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By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Morris, Benton, Sheldon, Pennington, Basich, Chappell, Kessler, Schoesler, Boldt, Hatfield, Stevens and Johnson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to farm vehicle exceptions to commercial driver's
2 license requirements; and amending RCW 46.25.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.25.050 and 1990 c 56 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Drivers of commercial motor vehicles shall obtain a commercial
7 driver's license as required under this chapter by April 1, 1992. The
8 director shall establish a program to convert all qualified commercial
9 motor vehicle drivers by that date. After April 1, 1992, except when
10 driving under a commercial driver's instruction permit and a valid
11 automobile or classified license and accompanied by the holder of a
12 commercial driver's license valid for the vehicle being driven, no
13 person may drive a commercial motor vehicle unless the person holds and
14 is in immediate possession of a commercial driver's license and
15 applicable endorsements valid for the vehicle they are driving.
16 However, this requirement does not apply to any person:

17 (a) Who is the operator of a farm vehicle, and the vehicle is:

18 (i) Controlled and operated by a farmer;

1 (ii) Used to transport either agricultural products, which in this
2 section include Christmas trees and wood products harvested from
3 private tree farms, farm machinery, farm supplies, or any combination
4 of those materials to or from a farm;

5 (iii) Not used in the operations of a common or contract motor
6 carrier; and

7 (iv) Used within one hundred fifty miles of the person's farm; or

8 (b) Who is a fire fighter or law enforcement officer operating
9 emergency equipment, and:

10 (i) The fire fighter or law enforcement officer has successfully
11 completed a driver training course approved by the director; and

12 (ii) The fire fighter or law enforcement officer carries a
13 certificate attesting to the successful completion of the approved
14 training course; or

15 (c) Who is operating a recreational vehicle for noncommercial
16 purposes. As used in this section, "recreational vehicle" includes a
17 vehicle towing a horse trailer for a noncommercial purpose.

18 (2) No person may drive a commercial motor vehicle while his or her
19 driving privilege is suspended, revoked, or canceled, while subject to
20 disqualification, or in violation of an out-of-service order.
21 Violations of this subsection shall be punished in the same way as
22 violations of RCW 46.20.342(1).

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