

For the purpose of payment of contributions, "wages" means the remuneration paid by one employer during any calendar year to an individual in its employment under this title or the unemployment compensation law of any other state in the amount specified in RCW 50.24.010. If an employer (hereinafter referred to as a successor employer) during any calendar year acquires substantially all the operating assets of another employer (hereinafter referred to as a predecessor employer) or assets used in a separate unit of a trade or business of a predecessor employer, and immediately after the acquisition employs in his trade or business an individual who immediately ~~((prior to))~~ before the acquisition was employed in the trade or business of ~~((such))~~ the predecessor employer, then, for the purposes of determining the amount of remuneration paid by the successor employer to ~~((such))~~ the individual during ~~((such))~~ the calendar year which is subject to contributions, any remuneration paid to ~~((such))~~ the individual by ~~((such))~~ the predecessor employer during ~~((such))~~ that calendar year and ~~((prior to such))~~ before th acquisition shall be considered as having been paid by ~~((such))~~ the successor employer.

For the purpose of payment of benefits, "wages" means the remuneration payable by one or more employers to an individual for employment under this title during his base year.

"Remuneration" means all compensation paid for personal services including commissions and bonuses and the cash value of all compensation paid in any medium other than cash. The reasonable cash value of compensation paid in any medium other than cash and the reasonable value of gratuities shall be estimated and determined in accordance with rules prescribed by the commissioner. Remuneration does not include payments to members of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the organized militia of the state of Washington, for the performance of duty for periods not exceeding seventy-two hours at a time.

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CHAPTER 68

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 3076]

GARBAGE TRUCKS—AXLES—TIRES—WEIGHT LIMITATIONS

AN ACT Relating to garbage trucks; amending section 46.44.095, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 159, chapter 158, Laws of 1979 and RCW 46.44.095; and adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. There is added to chapter 46.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

"Garbage truck" means a truck specially designed and used exclusively for garbage or refuse operations.

Sec. 2. Section 46.44.095, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 159, chapter 158, Laws of 1979 and RCW 46.44.095 are each amended to read as follows:

~~((Until December 31, 1976, a combination of vehicles lawfully licensed to a total gross weight of seventy-two thousand pounds, and a three or more axle single unit vehicle lawfully licensed to a total gross weight of forty thousand pounds, and on January 1, 1977, and thereafter,))~~ When a combination of vehicles has been lawfully licensed to a total gross weight of eighty thousand pounds and when a three or more axle single unit vehicle has been lawfully licensed to a total gross weight of forty thousand pounds pursuant to provisions of RCW 46.44.041, a permit for additional gross weight may be issued by the department of transportation upon the payment of thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents per year for each one thousand pounds or fraction thereof of such additional gross weight: PROVIDED, That the tire limits specified in RCW 46.44.042 shall apply, and the gross weight on any single axle shall not exceed twenty thousand pounds, and the gross load on any group of axles shall not exceed the limits set forth in RCW 46.44.041: PROVIDED FURTHER, That within the tire limits of RCW 46.44.042, and not withstanding RCW 46.44.041 and RCW 46.44.091, a permit for an additional ((two)) six thousand pounds may be purchased for ((an amount not to exceed thirty dollars per thousand for)) the rear axle of a two-axle garbage truck or eight thousand pounds for the tandem axle of a three axle garbage truck at a rate not to exceed thirty dollars per thousand. Such additional weight in the case of garbage trucks shall not be valid or permitted on any part of the federal interstate highway system ((where the maximum single axle load shall not exceed twenty thousand pounds)).

The annual additional tonnage permits provided for in this section shall be issued upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the department pursuant to general rules adopted by the transportation commission. Such 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 department of transportation to be capable of withstanding ~~((such))~~ increased gross load without undue injury to the highway: PROVIDED, That the permits shall not be valid on any highway where the use of such permits would deprive this state of federal funds for highway purposes.

The annual additional tonnage permits provided for in this section shall commence on the first of January of each year. The permits may be purchased at any time, and if they are purchased for less than a full year, the fee shall be one-twelfth of the full fee multiplied by the number of months, including any fraction thereof, covered by the permit. When the department

issues a duplicate permit to replace a lost or destroyed permit and where the department transfers a permit from one vehicle to another a fee of five dollars shall be charged for each ((such)) duplicate issued or each ((such)) transfer. The department of transportation shall issue ((such)) permits on a temporary basis for periods not less than five days at one dollar per day for each two thousands pounds or fraction thereof.

The fees levied in RCW 46.44.0941 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 or metropolitan municipal corporation within the state, or by the federal government.

In the case of fleets prorating license fees under the provisions of chapter 46.85 RCW, the fees provided for in this section shall be computed by the department of transportation 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 46.85 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 department of transportation shall prorate the fees provided in this section only if the name of the operator or owner is submitted on official listings of authorized fleet operators furnished by the department of licensing. Listings furnished shall also include the percentage of mileage operated in Washington which ((shall be)) is the same percentage as determined by the department of licensing, for purposes of prorating license fees.

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CHAPTER 69

[Substitute House Bill No. 16]

SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES—RETIREMENT—SERVICE CREDIT COMPUTATION

AN ACT Relating to the Washington public employees retirement system; amending section 1, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 6, chapter 256, Laws of 1981 and RCW 41.40.010; amending section 1, chapter 23, Laws of 1973 and RCW 41.40.450; and creating a new section.

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

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 274, Laws of 1947 as last amended by section 6, chapter 256, Laws of 1981 and RCW 41.40.010 are each amended to read as follows:

As used in this chapter, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context: