a vehicle employing two single axles with a wheel base between the first and last axle of not less than seven feet but less than ten feet, a weight in pounds determined by multiplying six thousand five hundred times the distance in feet between the center of the first axle and the center of the last axle of the group.

(d) On any group of axles with a wheel base between the first and last axle of not less than ten feet but less than thirty feet, a weight in pounds determined by multiplying two thousand two hundred times the sum of twenty and the distance in feet between the center of the first axle and the center of the last axle of the group.

(e) On any group of axles with a wheel base between the first and last axle of thirty feet or greater, a weight in pounds determined by multiplying one thousand six hundred times the sum of forty and the distance in feet between the center of the first axle and the center of the last axle of the group.

(2) The total weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles allowable by special permit under subsection (1) of this section shall be governed by the lesser of

the weights obtained by using the total number of axles as a group or any combination of axles as a group.

(3) The weight limitations pertaining to single axles may be exceeded to permit the movement of equipment operating upon single pneumatic tires having a rim width of twenty inches or more and a rim diameter of twenty-four inches or more or dual pneumatic tires having a rim width of sixteen inches or more and a rim diameter of twenty-four inches or more~~((: PROVIDED FURTHER, That))~~.

(4) Permits may be issued for weights in excess of the ~~((proceeding))~~ limitations contained in subsection (1) of this section on highways or sections of highways which have been designed and constructed for weights in excess of such limitations~~((;)), or ((these limitations may be rescinded when certification is made))~~ for any shipment duly certified as necessary by military officials or by officials of public or private power facilities, when in the opinion of the highway commission such movement or action is a necessary movement or action~~((: PROVIDED FURTHER;))~~ and the commission further determines that the structures and highway surfaces on the routes involved are ~~((determined to be))~~ capable of sustaining weights in excess of such limitations and it is not reasonable for economic or operational considerations to transport such excess weights by rail or water for any substantial distance of the total mileage applied for.

(5) Application shall be made in writing on special forms provided by the highway commission and shall be submitted at least thirty-six hours in advance of the proposed movement. An application for a special permit for a gross weight of any combination of vehicles exceeding two hundred thousand pounds shall be submitted in writing to the highway commission at least thirty days in advance of the proposed movement.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 137, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 3, chapter 1, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.0941 are each amended to read as follows:

The following fees, in addition to the regular license and tonnage fees, shall be paid for all movements under special permit made upon state highways. All funds collected shall be forwarded to the state treasury and shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund:

All overlegal loads, except overweight, single trip .....	\$ 5.00
Continuous operation of overlegal loads having either overwidth or overweight features only for a period not to exceed thirty days .....	\$ 20.00
Continuous operations of overlegal loads having over- length only for a period not to exceed thirty days .....	\$ 10.00
Continuous operation of a vehicle having a maximum height not to exceed fourteen feet for a period of one year .....	\$150.00
Continuous operation of a combination of vehicles not to exceed <del>((seventy-three))</del> <u>seventy-five feet overall length which may contain a permanent structure vehicle not in excess of forty-seven feet</u> for a period of one year .....	\$ 60.00

<u>Continuous operation of a three-axle fixed load vehicle having less than 65,000 pounds gross weight for a period not to exceed thirty days . . . . .</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
<u>Continuous operation of overlegal loads having nonreducible features not to exceed eighty-five feet in length, fourteen feet in width, and fourteen feet in height for a period of one year . . . . .</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
Continuous operation of farm implements under a permit issued as authorized by RCW 46.44.140 by:	
(1) Farmers in the course of farming activities for any three-month period . . . . .	\$ 10.00
(2) Farmers in the course of farming activities for a period not to exceed one year . . . . .	\$ 25.00
(3) Persons engaged in the business of the sale, repair or maintenance of such farm implements for any three-month period . . . . .	\$ 25.00
(4) Persons engaged in the business of the sale, repair or maintenance of such farm implements for a period not to exceed one year . . . . .	\$100.00

Overweight Fee Schedule

Weight over total registered gross weight plus additional gross weight purchased under provisions of RCW 46.44.095, 46.44.047, 46.44.037 as now or hereafter amended, or any other statute authorizing state highway commission to issue annual overweight permits.	Fee per mile on state highways
1- 5,999 pounds . . . . .	\$ .05
6,000-11,999 pounds . . . . .	\$ .10
12,000-17,999 pounds . . . . .	\$ .15
18,000-23,999 pounds . . . . .	\$ .25
24,000-29,999 pounds . . . . .	\$ .35
30,000-35,999 pounds . . . . .	\$ .45
36,000-41,999 pounds . . . . .	\$ .60
42,000-47,999 pounds . . . . .	\$ .75
48,000-53,999 pounds . . . . .	\$ .90
54,000-59,999 pounds . . . . .	\$ 1.05
60,000-65,999 pounds . . . . .	\$ 1.20
66,000-71,999 pounds . . . . .	\$ 1.45
72,000-77,999 pounds . . . . .	\$ 1.70
80,000 pounds or more . . . . .	\$ 2.00

PROVIDED: (1) the minimum fee for any overweight permit shall be \$5.00, (2) when computing overweight fees which result in an amount less than even dollars the fee shall be carried to the next full dollar if fifty cents or over and shall be reduced to the next full dollar if forty-nine cents or under.

Sec. 3. Section 1, chapter 1, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.130 are each amended to read as follows:

The limitations of RCW 46.44.010, 46.44.020, 46.44.030, and 46.44.040 shall not apply to the movement of farm implements of less than forty-five thousand pounds gross weight, a total length of seventy feet or less, and a total outside width of fourteen feet or less when being moved while patrolled, flagged, lighted, signed and at a time of day in accordance with rules hereby authorized to be adopted by the highway commission and the statutes. Violation of a rule adopted by the highway commission as authorized by this section or a term of this section is a misdemeanor.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This 1973 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect July 1, 1975.

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## CHAPTER 169

[House Bill No. 172]

### PUBLICLY OWNED VEHICLES—IDENTIFICATION AND LICENSING

AN ACT Relating to publicly owned motor vehicles; amending section 46.08.065, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.08.065; amending section 46.16.020, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 22, chapter 132, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.020; amending section 46.16.210, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 75, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.210; amending section 46.16.270, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 78, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.270; adding new sections to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and to chapter 46.08 RCW; and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. Section 46.08.065, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and RCW 46.08.065 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) It shall be unlawful for any public officer having charge of any vehicle other than a motorcycle owned ((by the state of Washington)) or controlled by any county, city, town, or ((other)) public body in this state other than the state of Washington and used in public business to operate the same upon the public highways of this state unless and until there shall be ((painted)) displayed upon such automobile or other motor vehicle in letters of contrasting color not less than ((two)) one and one-quarter inches in height in a conspicuous place on the right and left sides thereof, ((the words "State of Washington" or)) the name of such county, city, town, or other public body, together with the name of the department or office upon the business of which the said vehicle is used((~~PROVIDED; That~~)). This section shall not apply to vehicles of ((the Washington state patrol;)) a sheriff's office, local police department, or any vehicles used by local peace officers under public authority for special undercover or ((general)) confidential investigative purposes((~~PROVIDED FURTHER; That~~)). This subsection shall not apply to: (a) Any municipal transit vehicle operated for purposes of providing