

CHAPTER 273.

[ H. B. 643. ]

MOTOR VEHICLES.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; amending section 2, chapter 363, Laws of 1955 and RCW 46.16.070; section 3, chapter 363, Laws of 1955 and RCW 46.16.072; section 6, chapter 363, Laws of 1955 and RCW 46.16.090; adding a new section to chapter 46.12 RCW; section 24, chapter 188, laws of 1937 as last amended by section 17, chapter 384, Laws of 1955, and RCW 46.16.160; section 2, chapter 89, Laws of 1955 and RCW 46.16.210; section 66, chapter 188, Laws of 1937 and RCW 46.20.290 through 46.20.330; section 49, chapter 189, Laws of 1937 as last amended by section 22, chapter 269, Laws of 1951 and RCW 46.44.030; section 24, chapter 269, Laws of 1951 and RCW 46.44.034; section 3, chapter 384, Laws of 1955 and RCW 46.44.037; section 4, chapter 384, Laws of 1955 and RCW 46.44.040; section 1, chapter 185, Laws of 1955 and RCW 46.44.095; section 41, chapter 269, Laws of 1951 as amended by section 14, chapter 254, Laws of 1953 and RCW 46.44.097; section 13, chapter 150, Laws of 1951 and RCW 46.70.100; section 6, chapter 262, Laws of 1947 and RCW 46.80.060; section 2, chapter 381, Laws of 1955 and RCW 46.84.020; section 5, chapter 381, Laws of 1955 and RCW 46.84.050; adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW; repealing section 1, chapter 184, Laws of 1943 and RCW 46.20.370; providing penalties and declaring an emergency.

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

RCW 46.16.070 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 363, Laws of 1955 and RCW 46.16.070 are each amended to read as follows:

Vehicle licenses. Gross weight fees on trucks.

In addition to other fees for the licensing of vehicles there shall be paid and collected annually for each motor truck and truck tractor based upon the maximum gross weight thereof as set by the licensee in his application, or otherwise, the following fees:

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*Provided, however,* That all trucks or truck tractors having an unladen weight of more than four thousand pounds shall be licensed for not less than one hundred fifty percent of its empty weight unless such an amount would be in excess of the legal

limits prescribed for such a vehicle in RCW 46.44.040 in which event the vehicle shall be licensed for the maximum gross load specified for such a vehicle in RCW 46.44.040:

Gross weight  
fees on trucks.

Up to 4,000 lbs..	\$ 4.50
4,000 lbs. or more and less than 6,000 lbs..	\$ 9.50
6,000 lbs. or more and less than 8,000 lbs..	\$ 15.50
8,000 lbs. or more and less than 10,000 lbs..	\$ 18.50
10,000 lbs. or more and less than 12,000 lbs..	\$ 21.50
12,000 lbs. or more and less than 14,000 lbs..	\$ 25.00
14,000 lbs. or more and less than 16,000 lbs..	\$ 30.00
16,000 lbs. or more and less than 18,000 lbs..	\$ 50.00
18,000 lbs. or more and less than 20,000 lbs..	\$ 70.00
20,000 lbs. or more and less than 22,000 lbs..	\$100.00
22,000 lbs. or more and less than 24,000 lbs..	\$125.00
24,000 lbs. or more and less than 26,000 lbs..	\$160.00
26,000 lbs. or more and less than 28,000 lbs..	\$190.00
28,000 lbs. or more and less than 30,000 lbs..	\$230.00
30,000 lbs. or more and less than 32,000 lbs..	\$285.00
32,000 lbs. or more and less than 34,000 lbs..	\$325.00
34,000 lbs. or more and less than 36,000 lbs..	\$370.00

SEC. 2. Section 3, chapter 363, Laws of 1955 and RCW 46.16.072 are each amended to read as follows:

In addition to other fees for the licensing of vehicles there shall be paid and collected annually for each trailer, semitrailer and pole trailer based upon the maximum gross weight thereof as set by the licensee in his application, or otherwise, the following fees: *Provided, however,* That all trailers, semitrailers and pole trailers having an unladen weight of more than four thousand pounds shall be licensed for not less than one hundred fifty percent of its empty weight unless such an amount would be in excess of the legal limits prescribed for such a vehicle in RCW 46.44.040 in which event the vehicle shall be licensed for the maximum gross load specified for such a vehicle in RCW 46.44.040:

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4,000 lbs. or more and less than 6,000 lbs.. \$ 9.50

Vehicle li-  
censes.  
Gross weight  
fees on trucks.

