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CHAPTER 244

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 209] EXEMPTION OF GARBAGE TRUCKS FROM SINGLE AXLE LOAD LIMITATION

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicles; and amending section 46.44.040, chapter 12, Laws of 1961, and RCW 46.44.040.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 46.44.040, chapter 12, Laws of 1961, and RCW 46.44.040 are each amended to read as follows:

(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: PROVIDED, That a tolerance of 2,000 pounds may be allowed on the rear axle of a two axle garbage truck: PROVIDED FURTHER, That this tolerance shall not be valid or permitted on any part of the federal interstate highway system where the maximum single axle load shall not exceed 18,000 pounds.

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

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 weight 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.

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CHAPTER 245 [Substitute Senate Bill No. 216] ESCROW AGENTS

AN ACT Relating to the registration of escrow agents; amending section 1, chapter 153, Laws of 1965 and RCW 18.44.010; amending section 2, chapter 153, Laws of 1965 as amended by 1, chapter 76, Laws of 1967 ex.sess. and RCW 18.44.020; amending section 4, chapter 153, Laws of 1965 and RCW 18.44.040; amending section 5, chapter 153, Laws of 1965 and RCW 18.44.050; amending section 8, chapter 153, Laws of 1965 and RCW 18.44.080; and adding new sections to chapter 153, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 18.44 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 153, Laws of 1965 and RCW 18.44.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Unless the context otherwise requires terms used in this chapter shall have the following meanings:

- (1) "Department" means the department of ((licenses)) motor vehicles.
- (2) "Director" means the director of the department of ((ticenses)) motor vehicles, or his duly authorized representative.
- (3) "Escrow" means any transaction wherein any person or persons, for the purpose of effecting and closing the sale, purchase, exchange, transfer, encumbrance or lease of real or personal property to another person or persons, delivers any written instrument, money, evidence of title to real or personal property, or other thing of value to a third person to be held by such third person until the happening of a specified event or the performance of a prescribed condition or conditions, when it is then to be delivered by such third person, in compliance with instructions under which he is to act, to a grantee, grantor, promisee, promisor, obligee, obligor, lessee, lessor, bailee, bailor, or any agent or employee thereof.
 - (4) "Escrow agent" means any person engaged in the business of