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1            AN ACT Relating to vehicle trip permits; and amending RCW  
2 46.16.160.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.160 and 1999 c 270 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) A licensed vehicle dealer as defined under RCW 46.70.011 or the  
7 owner of a commercial vehicle ((which under reciprocal relations with  
8 another jurisdiction would be required to obtain a license registration  
9 in this state or an unlicensed vehicle which would be required to  
10 obtain a license registration for operation on public highways of this  
11 state may, as an alternative to such license registration,)) or the  
12 owner of a vehicle used primarily for agricultural purposes may secure  
13 and operate such vehicle under authority of a trip permit issued by  
14 this state in lieu of a Washington certificate of license registration,  
15 and licensed gross weight if applicable. The licensed gross weight may  
16 not exceed eighty thousand pounds for a combination of vehicles nor  
17 forty thousand pounds for a single unit vehicle with three or more  
18 axles. Trip permits may also be issued for movement of mobile homes  
19 pursuant to RCW 46.44.170. For the purpose of this section, a vehicle

1 is considered unlicensed if the licensed gross weight currently in  
2 effect for the vehicle or combination of vehicles is not adequate for  
3 the load being carried. Vehicles registered under RCW 46.16.135 shall  
4 not be operated under authority of trip permits in lieu of further  
5 registration within the same registration year.

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

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

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

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

1       (6) (~~The department may appoint county auditors or businesses as~~  
2 ~~agents for the purpose of selling trip permits to the public. County~~  
3 ~~auditors or businesses so appointed may retain the filing fee collected~~  
4 ~~for each trip permit to defray expenses incurred in handling and~~  
5 ~~selling the permits.~~

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

8       ~~((8))~~ (7) The department of licensing may adopt rules as it deems  
9 necessary to administer this section.

10       ~~((9))~~ (8) A surcharge of five dollars is imposed on the issuance  
11 of trip permits. The portion of the surcharge paid by motor carriers  
12 must be deposited in the motor vehicle fund for the purpose of  
13 supporting vehicle weigh stations, weigh-in-motion programs, and the  
14 commercial vehicle information systems and networks program. The  
15 remaining portion of the surcharge must be deposited in the motor  
16 vehicle fund for the purpose of supporting congestion relief programs.  
17 All other administrative fees and excise taxes collected under the  
18 provisions of this chapter shall be forwarded by the department with  
19 proper identifying detailed report to the state treasurer who shall  
20 deposit the administrative fees to the credit of the motor vehicle fund  
21 and the excise taxes to the credit of the general fund. Filing fees  
22 will be forwarded and reported to the state treasurer by the department  
23 as prescribed in RCW 46.01.140.

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