
Transportation Committee

SSB 5763

Brief Description: Concerning collector truck operators.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Wagoner, Takko and Honeyford).

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Exempts from commercial driver's license requirements operators of commercial motor vehicles that meet the definition of collector trucks, which are prohibited from being used for commercial purposes.

Hearing Date: 3/18/19

Staff: Jennifer Harris (786-7143).

Background:

The operation of commercial motor vehicles is regulated by federal and state law. In the United States, a commercial driver's license (CDL) or commercial learner's permit (CLP) is required to operate any motor vehicle that meets the following criteria:

- has a gross combination weight rating or gross combination weight of 26,001 pounds or more, whichever is greater, inclusive of a towed unit or units with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of more than 10,000 pounds;
- has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of 26,001 pounds or more, whichever is greater;
- is designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver; or
- is of any size and is used in the transportation of hazardous materials as defined in federal law.

In Washington, the CDL requirement does not apply to any person who is:

- the operator of a farm vehicle, when the farm vehicle is controlled and operated by a farmer and is used to transport agricultural products, farm machinery, farm supplies,

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animal manure, animal manure compost, or any combination of these materials, to or from a farm;

- a firefighter or law enforcement officer operating emergency equipment who has successfully completed a driver training course approved by the Department of Licensing and carries a certificate attesting to its successful completion;
- operating a recreational vehicle for noncommercial purposes; or
- operating a commercial motor vehicle for military purposes.

Summary of Bill:

The CDL requirement does not apply to any person who is a collector truck operator using a vehicle in a manner consistent with the definition of collector truck.

A "collector truck" is defined as a vehicle that:

1. has a current registration;
2. is older than 30 years old;
3. meets the weight criteria for commercial motor vehicles;
4. is capable of being safely operated on the highway;
5. is used for the occasional use of traveling to and from truck conventions, auto shows, circuses, parades, displays, special excursions, and antique vehicle club meetings;
6. is used for the pleasure of others without compensation; and
7. is not used in the operations of a common or contract motor carrier (which undertake the transportation of property for compensation) and is not used for commercial purposes.

A "collector truck operator" is defined as an operator of a noncommercial vehicle that is exclusively owned and operated as a collector truck.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on October 1, 2019.