6,000 lbs. or more and less than 8,000 lbs..	\$ 15.50
8,000 lbs. or more and less than 10,000 lbs..	\$ 18.50
10,000 lbs. or more and less than 12,000 lbs..	\$ 21.50
12,000 lbs. or more and less than 14,000 lbs..	\$ 25.00
14,000 lbs. or more and less than 16,000 lbs..	\$ 30.00
16,000 lbs. or more and less than 18,000 lbs..	\$ 50.00
18,000 lbs. or more and less than 20,000 lbs..	\$ 70.00
20,000 lbs. or more and less than 22,000 lbs..	\$100.00
22,000 lbs. or more and less than 24,000 lbs..	\$125.00
24,000 lbs. or more and less than 26,000 lbs..	\$160.00
26,000 lbs. or more and less than 28,000 lbs..	\$190.00
28,000 lbs. or more and less than 30,000 lbs..	\$230.00
30,000 lbs. or more and less than 32,000 lbs..	\$285.00
32,000 lbs. or more and less than 34,000 lbs..	\$325.00
34,000 lbs. or more and less than 36,000 lbs..	\$370.00

RCW 46.16.160  
amended.

SEC. 3. Section 24, chapter 188, Laws of 1937 as last amended by section 17, chapter 384, Laws of 1955, and RCW 46.16.160 are each amended to read as follows:

Fees on out-  
of-state com-  
mercial vehic-  
les—Recipro-  
city.

Any commercial vehicle bearing valid license plates and registration certificate of another state or territory and not registered in this state and which under reciprocal relations with that state would be required to obtain a motor vehicle license in this state may, in lieu of a certificate of ownership and license registration, be issued a permit. Such permit shall be issued in such form and under such conditions as the director shall prescribe. Application for the permit shall be made to the director or his designated agent on forms provided by the director. On receiving such application, together with fees as provided herein, a permit may be issued for a period of not to exceed seventy-two consecutive hours.

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The permit shall be valid for the conduct of inter-state operations only: *Provided, however,* That the director, or his designated agent, shall be authorized to issue a further permit on the same vehicle or

combination of vehicles upon the expiration of an existing permit.

Fees on out-of-state commercial vehicles—Reciprocity.

For each permit issued the director or his designated agent shall assess an administrative charge of two dollars plus the following fees:

Vehicles with gross loads of		
0 .....	9,999 lbs.....	\$2.50
10,000 .....	19,999 lbs.....	\$3.75
20,000 .....	29,999 lbs.....	\$5.00
30,000 .....	36,000 lbs.....	\$7.50

*Provided further*, That these fees shall not be subject to quarterly reduction as provided in RCW 46.16.130. Such vehicles will be subject to all of the laws, rules and regulations affecting the operation of like motor vehicles in this state. The permit shall be displayed at all times in a prominent place on the vehicle, or if vehicle is a trailer, then the permit shall be at all times in vehicle operator's possession. All fees collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be forwarded by the director with a proper identifying detailed report to the state treasurer who shall deposit such fees to the credit of the motor vehicle fund: *Provided*, The imposition of the capacity fees set forth in this section shall be considered reciprocal and shall apply only to vehicles licensed in other states, which states charge their full fees or approximately full fees, or charge upon a basis similar to the one set up in this section, for vehicles licensed in this state and operating in such other states, and in the event reciprocity is accorded by other states, the capacity fee charged for vehicles licensed in such other state or states, shall be on the same basis as charged by such other respective state.

Proviso.

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SEC. 4. There is added to chapter 46.16 RCW a new section to read as follows:

New section.

During the months of October, November, December, January, February, and March the gross weight license fee of a three-axle truck tractor and a

Monthly license for log-hauling vehicles.

