

CHAPTER 116.

[S. B. 173.]

MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

AN ACT relating to the maximum gross weight of vehicles and providing for penalties for violations and amending sections 49, 50 and 51 of chapter 189, Session Laws of 1937 (sections 6360-49, 6360-50 and 6360-51 Remington's Revised Statutes, respectively).

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

SECTION 1. Section 49 of chapter 189, Session Laws of 1937 (section 6360-49, Remington's Revised Statutes) is amended to read as follows: Amendments.

Section 49. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways of this state any vehicle having an overall length, with or without load, in excess of thirty-five (35) feet. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways of this state any combination of vehicles which, with or without load, has an overall length in excess of sixty (60) feet, or any combination of vehicles containing any vehicle which has an overall length in excess of thirty-five (35) feet. *Provided*, This length limitation shall not apply until January 1, 1939, to any vehicle or combination of vehicles in excess of such lengths without load and licensed in this state and lawfully operated upon the public highways of this state at the time of the taking effect of this act. Said length limitations shall not apply to vehicles transporting poles, pipe, machinery or other objects of a structural nature which cannot be dismembered and operated by a public utility when required for emergency repair of public service facilities or properties but in respect to night transportation every such vehicle and load thereon shall be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker lamps Length limit.
Combination.
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upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of such load.

Limit of combination.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways of this state any combination of vehicles consisting of more than two (2) vehicles. For the purposes of this section the addition of another axle to the tractor of a truck tractor-semi-trailer combination in such a way that it supports a proportional share of the load of the semi-trailer shall not be deemed a separate vehicle but for all purposes shall be considered a part of the truck tractor.

Construction.

Extension limit.

The load upon any vehicle operated alone, or the load upon the front vehicle of a combination of vehicles, shall not extend more than three (3) feet beyond the front wheels of such vehicle, or the front bumper, if equipped with front bumper.

Front.

Rear.

No vehicle shall be operated upon the public highways of this state with any part of the permanent structure or load extending in excess of fifteen (15) feet beyond the center of the last axle of such vehicle.

Amendments.

SEC. 2. Section 50 of chapter 189, Session Laws of 1937 (section 6360-50 of Remington's Revised Statutes) is amended to read as follows:

Axle weight limit.

Section 50. (a) It shall be unlawful to operate any vehicle upon the public highways of this state with a gross weight upon any one (1) axle thereof in excess of eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds.

One axle.

Trailer.

It shall be unlawful to operate any one (1) axle semi-trailer upon the public highways of this state with a gross weight including load upon such one (1) axle in excess of eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds.

Two axle.

It shall be unlawful to operate any vehicle upon the public highways of this state supported upon two (2) axles with a gross weight including load in excess of twenty-eight thousand (28,000) pounds.

It shall be unlawful to operate any vehicle upon the public highways of this state supported upon three (3) axles or more with a gross weight including load in excess of thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds;

Gross load limit.

(b) The maximum axle and gross weights specified in subsection (a) above shall be subject to the braking requirements set up for the service brakes upon any motor vehicle or combination of vehicles set forth in section 34, chapter 189, Session Laws of 1937;

Brake requirements.

(c) Subject to the maximum gross weights specified in subsection (a) above, it shall be unlawful to operate any vehicle upon the public highways of this state with a gross weight, including load, upon any tire concentrated upon the surface of the highway in excess of five hundred (500) pounds per inch width of such tire. For the purpose of this subsection, the width of tire in case of solid rubber or hollow center cushion rubber tires, so long as the use thereof may be permitted by the law, shall be measured between the flanges of the rim. For the purpose of this subsection, the width of tires in case of pneumatic tires shall be the cross-section diameter measured from the inside of the walls at the widest point when inflated to the recommended inflation point and without load thereon;

Pressure limit on highway.

Method of tire measurement.

(d) Subject to the maximum axle and gross weights specified in subsection (a) above, it shall be unlawful to operate any motor vehicle or combination of vehicles with a gross weight, including load, in excess of that determined by the following formula: Total gross weight, including load, in pounds equals $750(L + 40)$ in which L represents the overall distance in feet between the first axle and the last axle of such vehicle or combination of vehicles.

Formula.

(e) Subject to the maximum axle and gross weights specified in subsection (a) above, it shall be unlawful to operate any motor vehicle or combination of vehicles where the distance between the first axle and the last axle of any group of axles of such vehicle or combination of vehicles is eighteen (18) feet or less with a gross weight including load upon such group of axles in excess of that determined by the following formula: Total gross weight, including load, in pounds equals $650(L + 40)$, in which L represents the distance in feet between the first axle and the last axle of the group of axles under consideration: *Provided, however,* That this formula shall not apply to any vehicle or combination of vehicles legally in operation at the time of the effective date of this act.

Formula.

Penalty for violation.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon first conviction thereof shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10) or more than twenty-five dollars (\$25); upon second conviction thereof shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) or more than fifty dollars (\$50), and in addition thereto the court may suspend the certificate of license registration of the vehicle, or combination of vehicles last involved, for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days; upon a third or subsequent conviction shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50) or more than one hundred dollars (\$100), and the court shall, in addition thereto, suspend the certificate of license registration of the vehicle, or combination of vehicles last involved, for not less than thirty (30) days: *Provided,* Whenever the certificate of license registration is suspended under the provisions of this section the Judge shall secure such certificate and immediately forward the same to the Director of Licenses with information concerning the suspension thereof.

Duty of Court.

SEC. 3. Section 51 of chapter 189, Session Laws of 1937 (section 6360-51, Remington's Revised Statutes) is amended to read as follows: Amend-
ments.

Section 51. It shall be unlawful to operate any vehicle with a wheelbase between any two axles thereof of less than three (3) feet, six (6) inches. Minimum
wheel base.

For the purposes of this section, wheelbase shall be measured upon a straight line from center to center of the vehicle axles designated.

Passed the Senate March 13, 1941.

Passed the House March 11, 1941.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1941.

CHAPTER 117.

[S. B. 199.]

DEED TO GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

AN ACT authorizing and directing the conveyance of certain real estate by quit-claim deeds in behalf of the State of Washington to the Great Northern Railway Company.

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

SECTION 1. The Governor is hereby authorized and directed, in the name of the State of Washington, to execute and deliver a good and sufficient quit-claim deed to the Great Northern Railway Company, which deed shall be attested by the Secretary of State, conveying the following described real estate situate in Douglas County, Washington, which real estate is now the property of the State of Washington under jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Public Lands, and which, under agreement dated July 1, 1924, between the said State of Washington and the said Great Northern Railway Company, is to be conveyed to said company in exchange for railroad property which was conveyed to the State of Washington by easement dated July State to deed
to G. N. Ry.

Real estate in
Douglas Co.

Property
under
agreement.