

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5295**

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TRUCK IDENTIFICATION--REQUIREMENTS

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Yeas 31 Nays 14

JOEL PRITCHARD  
**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 9, 1991  
Yeas 95 Nays 0

JOE KING  
**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved May 17, 1991

CERTIFICATE

I, Gordon Golob, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5295** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

GORDON A. GOLOB  
**Secretary**

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BOOTH GARDNER  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**



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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**State of Washington                      52nd Legislature                      1991 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Conner, Patterson, Stratton and Nelson).

Read first time February 21, 1991.

1            AN ACT Relating to identification of trucks; amending RCW  
2 81.80.300; and adding a new 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            (1) All motor vehicles, other than those exempt under subsection  
7 (2) of this section, must display a permanent marking identifying the  
8 name or number, or both, on each side of the power units. For a motor  
9 vehicle that is a common or contract carrier under permit by the  
10 commission as described in subsection (3)(a), a private carrier under  
11 subsection (4), or a leased carrier as described in subsection (5) of  
12 this section, any required identification that is added, modified, or  
13 renewed after September 1, 1991, must be displayed on the driver and  
14 passenger doors of the power unit. The identification must be in a

1 clearly legible style with letters no less than three inches high and  
2 in a color contrasting with the surrounding body panel.

3 (2) This section does not apply to (a) vehicles exempt under RCW  
4 81.80.040, and (b) vehicles operated by private carriers that singly or  
5 in combination are less than thirty-six thousand pounds gross vehicle  
6 weight.

7 (3) If the motor vehicle is operated as (a) a common or contract  
8 carrier under a permit by the commission, the identification must  
9 contain the name of the permittee, or business name, and the permit  
10 number, or (b) a common or contract carrier holding both intrastate and  
11 interstate authority, the identification may be either the ICC  
12 certificate number or commission permit number.

13 (4) If the motor vehicle is a private carrier, the identification  
14 must contain the name and address of either the business operating the  
15 vehicle or the registered owner.

16 (5) If the motor vehicle is operated under lease, the vehicle must  
17 display either permanent markings or placards on the driver and  
18 passenger doors of the power unit. A motor vehicle under lease (a)  
19 that is operated as a common or contract carrier under permit by the  
20 commission must display identification as provided in subsection (3)(a)  
21 of this section, and (b) that is operated as a private carrier must  
22 display identification as provided in subsection (4) of this section.

23 **Sec. 2.** RCW 81.80.300 and 1985 c 7 s 152 are each amended to read  
24 as follows:

25 The commission shall prescribe an identification cab card and  
26 identification decal or stamp or number which must be carried within  
27 the cab of each motive power vehicle of each motor carrier required to  
28 have a permit under this chapter.

1 The identification cab card and the decal or stamp or number  
2 provided for herein may be in such form and contain such information as  
3 required by the commission.

4 It shall be unlawful for any "common carrier" or "contract carrier"  
5 to operate any motor vehicle within this state unless there is carried  
6 within the cab of the motive power vehicle, either operating as a solo  
7 vehicle or in combination with trailers, the identification cab card  
8 and decal or stamp or number required by this section and the payment  
9 by such carrier of a total fee of (~~three~~) up to ten dollars for each  
10 such decal or stamp or number plus the applicable gross weight fee  
11 prescribed by RCW 81.80.320: PROVIDED, That as to equipment operated  
12 between points in this state and points outside the state exclusively  
13 in interstate commerce, and as to equipment operated between points in  
14 this state and points outside the state in interstate commerce as well  
15 as points within this state in intrastate commerce, the commission may  
16 adopt rules and regulations specifying an alternative schedule of fees  
17 to that specified in RCW 81.80.320 as it may find to be reasonable and  
18 specifying the method of evidencing payment of such fees.

19 The commission may adopt rules and regulations imposing a reduced  
20 schedule of fees for short term operations, requiring reports of  
21 carriers, and imposing such conditions as the public interest may  
22 require with respect to the operation of such vehicles.

23 The commission shall not be required to collect the excise tax  
24 prescribed by RCW 82.44.020 for any fees collected under this chapter.

25 The decal or stamp or number required herein shall be issued  
26 annually under the rules and regulations of the commission, and shall  
27 be affixed to the identification cab card required by this section not  
28 later than February 1st of each year: PROVIDED, That such decal or  
29 stamp or number may be issued for the ensuing calendar year on and  
30 after the first day of November preceding and may be used from the date

1 of issue until February 1st of the succeeding calendar year for which  
2 the same was issued.

3 It shall be unlawful for the owner of said permit, his agent,  
4 servant or employee, or any other person to use or display any  
5 identification cab card and decal or stamp or number, the permit number  
6 or other insignia of authority from the commission after said permit  
7 has expired, been canceled or disposed of, or to operate any vehicle  
8 under permit without such identification cab card and decal or stamp or  
9 number.

10 The commission shall collect all fees provided in this section, and  
11 all such fees shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of  
12 the public service revolving fund.

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