

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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TOW TRUCK PERMIT FEES

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Yeas 95 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

Approved March 24, 2004.

GARY F. LOCKE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1589** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

**Chief Clerk**

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By Representatives Murray and Woods

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1            AN ACT Relating to tow truck permit fees; amending RCW 46.44.0941;  
2 and repealing RCW 46.44.015.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.0941 and 1995 c 171 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            The following fees, in addition to the regular license and tonnage  
7 fees, shall be paid for all movements under special permit made upon  
8 state highways. All funds collected, except the amount retained by  
9 authorized agents of the department as provided in RCW 46.44.096, shall  
10 be forwarded to the state treasury and shall be deposited in the motor  
11 vehicle fund:

12 All overlegal loads, except overweight, single  
13        trip . . . . . \$ 10.00  
14 Continuous operation of overlegal loads  
15        having either overwidth or overheight  
16        features only, for a period not to exceed  
17        thirty days . . . . . \$ 20.00  
18 Continuous operations of overlegal loads  
19        having overlength features only, for a

1	period not to exceed thirty days . . . . .	\$ 10.00
2	Continuous operation of a combination of	
3	vehicles having one trailing unit that	
4	exceeds fifty-three feet and is not	
5	more than fifty-six feet in length, for	
6	a period of one year . . . . .	\$ 100.00
7	Continuous operation of a combination of	
8	vehicles having two trailing units	
9	which together exceed sixty-one feet and	
10	are not more than sixty-eight feet in	
11	length, for a period of one year . . . . .	\$ 100.00
12	Continuous operation of a three-axle fixed	
13	load vehicle having less than 65,000	
14	pounds gross weight, for a period not	
15	to exceed thirty days . . . . .	\$ 70.00
16	Continuous operation of a four-axle fixed load	
17	vehicle meeting the requirements of	
18	RCW 46.44.091(1) and weighing less than	
19	86,000 pounds gross weight, not to exceed	
20	thirty days . . . . .	\$ 90.00
21	Continuous movement of a mobile home or manufactured	
22	home having nonreducible features not to	
23	exceed eighty-five feet in total length and	
24	fourteen feet in width, for a period of	
25	one year . . . . .	\$ 150.00
26	<u>Continuous operation of a class C tow truck or a</u>	
27	<u>class E tow truck with a class C rating while</u>	
28	<u>performing emergency and nonemergency tows of</u>	
29	<u>oversize or overweight, or both, vehicles and</u>	
30	<u>vehicle combinations, under rules adopted by the</u>	
31	<u>transportation commission, for a period of one year . . .</u>	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
32	<u>Continuous operation of a class B tow truck or a</u>	
33	<u>class E tow truck with a class B rating while</u>	
34	<u>performing emergency and nonemergency tows of</u>	
35	<u>oversize or overweight, or both, vehicles and</u>	
36	<u>vehicle combinations, under rules adopted by the</u>	
37	<u>transportation commission, for a period of one year . . .</u>	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
38	Continuous operation of a two or three-axle	

1 collection truck, actually engaged in the  
 2 collection of solid waste or recyclables,  
 3 or both, under chapter 81.77 or 35.21 RCW  
 4 or by contract under RCW 36.58.090, for  
 5 one year with an additional six thousand  
 6 pounds more than the weight authorized in  
 7 RCW 46.16.070 on the rear axle of a two-axle  
 8 truck or eight thousand pounds for the tandem  
 9 axles of a three-axle truck. RCW 46.44.041  
 10 and 46.44.091 notwithstanding, the tire limits  
 11 specified in RCW 46.44.042 apply, but none of  
 12 the excess weight is valid or may be permitted  
 13 on any part of the federal interstate highway  
 14 system . . . . . \$ 42.00  
 15 per thousand pounds

16 The department may issue any of the above-listed permits that  
 17 involve height, length, or width for an expanded period of consecutive  
 18 months, not to exceed one year.

19 Continuous operation of farm implements under a permit issued as  
 20 authorized by RCW 46.44.140 by:

- 21 (1) Farmers in the course of farming activities,  
 22 for any three-month period . . . . . \$ 10.00
- 23 (2) Farmers in the course of farming activities,  
 24 for a period not to exceed one year . . . . . \$ 25.00
- 25 (3) Persons engaged in the business of the  
 26 sale, repair, or maintenance of such  
 27 farm implements, for any three-month period . . . . . \$ 25.00
- 28 (4) Persons engaged in the business of the  
 29 sale, repair, or maintenance of such  
 30 farm implements, for a period not to  
 31 exceed one year . . . . . \$ 100.00

32 Overweight Fee Schedule

33 Excess weight over legal capacity, 34 as provided in RCW 46.44.041.	Cost per mile.
35 0- 9,999 pounds . . . . .	\$ .07

1	10,000-14,999 pounds .....	\$ .14
2	15,000-19,999 pounds .....	\$ .21
3	20,000-24,999 pounds .....	\$ .28
4	25,000-29,999 pounds .....	\$ .35
5	30,000-34,999 pounds .....	\$ .49
6	35,000-39,999 pounds .....	\$ .63
7	40,000-44,999 pounds .....	\$ .79
8	45,000-49,999 pounds .....	\$ .93
9	50,000-54,999 pounds .....	\$ 1.14
10	55,000-59,999 pounds .....	\$ 1.35
11	60,000-64,999 pounds .....	\$ 1.56
12	65,000-69,999 pounds .....	\$ 1.77
13	70,000-74,999 pounds .....	\$ 2.12
14	75,000-79,999 pounds .....	\$ 2.47
15	80,000-84,999 pounds .....	\$ 2.82
16	85,000-89,999 pounds .....	\$ 3.17
17	90,000-94,999 pounds .....	\$ 3.52
18	95,000-99,999 pounds .....	\$ 3.87
19	100,000 pounds .....	\$ 4.25

20 The fee for weights in excess of 100,000 pounds is \$4.25 plus fifty  
21 cents for each 5,000 pound increment or portion thereof exceeding  
22 100,000 pounds.

23 PROVIDED: (a) The minimum fee for any overweight permit shall be  
24 \$14.00, (b) the fee for issuance of a duplicate permit shall be \$14.00,  
25 (c) when computing overweight fees prescribed in this section or in RCW  
26 46.44.095 that result in an amount less than even dollars the fee shall  
27 be carried to the next full dollar if fifty cents or over and shall be  
28 reduced to the next full dollar if forty-nine cents or under.

29 The fees levied in this section and RCW 46.44.095 do not apply to  
30 vehicles owned and operated by the state of Washington, a county within  
31 the state, a city or town or metropolitan municipal corporation within  
32 the state, or the federal government.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.44.015 (Tow truck exemptions) and  
34 1991 c 276 s 1 are each repealed.

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