Vehicle li-  
censes.  
Monthly  
license for  
log-hauling  
vehicles.

two-axle pole trailer used exclusively for the transportation of logs may be purchased for a monthly period. The fee for such a monthly license shall be one-twelfth the annual fee provided for in RCW 46.16.070 or 46.16.074 in the case of trucks, and one-twelfth of the annual fee provided for in RCW 46.16.072 in the case of pole trailers. For each fee so paid, other than at the time of the payment of the basic license fee, an additional fee of one dollar shall be charged by the director. The monthly license shall be effective from the first day of the month in which it is purchased, through the last day of that calendar month. The director is authorized to establish rules and regulations relative to the issuance and display of certificates or insignia which shall state the month for which the vehicle is licensed. No vehicle licensed under the provisions of this section shall be operated over the public highways unless the owner or operator thereof within five days after the expiration of any such monthly period applies for, and pays the required fee for, a license for an additional monthly period, a three-month period, or for the remainder of the year. Any person who operates any such vehicle upon the public highways after the expiration of said five days, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and in addition shall be required to purchase a gross weight license for the vehicle involved at the fee covering an entire year's license for operation thereof, less the fees for any period or periods of the year already paid. If, within five days thereafter, no license for a full year has been purchased as required aforesaid, the Washington state patrol, county sheriff, or city police shall impound such vehicle in such manner as may be directed for such cases by the chief of the Washington state patrol, until such requirement is met.

This section shall become effective September 1,

1957, and shall expire on September 1, 1959, unless extended by future act of the Legislature.

SEC. 5. Section 2, chapter 89, Laws of 1955 and RCW 46.16.210 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 46.16.210 amended.

(1) Upon receipt of the application and proper fee for original vehicle license, the director shall make a recheck of the application and in the event that there is any error in the application it may be returned to the county auditor or other agent to effectively secure the correction of such error, who shall return the same corrected to the director.

Original applications, corrections—Renewals, fees, transmittal, filing date, penalty.

(2) Application for the renewal of a vehicle license shall be made to the director or his agents, including county auditors, by the registered owner on a form prescribed by the director. The application must be accompanied by the certificate of registration for the last registration period in which the vehicle was registered in Washington unless the applicant submits a preprinted application mailed from Olympia, and the payment of such license fees and excise tax as may be required by law. Such application shall be handled in the same manner and the fees transmitted to the state treasurer in the same manner as in the case of an original application. Any such application which upon validation becomes a renewal certificate need not have entered upon it the name of the lien holder, if any, of the vehicle concerned.

Note: See also section 7, chapter 261, Laws of 1957.

SEC. 6. Section 66, chapter 188, Laws of 1937 (heretofore divided and codified as RCW 46.20.290 through 46.20.330), is divided and amended as set forth in sections 7 through 11 of this act.

Division and amendment.

SEC. 7. (RCW 46.20.290) The director may in his sound discretion immediately suspend the vehicle operator's license of any person whenever he has reason to believe:

Operator's license. Suspension of license by director—Causes.

(1) That such person has committed an offense

Operator's  
license.  
Suspension of  
license by  
director--  
Causes.

for which mandatory suspension or revocation of licenses is provided by law;

(2) That such person has, by reckless or unlawful operation of a motor vehicle, caused or contributed to an accident resulting in death or injury to any other person or serious property damage;

(3) That such person is incompetent to drive a motor vehicle or is afflicted with mental or physical infirmities or disabilities rendering it unsafe for such person to operate a motor vehicle upon the public highways; or

(4) That such person is a habitually reckless or negligent operator of a motor vehicle or has committed a serious violation of the motor vehicle laws of this state.

Whenever the director suspends the vehicle operator's license of a person for any reason, he shall immediately notify the licensee in person or by registered or certified mail, and may thereafter upon further information either rescind his temporary order of suspension, or, good cause appearing therefor, may continue in force such suspension for the full period thereof.

RCW 46.20.300  
enacted  
without  
amendment.

SEC. 8. (RCW 46.20.300) The director of licenses may suspend, revoke, or cancel the vehicle operator's license of any resident of this state upon receiving notice of the conviction of such person in another state of an offense therein which, if committed in this state, would be ground for the suspension or revocation of the vehicle operator's license. The director may further, upon receiving a record of the conviction in this state of a nonresident operator of a motor vehicle of any offense under the motor vehicle laws of this state, forward a certified copy of such record to the motor vehicle administrator in the state of which the person so convicted is a resident; such record to consist of a copy of the judgment and sentence in the case.

SEC. 9. (RCW 46.20.310) The director shall not suspend a vehicle operator's license for a period of more than one year and upon suspending, revoking, or canceling any license shall require that such license be surrendered to and retained by him except that at the end of a period of suspension the license so surrendered shall be returned to the licensee, upon proper application for reinstatement.

