

portions of such funds to the payee, or his legal representative, upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of his right thereto. After the ten years, the supervisor shall cancel all such checks remaining in his possession and issue his check payable to the state treasurer for the amount thereof together with any other liquidating funds, and deliver them to him. Such payment shall escheat to the state without further legal proceedings.

SEC. 12. Section 33.20.160, RCW, being section 98, chapter 235, Laws of 1945, is hereby repealed. Repealing  
clause.

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## CHAPTER 72.

[ S. B. 194. ]

### MOTOR VEHICLES—MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHTS.

AN ACT relating to the maximum gross weight of vehicles operating upon the public highways; and amending section 46.44.044, RCW.

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

SECTION 1. Section 46.44.044, RCW, derived from section 28, chapter 269, Laws of 1951, is hereby amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Subject to the maximum axle and gross weights specified in subsection (1) of RCW 46.44.040, it is unlawful to operate any motor vehicle or combination of vehicles unless the same comply with both subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section.

(a) The total gross weight, including load, on any group of axles of a vehicle or combination of vehicles, where the distance between the first and last axles of any group of axles is eighteen feet or Maximum  
total gross  
load.

under, shall not exceed that set forth in the following table:

<i>Wheelbase of any group of axles of a vehicle or combination of vehicles (feet)</i>	<i>Allowed load in pounds on group of axles</i>
3 feet 6 inches.....	32,000
4 .....	32,000
5 .....	32,000
6 .....	32,000
7 .....	32,000
8 .....	32,610
9 .....	33,580
10 .....	34,550
11 .....	35,550
12 .....	36,830
13 .....	38,350
14 .....	39,870
15 .....	41,400
16 .....	42,930
17 .....	44,459
18 .....	46,000

(b) Where the wheelbase of any vehicle or combination of vehicles is eighteen feet or more, the gross weight including load of the vehicle or combination of vehicles must not exceed that given for the respective distances in the following table:

<i>Wheelbase of vehicle or combination of vehicles in feet</i>	<i>Allowed load in pounds</i>
18 .....	46,000
19 .....	47,000
20 .....	48,000
21 .....	49,000
22 .....	50,000
23 .....	51,340
24 .....	52,670
25 .....	54,000
26 .....	55,100
27 .....	56,200
28 .....	57,400
29 .....	58,500
30 .....	59,500
31 .....	60,300
32 .....	61,140
33 .....	61,710
34 .....	62,280

<i>Wheelbase of vehicle or combination of vehicles in feet</i>	<i>Allowed load in pounds</i>
35 .....	62,860
36 .....	63,430
37 .....	64,000
38 .....	64,500
39 .....	65,000
40 .....	65,500
41 .....	66,000
42 .....	66,500
43 .....	67,000
44 .....	67,500
45 .....	68,000
46 .....	68,500
47 .....	69,000
48 .....	69,500
49 .....	70,000
50 .....	70,500
51 .....	71,000
52 .....	71,500
53 or over.....	72,000

When inches are involved: Under six inches take lower; six inches or over take higher.

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## CHAPTER 73.

[ S. B. 9. ]

### SURVIVAL OF ACTIONS—DEATH OF TORT FEASOR— EVIDENCE.

AN ACT relating to survival of actions for bodily injuries, property damage or wrongful death upon death of the tortfeasor.

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

SECTION 1. No claim for damages for bodily injuries, property damage, or wrongful death shall abate by reason of the death of the tortfeasor or of any other person liable for damages for such bodily injury, property damage or wrongful death: *Provided, however,* That the plaintiff shall not re-

Survival of action on death of tortfeasor.

Testimony of injured person alone insufficient.