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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5534

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By Senators Vognild and Prince

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1            AN ACT Relating to terminal safety audits of private carriers; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 81.80 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 81.80 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1)(a) The commission has the authority to conduct terminal safety  
7 audits of private carriers as defined in RCW 81.80.010(6). Only those  
8 private carriers operating vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating  
9 or gross combination weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds, or those  
10 vehicles used in the transportation of hazardous materials in a  
11 quantity requiring placarding are subject to the commission's terminal  
12 audits.

13            (b) For purposes of this section, only those private carriers that  
14 (i) have terminal operations located in the state of Washington, and  
15 (ii) operate fleets of three or more vehicles are subject to commission  
16 jurisdiction. The Washington state patrol will continue to conduct  
17 highway safety inspections for all private carriers.

18            (2)(a) Those motor vehicles normally owned and operated by farmers  
19 in the transportation of their own farm, orchard, or dairy products,

1 including livestock and plant or animal wastes from point of production  
2 to market, or in transporting farm machinery or farm supplies to or  
3 from a farm owned by the farmer are exempt from this section, but only  
4 if the vehicle is not used to transport hazardous materials of a type  
5 or quantity that require the vehicle to be placarded or operated within  
6 one hundred fifty air miles of the farmer's farm.

7 (b) Those motor vehicles that are owned and operated by the United  
8 States government, Washington state, or any county, city, or  
9 municipality are exempt from this section.

10 (3) Private carriers operating terminals in the state of Washington  
11 and having motor vehicles with a gross weight rating or gross  
12 combination weight rating of 26,001 pounds shall register with the  
13 commission. The commission shall establish, by rule, a fee not to  
14 exceed fifty dollars for an application filed by a private motor  
15 carrier who has not filed a currently effective application for  
16 registration. The commission shall establish, by rule, an annual  
17 regulatory fee not to exceed ten dollars per vehicle.

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