
SENATE BILL 6449

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By Senator Conner

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1 AN ACT Relating to vessels hauling freight in a regulated launch
2 service on state waters; amending RCW 81.84.010; and prescribing
3 penalties.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 81.84.010 and 1961 c 14 s 81.84.010 are each amended
6 to read as follows:

7 No steamboat company shall hereafter operate any vessel or ferry
8 for the public use for hire between fixed termini or over a regular
9 route upon the waters within this state, including the rivers and lakes
10 and Puget Sound, without first applying for and obtaining from the
11 commission a certificate declaring that public convenience and
12 necessity require such operation(~~(:—PROVIDED, That no certificate~~
13 ~~shall be required for a vessel primarily engaged in transporting~~
14 ~~freight other than vehicles, whose gross earnings from the~~

1 ~~transportation of passengers and/or vehicles, are not more than ten~~
2 ~~percent of the total gross earnings of such vessel: PROVIDED, That)).~~
3 Nothing herein shall be construed to affect the right of any county
4 within this state to construct, condemn, purchase, operate or maintain,
5 itself or by contract, agreement or lease, with any person, firm or
6 corporation, ferries or boats across or wharfs at or upon the waters
7 within this state, including rivers and lakes and Puget Sound, provided
8 such operation is not over the same route or between the same
9 districts, being served by a certificate carrier, nor shall this
10 chapter be construed to affect, amend or invalidate any contract
11 entered into prior to January 15, 1927, for the operation of ferries or
12 boats upon the waters within this state, which was entered into in good
13 faith by any county with any person, firm, or corporation, except that
14 in case of the operation or maintenance by any county, city, town, port
15 district, or other political subdivision by contract, agreement, or
16 lease with any person, firm, or corporation, of ferries or boats across
17 or wharfs at or upon the waters within this state, including rivers and
18 lakes and Puget Sound, the commission shall have power and authority to
19 regulate rates and services of such operation or maintenance of
20 ferries, boats, or wharfs, to make, fix, alter or amend said rates, and
21 to regulate service and safety of operations thereof, in the manner and
22 to the same extent as it is empowered to regulate a steamboat company,
23 notwithstanding the provisions of any act or parts of acts inconsistent
24 herewith.