RCW 46.20.310  
enacted  
without  
amendment.

SEC. 10. (RCW 46.20.320) Any suspension, revocation, or cancellation of a vehicle operator's license shall be in effect notwithstanding the certificate itself is not delivered over or possession thereof obtained by a court, officer, or the director.

RCW 46.20.320  
enacted  
without  
amendment.

SEC. 11. (RCW 46.20.330) Any person whose vehicle operator's license is revoked shall not be entitled to apply for or receive any new vehicle operator's license until the expiration of one year from the date of the revocation thereof.

RCW 46.20.330  
enacted  
without  
amendment.

SEC. 12. A new section is hereby added to chapter 46.12 RCW to read as follows:

New section.

Any licensed wrecker in possession of a motor vehicle ten years old or older, and ownership of which or whose owner's residence is unknown, may apply to the director of licenses for a permit to junk or wreck such motor vehicle, or any part thereof. Upon such application, a permit may be issued by the director, upon receipt of a fee of one dollar, in a form to be prescribed by the director to authorize such wrecker to wreck or junk such vehicle, or any part thereof.

Permit to junk  
vehicles.

SEC. 13. Section 6, chapter 363, Laws of 1955 and RCW 46.16.090 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 46.16.090  
amended.

Motor trucks or trailers of less than twenty-six thousand pounds may be specially licensed based on the maximum gross weight thereof for fifty percent of the various amounts set forth in the schedule provided in RCW 46.16.070, when such trucks or trailers

Vehicle  
licenses.  
Gross weight  
fees on farm  
trucks and  
trailers.

Vehicle licenses. Gross weight fees on farm trucks and trailers.

are owned and operated by farmers, but only if the following condition or conditions exist:

(1) When such trucks or trailers are to be used for the transportation of such farmer's own farm, orchard or dairy products from point of production to market or warehouse, and of supplies to be used on his farm; and/or

(2) When such trucks or trailers are to be used for the infrequent or seasonal transportation by one such farmer for another farmer in his neighborhood of products of the farm, orchard or dairy owned by such other farmer from point of production to market or warehouse, or supplies to be used on such other farm, but only if such transportation for another farmer is for compensation other than money:

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*Provided, however,* That farmers shall be permitted an allowance of an additional eight thousand pounds, within the legal limits, on motor trucks or trailers, when used in the transportation of such farmer's own farm machinery between his own farm or farms and for a distance of not more than thirty-five miles from his farm or farms.

The department shall prepare a special form of application to be used by farmers applying for licenses under this section, which form shall contain a statement to be signed by the farmer to the effect that the vehicle or trailer concerned will be used subject to the limitations of this section. The department shall prepare special insignia which shall be placed upon all such vehicles or trailers to indicate that the vehicle or trailer is specially licensed, or may, in its discretion, substitute a special license plate for such vehicles or trailers for such designation.

Penalty.

Any person who operates such a specially licensed vehicle or trailer in transportation upon the public highways in violation of the limitations of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 14. Section 49, chapter 189, Laws of 1937 as last amended by section 22, chapter 269, Laws of 1951 and RCW 46.44.030 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 46.44.030 amended.

It is 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 feet, except that an auto stage shall not exceed an overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, of forty feet, but the operation of any such auto stage upon the public highways shall be limited as determined by the director of highways. It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways any combination of vehicles which, with or without load, has an overall length in excess of sixty feet, or any combination of vehicles containing any vehicle of which the permanent structure has an overall length in excess of forty feet. 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 upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of such load.

Motor vehicles, size, weight, load, Maximum length.

SEC. 15. Section 24, chapter 269, Laws of 1951 and RCW 46.44.034 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 46.44.034 amended.

The load, or any portion of any vehicle, operated alone upon the public highways of this state, or the load, or any portion of the front vehicle of a combination of vehicles, shall not extend more than three feet beyond the front wheels of such vehicle, or the front bumper, if equipped with front bumper.

Maximum length—Front and rear protrusions.

No vehicle shall be operated upon the public

highways with any part of the permanent structure or load extending in excess of fifteen feet beyond the center of the last axle of such vehicle.

RCW 46.44.037 amended.

SEC. 16. Section 3, chapter 384, Laws of 1955 and RCW 46.44.037 are each amended to read as follows:

Motor vehicles, size, weight, load, Combination of units—Lawful operations—Special permits.

It shall be lawful to operate a truck tractor, semitrailer and a trailer in combination subject to such rules and regulations as the state highway commission may adopt governing the operation of such a combination, and for the purpose of this section a converter gear used to convert a semitrailer into a trailer shall not be deemed a separate vehicle but shall be considered to be a part of the trailer.

Such a combination when licensed for a total gross weight of seventy-two thousand pounds may be entitled to a special permit authorizing the combination to carry not more than four thousand pounds of gross weight in excess of the maximum allowed in RCW 46.44.044 upon the payment of the fees set forth in RCW 46.44.095 and on such highways and subject to such terms and conditions as the state highway commission shall prescribe pursuant to the provisions of RCW 46.44.095: *Provided*, That any state highway patrol officer who shall find any person operating a vehicle in violation of the conditions of a special permit issued under this section may confiscate such permit and forward it to the state highway commission which may return it to the permittee or revoke, cancel, or suspend it.

RCW 46.44.040 amended.

SEC. 17. Section 4, chapter 384, Laws of 1955 and RCW 46.44.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Maximum gross weights—Axle factor.

(1) It is unlawful to operate any vehicle upon the public highways with a gross weight including load upon any one axle thereof in excess of eighteen thousand pounds.

It is unlawful to operate any one axle semitrailer upon the public highways with a gross weight in-

cluding load upon such one axle in excess of eighteen thousand pounds.

Maximum  
gross  
weights—Axle  
factor.

It is unlawful to operate any truck or truck tractor upon the public highways of this state supported upon two axles with a gross weight including load in excess of twenty-eight thousand pounds.

It is unlawful to operate any semitrailer or pole trailer upon the public highway supported upon two axles with a gross weight including load in excess of thirty-two thousand pounds. It is unlawful to operate any two axle trailer upon the public highways with a gross weight, including load, in excess of thirty-six thousand pounds.

Except as provided in RCW 46.44.095 it is unlawful to operate any vehicle upon the public highways supported upon three axles or more with a gross weight including load in excess of thirty-six thousand pounds.

(2) The maximum axle and gross weights specified in subsection (1) above are subject to the braking requirements set up for the service brakes upon any motor vehicle or combination of vehicles as provided by law.

(3) It is unlawful to operate any vehicle upon the public highways equipped with two axles spaced less than seven feet apart, unless the two axles are so constructed and mounted in such a manner to provide oscillation between the two axles and that either one of the two axles will not at any one time carry more than the maximum gross weight allowed for one axle or two axles specified in subsection (1) above.

SEC. 18. Section 1, chapter 185, Laws of 1955 and RCW 46.44.095 are each amended to read as follows:

When fully licensed to the maximum gross weight permitted under RCW 46.44.040, a three-axle truck operated as a solo unit and not in combination shall be eligible to carry gross weight in excess of that

RCW 46.44.095  
amended.  
Special permits  
—Additional  
gross load—  
Fee.

Motor vehicles,  
size, weight,  
load.  
Special permits  
—Additional  
gross load—  
Fee.

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permitted for such a vehicle in RCW 46.44.040 upon the payment to the state highway department of a fee of fifty dollars for each two thousand pounds of excess weight: *Provided*, That the axle loads of such vehicles shall not exceed the limits specified in RCW 46.44.040 and the tire limits specified in RCW 46.44-.042.

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When fully licensed to the maximum gross weight permitted under RCW 46.44.040 and when operated in combination with another vehicle, a three or more axle truck-tractor, a three or more axle truck and a three or more axle dromedary truck-tractor may be eligible under a special permit to be issued by the highway commission to carry additional gross loads beyond the limit specified for such vehicles in RCW 46.44.040 upon the payment of a fee of fifty dollars per two thousand pounds of excess weight but not to exceed one hundred dollars for the total excess weight: *Provided*, That the axle loads of such vehicles shall not exceed the limits specified in RCW 46.44.040 and the tire limits specified in RCW 46.44.042: *And provided further*, That the gross weight of a three or more axle truck operated in combination with a two or three-axle trailer shall not exceed seventy-six thousand pounds, and the gross weight for a three or more axle truck-tractor operated in combination with a semitrailer shall not exceed seventy-three thousand two hundred eighty pounds.

