

CHAPTER 94.

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 294.]

INTERSTATE COMMERCIAL VEHICLES—SINGLE CAB CARDS.

AN ACT relating to interstate commercial vehicle owners and operators; authorizing a single cab card; adding a new chapter to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and to Title 46 RCW; amending section 46.44.095, chapter 12, Laws of 1961, as last amended by section 38, chapter 170, Laws of 1965 extraordinary session, and RCW 46.44.095; and repealing section 52, chapter 170, Laws of 1965 extraordinary session (uncodified).

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

New chapter.

Section 1. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 and to Title 46 RCW, a new chapter to consist of sections 2 through 14 of this act.

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Sec. 2. This act shall apply to all interstate commercial vehicle operators whose vehicles are proportionally registered under chapter 46.85 RCW, and who elect to come within the provisions of this act.

Definitions.

Sec. 3. As used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, the terms:

(1) "Administrator" shall mean the employee of the department of motor vehicles designated to administer reciprocal or proportional registration agreements.

(2) "Single cab card" shall mean the single document issued pursuant to the provisions of this act to indicate compliance with the various applicable requirements of the department of highways, the department of motor vehicles, the Washington state patrol and the Washington utilities and transportation commission affecting interstate commercial vehicle operators.

(3) "Person" shall include, where applicable, natural persons, corporations, trusts, unincorporated associations and partnerships.

(4) "Participating agencies" shall mean the department of highways, the department of motor vehicles, the Washington state patrol and the Washington utilities and transportation commission.

(5) "Qualified carrier" shall mean a carrier which has qualified and is presently issued one or more single cab cards for some of its vehicles.

(6) "Director" shall mean the director of the department of motor vehicles.

Sec. 4. The department of highways, the department of motor vehicles, the Washington state patrol and the Washington utilities and transportation commission are directed to jointly prepare and adopt rules, regulations and procedures to effectuate the purposes of this act. The provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 34.04 RCW, shall apply to the rules and regulations so adopted. The said agencies are hereby authorized to jointly add to, amend or repeal such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary.

Joint cooperation of regulatory agencies.

Sec. 5. The single cab card issued pursuant to this act shall be in lieu of any commercial vehicle use fuel tax identification card issued pursuant to RCW 82.40.040 and 82.40.270, separate evidence of compliance with proportional registration issued pursuant to chapter 46.85 RCW, a utilities and transportation commission identification card issued pursuant to chapter 81.80 RCW and a special weight permit issued pursuant to RCW 46.44.095.

Use in lieu of other cards.

Sec. 6. Upon the compliance of a carrier with the respective agency requirements consistent with the intentions of this act, a certificate of compliance shall be conveyed by the participating agency to the

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administrator. Upon receipt of the certificates of compliance and upon receipt of all necessary fees, the administrator shall issue a single cab card.

If a certificate of compliance is withdrawn by any one of the participating agencies, the administrator shall cancel the single cab card under the joint administrative rules of section 4 of this act.

Interim com-
pliance while
card pending.

Sec. 7. Until such time as a carrier or a vehicle thereof has received a single cab card, the carrier or vehicle thereof shall meet all applicable provisions regulating such carriers and vehicles as though the provisions of this act were not in effect.

Temporary
permit—Use—
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tions.

Sec. 8. The administrator is hereby authorized to issue a temporary authorization permit to qualified carriers for vehicles not previously issued a permanent single cab card. The department shall collect a fee of one dollar plus a fifty cent filing fee for each temporary single cab card issued. The department shall have the authority to adopt appropriate rules and regulations for issuance of such temporary authorization permits in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of this act.

Disposition of
fees.

Sec. 9. The one dollar fee collected pursuant to section 8 of this act shall be placed in the motor vehicle fund. The additional fifty cent filing fee shall be distributed pursuant to RCW 46.01.140.

Annual re-
newal date.

Sec. 10. All single cab cards shall expire on December 31st of each year.

Alternate
method of
compliance
for utilities.

Sec. 11. As an alternative to complying with the identification card and identification plate requirements of chapter 81.80 RCW, a qualified carrier may elect to signify compliance with the requirements of this act by displaying a single cab card on the vehicles involved.

Sec. 12. The administrator shall promote the standardization of vehicle qualification requirements between the state of Washington and the various other states.

Standardization between states.

Sec. 13. Nothing in this act shall be construed to alter the requirements of the use fuel tax act, chapter 82.40 RCW, or the requirements of chapter 81.80 RCW, or the requirements of RCW 46.44.095, or the requirements of chapter 46.85 RCW except as stated in this act.

Construction.

Sec. 14. The first of the single cab cards shall be issued to be effective on January 1, 1968.

First cards.

Sec. 15. Section 46.44.095, chapter 12, Laws of 1961, as last amended by section 38, chapter 170, Laws of 1965 extraordinary session and RCW 46.44.095 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 46.44.095 amended.

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 permitted for such a vehicle in RCW 46.44.040 upon the payment to the state highway commission of a fee of sixty 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 or the wheelbase requirements specified in RCW 46.44.044.

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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

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such vehicles in RCW 46.44.040 upon the payment of a fee of sixty dollars per two thousand pounds in excess weight but not to exceed one hundred and twenty 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.

The special permits provided for in this section 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 increased gross load without undue injury to the highway.

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

The state highway commission shall issue such special permits on a temporary basis for periods not

less than five days nor more than ten days at a fee of one dollar per day.

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 the fees provided for in RCW 46.44.037 and 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 46.84 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 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.

Note: See also section 51, chapter 32, Laws of 1967.

Sec. 16. Section 52, chapter 170, Laws of 1965 ^{Repeal.} extraordinary session (uncodified) is hereby repealed.

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