

be imposed upon the use of natural gas as herein defined or on liquified petroleum gas, commonly called propane, which is used in any motor vehicle until July 1, ~~((1975))~~ 1977.

(2) Said tax shall be collected by the special fuel dealer and shall be paid over to the department as hereinafter provided: (a) With respect to all special fuel delivered by a special fuel dealer into supply tanks of motor vehicles or into storage facilities used for the fueling of motor vehicles at unbonded service stations in this state; or (b) in all other transactions where the purchaser indicates in writing to the special fuel dealer prior to or at the time of the delivery that the entire quantity of the special fuel covered by the delivery is for use by him for a taxable purpose as a fuel in a motor vehicle.

(3) Said tax shall be paid over to the department by the special fuel user as hereinafter provided: (a) With respect to special fuel upon which the tax has not previously been imposed which was acquired in any manner other than by delivery by a special fuel dealer into a fuel supply tank of a motor vehicle in this state; or (b) in all transactions with a special fuel dealer in this state where a written statement has not been furnished to the special fuel dealer as set forth in subsection (2)(b) of this section.

It is expressly provided that delivery of special fuel may be made without collecting the tax otherwise imposed, when such deliveries are made by a bonded special fuel dealer to special fuel users who are authorized by the department as hereinafter provided, to purchase fuel without payment of tax to the bonded special fuel dealer.

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CHAPTER 63

[House Bill No. 175]

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT JOB SITES— GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHTS

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicles; and adding a new section to chapter 46.44 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 46.44 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The state, county or city authority having responsibility for the reconstruction or improvement of any public highway may, subject to prescribed conditions and limitations, authorize vehicles employed in such highway reconstruction or improvement to exceed the gross weight limitations contained in RCW 46.44.040, 46.44.042 and 46.44.044 without a special permit or additional fees as prescribed

by chapter 46.44 RCW, but only while operating within the boundaries of project limits as defined in the public works contract or plans.

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CHAPTER 64

[Substitute House Bill No. 183]

SEWER DISTRICTS, WATER DISTRICTS—CONTRACTS FOR LABOR AND MATERIALS—SMALL WORKS ROSTER

AN ACT Relating to public contracts; amending section 44, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 3, chapter 272, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 56.08.070; and amending section 21, chapter 114, Laws of 1929 as last amended by section 1, chapter 72, Laws of 1965 and RCW 57.08.050.

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

Section 1. Section 44, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 3, chapter 272, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 56.08.070 are each amended to read as follows:

All materials purchased and work ordered, the estimated cost of which is in excess of two thousand five hundred dollars shall be let by contract. All contract projects, the estimated cost of which is less than five thousand dollars, may be awarded without bid to a contractor on the small works roster. The small works roster shall be comprised of at least five responsible contractors who have requested to be on the list. The board of sewer commissioners may set up uniform procedures to prequalify contractors for inclusion on the small works roster. The board of sewer commissioners shall distribute the number of project offers as equally as possible among the contractors on the small works roster. The small works roster shall be revised every six months. All contract projects in excess of five thousand dollars shall be let by competitive bidding. Before awarding any ((such)) competitive contract the board of sewer commissioners shall cause to be published in ((some)) the newspapers in general circulation where the district is located at least once, ten days before the letting of such contract, inviting sealed proposals for such work, plans and specifications which must at the time of publication of such notice be on file in the office of the board of sewer commissioners subject to public inspection. Such notice shall state generally the work to be done and shall call for proposals for doing the same to be sealed and filed with the board of sewer commissioners on or before the day and hour named therein. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid proposal deposit in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, postal money order, or surety bond payable to the order of the county treasurer for a sum not less than five percent of the amount of the bid and no bid shall be considered unless accompanied by such bid proposal deposit. At the time and place named such bids shall be publicly opened and read and the board of sewer commissioners shall proceed to canvass the bids and may let such contract to the lowest responsible bidder upon plans and specifications: PROVIDED, That no contract shall be let in excess of the cost of said materials or