

bus shall be equipped with three axles: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the ((operation)) route of any such auto stage or school bus upon or across the public highways within the jurisdictional boundaries of any city or county shall be limited as determined by the state highway commission after consultation and agreement with the local legislative authority, and the operation of any such school bus upon the public highway shall be limited as determined by the superintendent of public instruction in the manner provided for in RCW 46.61.380.

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.

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CHAPTER 54

[House Bill No. 1382]

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE FEES AND EXCISES—FRACTIONAL PERIODS— FIRST TIME LICENSING

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle license registration; amending section 46.16.130, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 5, chapter 118, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.130; amending section 82.44.060, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 14, chapter 118, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 82.44.060; and providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 46.16.130, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 5, chapter 118, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 46.16.130 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever an application is made for a license on a motor truck, trailer, tractor, semitrailer, for hire vehicle, bus, or auto stage subsequent to the end of the first registration quarter of any registration year, the license fees based on gross weight or seating capacity of such vehicles shall be computed as follows:

Upon vehicles above described licensed in this state during the second registration quarter, the license fees imposed by this section for such year shall be reduced by one-fourth thereof; upon vehicles licensed in this state during the third registration quarter, the license fees shall be reduced by one-half thereof; and upon vehicles licensed in this state during the fourth registration quarter, the license fees shall be reduced by three-fourths thereof(~~(: PROVIDED, That such reductions shall not apply to special permits nor to vehicles licensed during the immediately preceding registration year)~~).

Sec. 2. Section 82.44.060, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 14, chapter 118, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 82.44.060 are each amended to read as follows:

The excise tax hereby imposed shall be due and payable to the department of motor vehicles or its agents at the time of registration of a motor vehicle. Whenever an application is made to the department of motor vehicles or its agents for a license for a motor vehicle there shall be collected, in addition to the amount of the license fee or renewal license fee, the amount of the excise tax imposed by this chapter prorated to comply with the effective date of the annual schedule prepared pursuant to RCW 82.44.040, and no dealer's license or license plates, and no license or license plates for a motor vehicle shall be issued unless such tax is paid in full. The excise tax hereby imposed shall be collected for each registration year: PROVIDED, That the excise tax upon a motor vehicle licensed for the first time in this state after the last day of any registration month shall only be levied for the remaining months of the registration year including the month in which the motor vehicle is being licensed: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the tax shall in no case be less than two dollars.

A motor vehicle shall be deemed licensed for the first time in this state when such vehicle was not previously licensed by this state for the registration year immediately preceding the registration year in which the application for license is made ~~((and))~~ or when the vehicle has ~~((not))~~ been registered in another jurisdiction ~~((in the intervening period))~~ subsequent to any prior registration in this state.

No additional tax shall be imposed under this chapter upon any vehicle upon the transfer of ownership thereof if the tax imposed with respect to such vehicle has already been paid for the registration year or fraction of a registration year in which transfer of ownership occurs.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This 1976 amendatory act shall take effect on January 1, 1977.

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