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1 AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle trip permits; amending RCW  
2 46.16.160; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.160 and 1996 c 184 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The owner of a vehicle which under reciprocal relations with  
7 another jurisdiction would be required to obtain a license registration  
8 in this state or an unlicensed vehicle which would be required to  
9 obtain a license registration for operation on public highways of this  
10 state may, as an alternative to such license registration, secure and  
11 operate such vehicle under authority of a trip permit issued by this  
12 state in lieu of a Washington certificate of license registration, and  
13 licensed gross weight if applicable. The licensed gross weight may not  
14 exceed eighty thousand pounds for a combination of vehicles nor forty  
15 thousand pounds for a single unit vehicle with three or more axles.  
16 Trip permits may also be issued for movement of mobile homes pursuant  
17 to RCW 46.44.170. For the purpose of this section, a vehicle is  
18 considered unlicensed if the licensed gross weight currently in effect  
19 for the vehicle or combination of vehicles is not adequate for the load

1 being carried. Vehicles registered under RCW 46.16.135 shall not be  
2 operated under authority of trip permits in lieu of further  
3 registration within the same registration year.

4 (2) Each trip permit shall authorize the operation of a single  
5 vehicle at the maximum legal weight limit for such vehicle for a period  
6 of three consecutive days commencing with the day of first use. No  
7 more than three such permits may be used for any one vehicle in any  
8 period of thirty consecutive days(~~(, except that in the case of a~~  
9 ~~recreational vehicle as defined in RCW 43.22.335, no more than two trip~~  
10 ~~permits may be used for any one vehicle in a one year period)~~). Every  
11 permit shall identify, as the department may require, the vehicle for  
12 which it is issued and shall be completed in its entirety and signed by  
13 the operator before operation of the vehicle on the public highways of  
14 this state. Correction of data on the permit such as dates, license  
15 number, or vehicle identification number invalidates the permit. The  
16 trip permit shall be displayed on the vehicle to which it is issued as  
17 prescribed by the department.

18 (3) Vehicles operating under authority of trip permits are subject  
19 to all laws, rules, and regulations affecting the operation of like  
20 vehicles in this state.

21 (4) Prorate operators operating commercial vehicles on trip permits  
22 in Washington shall retain the customer copy of such permit for four  
23 years.

24 (5) Trip permits may be obtained from field offices of the  
25 department of transportation, Washington state patrol, department of  
26 licensing, or other agents appointed by the department. For each  
27 permit issued, there shall be collected a filing fee as provided by RCW  
28 46.01.140, an administrative fee of eight dollars, and an excise tax of  
29 one dollar. If the filing fee amount of one dollar prescribed by RCW  
30 46.01.140 is increased or decreased after January 1, 1981, the  
31 administrative fee shall be adjusted to compensate for such change to  
32 insure that the total amount collected for the filing fee,  
33 administrative fee, and excise tax remain at ten dollars. These fees  
34 and taxes are in lieu of all other vehicle license fees and taxes. No  
35 exchange, credits, or refunds may be given for trip permits after they  
36 have been purchased.

37 (6) The department may appoint county auditors or businesses as  
38 agents for the purpose of selling trip permits to the public. County  
39 auditors or businesses so appointed may retain the filing fee collected

1 for each trip permit to defray expenses incurred in handling and  
2 selling the permits.

3 (7) A violation of or a failure to comply with any provision of  
4 this section is a gross misdemeanor.

5 (8) The department of licensing may adopt rules as it deems  
6 necessary to administer this section.

7 (9) All administrative fees and excise taxes collected under the  
8 provisions of this chapter shall be forwarded by the department with  
9 proper identifying detailed report to the state treasurer who shall  
10 deposit the administrative fees to the credit of the motor vehicle fund  
11 and the excise taxes to the credit of the general fund. Filing fees  
12 will be forwarded and reported to the state treasurer by the department  
13 as prescribed in RCW 46.01.140.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
16 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
17 July 1, 1997.

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