

so to do: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to any sale, lease, assignment or other disposal of such franchises, properties or facilities to a public utility district.

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CHAPTER 76.

[H. B. 227.]

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY DIVISION.

AN ACT relating to the safety of operation of vehicles upon the public highways and prescribing the duties of certain state officers.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be created in the "Washington State Patrol" a division to be known as the "Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Division," which division shall be under the control of the "Chief of the Washington State Patrol" who, in addition to such other duties as may be imposed upon him by law, shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the safety of operation of all motor vehicles and the drivers of all such vehicles engaged in the transportation of persons or property in any commercial enterprise upon the public highways of this state. The "Chief of the Washington State Patrol" shall appoint the necessary qualified personnel to carry out the provisions of this act.

Creation of
Motor Safety
Division.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the "Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Division" to cooperate with and aid similar agencies and officers of the various states and the Federal Government, and particularly the Interstate Commerce Commission, appointed to

Duties.

similar responsibilities and duties within their respective jurisdictions.

Recommendations.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the "Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Division" to make a study of the present motor carrier safety regulations established under the laws of this state and the Federal Government in order that the "Chief of the Washington State Patrol" may make necessary and proper recommendations to the legislature and state departments from time to time to bring about uniformity between the motor vehicle safety regulations of the Federal Government and this state.

Rules.

SEC. 4. The "Chief of the Washington State Patrol" shall make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act: *Provided, however,* That his authority in that respect and in the administration of this act shall be limited to the scope of the highway safety regulations established by the Federal Government under the Interstate Commerce Act.

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