

any contract with the public hospital district to sell such property for a period of three years after the appraisal.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. 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 February 4, 1984.

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Approved by the Governor March 2, 1984.

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CHAPTER 104

[Substitute House Bill No. 1017]

SCHOOL BUSES—AXLE REQUIREMENT

AN ACT Relating to school transportation; amending section 46.44.030, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 4, chapter 113, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.030; and declaring an emergency.

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

Sec. 1. Section 46.44.030, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 4, chapter 113, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.030 are each amended to read as follows:

It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways of this state any vehicle other than a municipal transit vehicle having an overall length, with or without load, in excess of forty feet: PROVIDED, That an auto stage or school bus shall not exceed an overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, of forty feet: ~~((PROVIDED FURTHER, That any such school bus constructed prior to April 1, 1977, shall be equipped with three axles: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any school bus constructed on or after April 1, 1977, and in excess of thirty-six feet six inches shall be equipped with three axles:))~~ PROVIDED FURTHER, That the route of any auto stage in excess of thirty-five feet or school bus in excess of thirty-six feet six inches upon or across the public highways shall be limited as determined by the department of transportation for state highways, or by the local legislative authority for other public roads.

It is unlawful for any person to operate on the highways of this state any combination of vehicles which contains a vehicle of which the permanent structure is in excess of forty-five feet.

It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways of this state any combination consisting of a nonstinger steered tractor and semitrailer which has an overall length in excess of sixty-five feet.

It is unlawful for any person to operate on the highways of this state any combination consisting of a truck and trailer, or any lawful combination

of three vehicles, with an overall length, with or without load, in excess of sixty-five feet, or a combination consisting of a tractor and a stinger steered semitrailer which has an overall length in excess of sixty-five feet without load or in excess of seventy feet with load.

"Stinger steered" as used in this section shall mean a tractor and semitrailer combination which has the coupling connecting the semitrailer to the tractor located to the rear of the center line of the rear axle of the tractor.

These 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.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. 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.

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CHAPTER 105

[Engrossed House Bill No. 1348]

GRADUATE SERVICE APPOINTMENTS—COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES MAY GRANT OPERATING FEE WAIVERS

AN ACT Relating to exemption from payment of operating fees for certain students at the state universities and regional universities; and adding a new section to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.15 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.15 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The boards of regents of the state universities and the boards of trustees of the regional universities are authorized to exempt from paying the resident operating fee any person who is enrolled in such institution and who holds a graduate service appointment, designated as such by that institution, involving not less than twenty hours per week. The exemption shall be for the term the person shall hold the appointment. Until one year after the effective date of this act, the stipend paid to persons holding the graduate service appointments paid from state funds shall be reduced in an