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The special permit provided for in the preceding paragraph for combinations shall be issued under such rules and regulations and upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the state highway commission. Such special permits shall entitle the permittee to carry such additional load in such an amount and upon such highways or sections of highways as may be determined by the state highway commission to be capable of withstanding such in-

creased gross load without undue injury to the highway.

Special permits  
—Additional  
gross load  
—Fee.

The fee for such additional gross weight shall be payable for a twelve month period beginning and ending on April 1st of each calendar year. The additional gross weight provided for herein can be purchased at any time and if purchased on or after July 1st of any year, the fee shall be seventy-five percent of the full annual fee and if purchased on or after October 1st the fee shall be fifty percent of the full annual fee and if purchased on or after December 1st the fee shall be twenty-five percent of the full annual fee.

The fees levied in RCW 46.44.094 and this section shall not apply to any vehicles owned and operated by the state of Washington, any county within the state or any city or town within the state, or by the federal government.

In the case of fleets prorating license fees under the provisions of chapter 46.84 RCW the fees provided for in RCW 46.44.037 and RCW 46.44.095 shall be computed by the state highway commission by applying the proportion of the Washington mileage of the fleet in question to the total mileage of the fleet as reported pursuant to chapter 46.48 RCW to the fees that would be required to purchase the additional weight allowance for all eligible vehicles or combinations of vehicles for which the extra weight allowance is requested.

The state highway commission shall prorate the fees provided in RCW 46.44.037 and RCW 46.44.095 only if the name of the operator or owner is submitted on official listings of authorized fleet operators furnished by the department of licenses. Listings furnished shall also include the percentage of mileage operated in Washington, which shall be the same percentage as determined by the department of licenses for purposes of prorating license fees.

RCW 46.44.097  
amended.

SEC. 19. Section 41, chapter 269, Laws of 1951 as amended by section 14, chapter 254, Laws of 1953 and RCW 46.44.097 are each amended to read as follows:

Motor vehicles,  
size, weight,  
load.  
Special per-  
mits—Mis-  
representa-  
tions and  
violations—  
Penalty—Dis-  
play of permit.

Any person who misrepresents the size or weight of any load in obtaining a special permit or does not follow the requirements and conditions of the special permit is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than fifty dollars or more than one hundred dollars.

Any person who operates any vehicle, the gross weight of which is in excess of the maximum for which such vehicle may be eligible for license, or in excess of legal size limitations, without first obtaining a special permit is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars.

Every special 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.

Any state highway patrol officer who shall find any person operating a vehicle in violation of the conditions of a special permit issued under RCW 46.44.095 may confiscate such permit and forward the same to the state highway commission which may return it to the permittee or revoke, cancel or suspend it without refund. The state highway commission shall keep a record of all action taken upon permits so confiscated and if a permit shall be returned to the permittee the action taken by the commission shall be endorsed thereon. Any permittee whose permit is suspended or revoked may upon request receive a hearing before the commission or person designated by the commission. The commission after such hearing may reinstate any permit or revise its previous action.

SEC. 20. Section 13, chapter 150, Laws of 1951 and RCW 46.70.100 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 46.70.100 amended.

The director may refuse to issue a dealer license, or may suspend or revoke a dealer license whenever he has reason to believe that such dealer has:

Dealer's license. License refusal, suspension, revocation—Grounds.

(1) Forged the signature of the registered or legal owner on a certificate of title;

(2) Sold or disposed of a vehicle which he knows or has reason to know has been stolen or appropriated without the consent of the owner;

(3) Wilfully misrepresented any material fact in the applications for a vehicle dealer's license, certificate of registration or certificate of title;

(4) Wilfully failed to deliver to a purchaser a certificate of title to the car sold; and/or

(5) Suffered or permitted the cancellation of the bond or the exhaustion of the penalty thereof;

(6) Been convicted of, or has suffered a judgment to be taken against him, in any action in which fraud or misrepresentation is an element.

SEC. 21. Section 6, chapter 262, Laws of 1947 and RCW 46.80.060 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 46.80.060 amended. Auto wreckers. License plates.

The motor vehicle wrecker shall obtain a special set of license plates in addition to the regular licenses and plates required for the operation of such vehicles which shall be displayed on vehicles owned and/or operated by him and used in the conduct of his business. The fee for these plates shall be five dollars for the original plates and two dollars for each additional set of plates bearing the same license number.

SEC. 22. Section 2, chapter 381, Laws of 1955 and RCW 46.84.020 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 46.84.020 amended. Proportional registration and licensing.

