
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6684

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Horn, Goings, Rasmussen, Prentice, Prince and Oke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the powers and duties of commercial vehicle
2 enforcement officers and commercial vehicle officers; adding a new
3 section to chapter 43.43 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.43 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The powers and duties of the commercial vehicle enforcement
8 officers and commercial vehicle officers are to enforce state and
9 federal laws and regulations relating to motor transport carriers and
10 other related statutes and regulations as directed by law. Commercial
11 vehicle enforcement officers have the same law enforcement and arrest
12 authority as commissioned Washington state patrol officers as it
13 relates to situations involving commercial vehicles. This is limited
14 police authority and does not grant commercial vehicle enforcement
15 officers commissioned officers status or qualify those employees for
16 membership in the Washington state patrol retirement system. The
17 patrol shall provide the training necessary to ensure the safety and
18 success of the officers in the above-assigned duties.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** By December 31, 1998, the Washington state
2 patrol will complete and submit to the legislative transportation
3 committees for approval, a study to identify options for the transition
4 of commercial vehicle enforcement officer staff to Washington state
5 patrol commissioned officers. Once approved, the transition plan will
6 be implemented by June 30, 2001.

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