
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6273

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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen and Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the nondivisible gross weight limit of farm
2 implements on public highways; and amending RCW 46.44.140.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.140 and 1984 c 7 s 60 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 In addition to any other special permits authorized by law, special
7 permits may be issued by the department of transportation for a
8 quarterly or annual period upon such terms and conditions as it finds
9 proper for the movement of (1) farm implements used for the cutting or
10 threshing of mature crops; or (2) other farm implements that may be
11 identified by rule of the department of transportation. Any farm
12 implement moved under this section must (~~have a gross weight less than~~
13 ~~forty-five~~) comply with RCW 46.44.091, have a gross weight of less
14 than sixty-five thousand pounds, and have a total outside width of less
15 than twenty feet while being moved, and such movement must be
16 patrolled, flagged, lighted, signed, at a time of day, and otherwise in
17 accordance with rules hereby authorized to be adopted by the department
18 of transportation for the control of such movements.

1 Applications for and permits issued under this section shall
2 provide for a description of the farm implements to be moved, the
3 approximate dates of movement, and the routes of movement so far as
4 they are reasonably known to the applicant at the time of application,
5 but the permit shall not be limited to these circumstances but shall be
6 general in its application except as limited by the statutes and rules
7 adopted by the department of transportation.

8 A copy of the governing permit shall be carried on the farm
9 implement being moved during the period of its movement. The
10 department shall collect a fee as provided in RCW 46.44.0941.

11 Violation of a term or condition under which a permit was issued,
12 of a rule adopted by the department of transportation as authorized by
13 this section, or of a term of this section is a traffic infraction.

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