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1 AN ACT Relating to farm vehicle exceptions to commercial driver's  
2 license requirements; and 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 1990 c 56 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, including a vehicle used  
18 in the transportation of trees by a small harvester, as defined by the  
19 department of revenue, and the vehicle is:

1 (i) Controlled and operated by a farmer, including a person engaged  
2 in the harvest of trees as defined by the department of revenue;  
3 (ii) Used to transport either agricultural products, trees, farm  
4 machinery, farm supplies, or any combination of those materials to or  
5 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 a horse trailer for a noncommercial purpose.  
19 (2) No person may drive a commercial motor vehicle while his or her  
20 driving privilege is suspended, revoked, or canceled, while subject to  
21 disqualification, or in violation of an out-of-service order.  
22 Violations of this subsection shall be punished in the same way as  
23 violations of RCW 46.20.342(1).

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