

CHAPTER 20.

[Senate Bill No. 355.]

OPERATION OF VEHICLES REQUIRING SPECIAL
SKILLS—CLASSIFIED DRIVER LICENSES.

AN ACT relating to the licensing of motor vehicle drivers; providing for the issuance of a classified driver license; prescribing powers and duties of the department of motor vehicles in relation thereto; providing a special examination and prescribing the fee therefor; adding new sections to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by chapter 121, Laws of 1965 extraordinary session and to chapter 46.20 RCW and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by chapter 121, Laws of 1965 extraordinary session and to chapter 46.20 RCW a new section to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful for a person to operate for compensation upon the public highway any motor-truck, truck-tractor, school bus or for-hire vehicle as defined by RCW 46.04.310, 46.04.650, 46.04.521 and 46.04.190 respectively, found by the director to require special operating skills as hereafter provided, unless the driver shall have successfully completed an examination, in addition to the examinations in RCW 46.20.130, demonstrating the ability of the driver to operate and maneuver the vehicle or vehicles upon the public highway in a manner not to jeopardize the safety of persons or property: *Provided*, That this requirement shall not apply to any person hauling farm commodities from the farm to the processing plant or shipping point, not to exceed a radius of fifty miles from the farm.

The director shall upon completion of such tests specially endorse the driver's license of the applicant to indicate the type of vehicle qualifications met.

New section.

Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by chapter 121, Laws of 1965 extraordinary session and to chapter 46.20 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Motor vehicles
—Special li-
censes—Rules,
regulations
and standards
—Examina-
tions.

The director shall, pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW, hold public hearings to adopt rules and regulations and standards and specifications pertaining to:

(1) A determination of what types of vehicles require special skills for the operation thereof, taking into consideration the extent to which a special knowledge of traffic laws pertaining to the type of vehicle and a special ability to maneuver such vehicles is necessary for the safe operation of the vehicle both alone and in relationship to other types of vehicles on the road;

(2) The establishment of reasonable classifications within one vehicle category or among several categories for the purpose of either requiring or not requiring a special skill test;

(3) The establishment of the type of examinations to be given, taking into consideration that certain categories of equipment may require a more comprehensive testing than others. The director may, however, allow the substitution of a training course or examination given by common carriers or other persons in lieu of the department's examination, if it meets the standards required by the department.

New section.

Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by chapter 121, Laws of 1965 extraordinary session and to chapter 46.20 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Special
examination—
Waiver.

The director may in lieu of the special examination required in section 1 waive the requirement as to:

(1) Any person who on the effective date of this act is engaged in driving for compensation on the

public highways a vehicle or vehicles classified pursuant to section 2; if

(a) His employer certifies that the applicant is well qualified by previous driving experience to operate the type of vehicle or vehicles covered by the special endorsement for which he has applied; or

(b) A self-employed driver who has been engaged in driving a vehicle or vehicles for a minimum of one year on the public highways and has passed a department approved driver training course or examination and/or his driving record on file with the department indicates that he is a safe and careful driver;

(2) Any driver who cannot qualify under subsection 1 of this section; if

(a) His employer certifies that he has satisfactorily completed a training course given by his employer which course has been approved by the director; or

(b) He is a self-employed person who furnishes a certificate that he has satisfactorily completed a course that may be given by a person or persons who have given a training course or examination approved by the director.

The director may, however, notwithstanding subsections 1 and 2 of this section require the examination to be given by the department in any case where the applicant's driving record indicates that he has violated the traffic laws to an extent that it is in the public interest to require said examination.

Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by chapter 121, Laws of 1965 extraordinary session and to chapter 46.20 RCW a new section to read as follows:

New section

There shall be an additional fee for the special endorsement for each class of vehicle in addition to the prescribed fee required for the issuance of the

Special in-
dorsement for
each class—
Fee.

original driver's license. The additional fee for each endorsement shall not exceed ten dollars for the original endorsement and eight dollars for the renewal thereof. The said fee shall be deposited in the highway safety fund.

New section. Sec. 5. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by chapter 121, Laws of 1965 extraordinary session and to chapter 46.20 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Effective date. Sections 1, 3, and 4 of this amendatory act shall be effective January 1, 1968.

Passed the Senate March 29, 1967.

Passed the House March 28, 1967.

Approved by the Governor April 7, 1967.

CHAPTER 21.

[Reengrossed House Bill No. 109.]

MODERNIZATION OF SCHOOL FACILITIES.

AN ACT relating to education and the support thereof; and adding a new section to chapter 28.47 RCW.

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

New section. Section 1. There is added to chapter 28.47 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Modernization of school facilities. Whenever funds are specifically appropriated for modernization of existing school facilities, the state board of education is authorized to approve the use of such funds for modernization of existing facilities, modernization being limited to major structural changes in such facilities and may include as incidental thereto the replacement of fixtures, fittings, furnishings and service systems of a building in order to bring it up to a contemporary state consistent with the needs of changing educational programs. The allocation of such funds shall be made