Any owner or person entitled to the possession or right to operate vehicles, engaging in operating fleets of four or more vehicles in this state may, in lieu of registration of such vehicles under the pro-

Highway user  
tax structure.  
Proportional  
registration  
and licensing.

visions of chapter 46.16, and payment of excise taxes or fees imposed by chapter 82.44 and RCW 81.80.320, register and license each such fleet for operation in this state by filing a sworn statement with the department of licenses declaring the total mileage operated with each such fleet of vehicles in all jurisdictions and the total mileage operated in this state during the preceding calendar year or a twelve month period designated by the department with each such fleet and describing and identifying each vehicle in each fleet to be operated in this state during the ensuing license year. Such statements shall also be accompanied by a total fee payment not less than an amount obtained by applying the proportion of instate fleet miles to total fleet miles, as reported in said statement to the amounts respectively which would otherwise be required under said chapter 46.16, chapter 82.44, and RCW 81.80.320, for complete licensing and registration of such fleet in this state. The following definitions of fleet mileage shall be applied: "Instate fleet miles" shall be the total number of miles operated with a fleet, as herein defined, during the calendar period prescribed for an application, and shall not include miles traveled by any vehicle which did not, during such calendar period, actually travel in some other state. "Total fleet miles" shall be the total number of miles operated with a fleet, as defined herein, in all jurisdictions, including states, districts, possessions, territories of the United States and states and provinces of other countries, and shall not include miles traveled by any vehicle which did not, during such period, actually travel a portion of those miles in this state. The department shall transmit the amounts of fees and taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter pursuant to the provisions of chapter 46.16, chapter 82.44 and RCW 81.80.320 to the state treasurer, who shall deposit the same in

the funds designated by the provisions of said acts. The departments shall thereupon register and issue a license plate, plates or other distinctive sticker or suitable device for each vehicle named in said statement identifying it as an interstate fleet vehicle, which shall be exempt from all further license, weight fee, motor freight carrier gross weight fee and motor vehicle excise requirements of this state for any type of movement or operation. A fee of two dollars shall be paid for each such sticker or device issued. The proportional registration and licensing provisions of this section shall apply to vehicles added to said fleet and operated in this state during the license year. Nonresidents shall be entitled to proportional registration hereunder unless the terms and conditions of any reciprocity agreement, arrangement, or declaration filed in the office of the director of licenses under the provisions of this chapter require otherwise.

Proportional  
registration  
and licensing.

SEC. 23. Section 5, chapter 381, Laws of 1955 and RCW 46.84.050 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 46.84.050  
amended.  
Reciprocity  
commission  
created.

The reciprocity commission, hereby created, shall consist of the director of licenses, the chief of the Washington state patrol, the director of highways and, ex officio, the chairman and vice chairman of the joint fact-finding committee on highways, streets and bridges, or their duly designated representatives. Members of the western interstate highway policy committee from the state of Washington shall be advisory members of the reciprocity commission, and may attend meetings and conferences of the commission in such capacity, but shall not vote as members thereof.

The director of licenses, herein called the department, shall be charged with the administration of the commission's agreements, arrangements, declarations, rules and regulations.

Repeal.

SEC. 24. Section 1, chapter 184, Laws of 1943 and RCW 46.20.370 are each repealed.

Emergency.

SEC. 25. This 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 immediately.

Passed the House March 4, 1957.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1957.

Approved by the Governor March 26, 1957.

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CHAPTER 274.

[ H. B. 718. ]

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES—DEATH OF USER—TAX  
COMMISSION POWERS AND DUTIES.

AN ACT relating to inheritance tax, prescribing duties and rights of certain persons, firms and corporations in relation to safety deposit boxes and the contents thereof, providing penalties and making an appropriation.

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

“Safe deposit company” defined.

SECTION 1. As used in this act “safe deposit company” shall include any trust company, corporation, bank, other institution, or person engaged in the business of renting safe deposit boxes or similar receptacles.

Necessary provision before agreement for rental.

SEC. 2. No safe deposit company shall hereafter enter into any agreement for the rental of any safe deposit box or similar receptacle without first requiring every person given the right of access to the box or receptacle to agree in writing to notify such company of the death of any other person having the right of access, before seeking access after receiving actual notice of the death of such other person.

SEC. 3. Every person having the right of access shall upon receiving actual notice of the death of