

**SENATE BILL 5295**

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**By Senators Conner, Patterson, Stratton and Nelson.**

Read first time January 28, 1991.      Referred to Committee on  
Transportation.

1            AN ACT Relating to identification of trucks; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 81.80 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 81.80 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            All motor carriers other than exempt carriers shall display an  
7 identifying name or number on both sides of the power units of their  
8 trucks that singly or in combination are more than twenty-six thousand  
9 pounds gross vehicle weight. The identification shall be in a clearly  
10 legible style with letters no less than three inches high and in a  
11 color contrasting with the surrounding body panel. This does not apply  
12 to trucks and trailers under lease, except that such equipment shall  
13 bear a placard indicating the name and permit number of the operator of  
14 the equipment.

1       The commission may authorize the carrier to use initials, insignia,  
2 decals, or other devices when in the opinion of the commission that  
3 device adequately identifies the carrier.

4       If the truck is operated under a permit from the commission, the  
5 identification shall contain the name of the permittee, or business  
6 name, and the permit number. If the truck is a private carrier, the  
7 identification shall contain the name and address of either the  
8 business operating the truck or the registered owner.

9       Common carriers who hold both intrastate and interstate authority  
10 between points within the state and also have interstate authority  
11 between points in the state and points outside the state may display  
12 either their ICC permit number or their commission permit number.