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By Senator Hochstatter

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1 AN ACT Relating to recreational vehicles towing trailers; and
2 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 1995 c 393 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 and transported by vehicles weighing no more than
4 forty thousand pounds licensed gross vehicle weight, farm machinery,
5 farm supplies, or any combination of those materials to or from a farm;
6 (iii) Not used in the operations of a common or contract motor
7 carrier; and
8 (iv) Used within one hundred fifty miles of the person's farm; or
9 (b) Who is a fire fighter or law enforcement officer operating
10 emergency equipment, and:
11 (i) The fire fighter or law enforcement officer has successfully
12 completed a driver training course approved by the director; and
13 (ii) The fire fighter or law enforcement officer carries a
14 certificate attesting to the successful completion of the approved
15 training course; or
16 (c) Who is operating a recreational vehicle for noncommercial
17 purposes. As used in this section, "recreational vehicle" includes a
18 vehicle towing, for noncommercial purposes, a horse trailer (~~for a~~
19 ~~noncommercial purpose~~), utility trailer, travel trailer, or boat
20 trailer.
21 (2) No person may drive a commercial motor vehicle while his or her
22 driving privilege is suspended, revoked, or canceled, while subject to
23 disqualification, or in violation of an out-of-service order.
24 Violations of this subsection shall be punished in the same way as
25 violations of RCW 46.20.342(1).

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