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Transportation.

1 AN ACT Relating to apportionment of fees and taxes for Washington-
2 based nonpower vehicles; and amending RCW 46.87.140.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.87.140 and 1990 c 42 s 114 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Any owner engaged in interstate operations of one or more
7 fleets of apportionable or commercial vehicles may, in lieu of
8 registration of the vehicles under chapter 46.16 RCW, register and
9 license the vehicles of each fleet under this chapter by filing a
10 proportional registration application for each fleet with the
11 department. The nonmotor vehicles of Washington-based fleets which are
12 operated in IRP jurisdictions that require registration of such
13 vehicles may be proportionally registered for operation in those
14 jurisdictions as herein provided. The application shall contain the

1 following information and such other information pertinent to vehicle
2 registration as the department may require:

3 (a) A description and identification of each vehicle of the fleet.
4 Motor vehicles and nonpower units shall be placed in separate fleets.

5 (b) If registering under the provisions of the IRP, the registrant
6 shall also indicate member jurisdictions in which registration is
7 desired and furnish such other information as those member
8 jurisdictions require.

9 (c) An original or renewal application shall also be accompanied by
10 a mileage schedule for each fleet.

11 (2) Each application shall, at the time and in the manner required
12 by the department, be supported by payment of a fee computed as
13 follows:

14 (a) Divide the in-jurisdiction miles by the total miles and carry
15 the answer to the nearest thousandth of a percent (three places beyond
16 the decimal, e.g. 10.543%). This factor is known as the prorate
17 percentage.

18 (b) Determine the total proratable fees and taxes required for each
19 vehicle in the fleet for which registration is requested, based on the
20 regular annual fees and taxes or applicable fees and taxes for the
21 unexpired portion of the registration year under the laws of each
22 jurisdiction for which fees or taxes are to be calculated.

23 Washington-based nonpower vehicles shall normally be fully licensed, by
24 paying full registration fees and taxes, in this state. If these
25 vehicles are being operated in jurisdictions that require the
26 registration of such vehicles, the applicable vehicles may be
27 considered as apportionable vehicles for the purpose of registration in
28 those jurisdictions. The prorate percentage for which registration
29 fees and taxes were paid to such jurisdictions may be credited toward
30 the one hundred percent of registration fees and taxes due this state

1 for full licensing. However, in no case may the state of Washington
2 retain more than its pro rata percentage for the miles traveled in the
3 state of Washington. Applicable fees and taxes for vehicles of
4 Washington-based fleets are those prescribed under RCW 46.16.070,
5 46.16.085, 82.38.075, and 82.44.020, as applicable.

6 (c) Multiply the total, proratable fees or taxes for each vehicle
7 by the prorated percentage applicable to the desired jurisdiction and
8 round the results to the nearest cent.

9 (d) Add the total fees and taxes determined in subsection (2)(c) of
10 this section for each vehicle to the nonproratable fees required under
11 the laws of the jurisdiction for which fees are being calculated.
12 Nonproratable fees required for vehicles of Washington-based fleets are
13 the administrative fee required by RCW 82.38.075, if applicable, and
14 the vehicle transaction fee pursuant to the provisions of RCW
15 46.87.130.

16 (e) Add the total fees and taxes determined in subsection (2)(d) of
17 this section for each vehicle listed on the application. Assuming the
18 fees and taxes calculated were for Washington, this would be the amount
19 due and payable for the application under the provisions of the Western
20 Compact. Under the provisions of the IRP, the amount due and payable
21 for the application would be the sum of the fees and taxes referred to
22 in subsection (2)(d) of this section, calculated for each member
23 jurisdiction in which registration of the fleet is desired.

24 (3) All assessments for proportional registration fees are due and
25 payable in United States funds on the date presented or mailed to the
26 registrant at the address listed in the proportional registration
27 records of the department. The registrant may petition for
28 reassessment of the fees or taxes due under this section within thirty
29 days of the date of original service as provided for in this chapter.