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HOUSE BILL 2592

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By Representatives R. Fisher, Schmidt, Wood and Springer; by request of Department of Transportation

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1 AN ACT Relating to oversize and overweight vehicles and loads; and  
2 amending RCW 46.44.047 and 46.44.0941.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.047 and 1979 ex.s. c 136 s 74 are each amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 A three axle truck tractor and a two axle pole trailer combination  
7 engaged in the operation of hauling logs may exceed by not more than  
8 six thousand eight hundred pounds the legal gross weight of the  
9 combination of vehicles when licensed, as permitted by law, for sixty-  
10 eight thousand pounds: PROVIDED, That the distance between the first  
11 and last axle of the vehicles in combination shall have a total  
12 wheelbase of not less than thirty-seven feet, and the weight upon two  
13 axles spaced less than seven feet apart shall not exceed thirty-three  
14 thousand six hundred pounds.

15 Such additional allowances shall be permitted by a special permit  
16 to be issued by the department of transportation valid only on state  
17 primary or secondary highways authorized by the department and under  
18 such rules, regulations, terms, and conditions prescribed by the  
19 department. The fee for such special permit shall be fifty dollars for

1 a twelve-month period beginning and ending on April 1st of each  
2 calendar year. Permits may be issued at any time, but if issued after  
3 July 1st of any year the fee shall be thirty-seven dollars and fifty  
4 cents. If issued on or after October 1st the fee shall be twenty-five  
5 dollars, and if issued on or after January 1st the fee shall be twelve  
6 dollars and fifty cents. A copy of such special permit covering the  
7 vehicle involved shall be carried in the cab of the vehicle at all  
8 times. Upon the third offense within the duration of the permit for  
9 violation of the terms and conditions of the special permit, the  
10 special permit shall be canceled. The vehicle covered by such canceled  
11 special permit shall not be eligible for a new special permit until  
12 thirty days after the cancellation of the special permit issued to said  
13 vehicle. The fee for such renewal shall be at the same rate as set  
14 forth in this section which covers the original issuance of such  
15 special permit. Each special permit shall be assigned to a three-axle  
16 truck tractor in combination with a two-axle pole trailer. When the  
17 department issues a duplicate permit to replace a lost or destroyed  
18 permit and where the department transfers a permit, a fee of ((five))  
19 fourteen dollars shall be charged for each such duplicate issued or  
20 each such transfer.

21 All fees collected hereinabove shall be deposited with the state  
22 treasurer and credited to the motor vehicle fund.

23 Permits involving city streets or county roads or using city  
24 streets or county roads to reach or leave state highways, authorized  
25 for permit by the department may be issued by the city or county or  
26 counties involved. A fee of five dollars for such city or county  
27 permit may be assessed by the city or by the county legislative  
28 authority which shall be deposited in the city or county road fund.  
29 The special permit provided for herein shall be known as a "log  
30 tolerance permit" and shall designate the route or routes to be used,  
31 which shall first be approved by the city or county engineer involved.  
32 Authorization of additional route or routes may be made at the  
33 discretion of the city or county by amending the original permit or by  
34 issuing a new permit. Said permits shall be issued on a yearly basis  
35 expiring on March 31st of each calendar year. Any person, firm, or  
36 corporation who uses any city street or county road for the purpose of  
37 transporting logs with weights authorized by state highway log  
38 tolerance permits, to reach or leave a state highway route, without  
39 first obtaining a city or county permit when required by the city or

1 the county legislative authority shall be subject to the penalties  
2 prescribed by RCW 46.44.105. For the purpose of determining gross  
3 weight the actual scale weight taken by the officer shall be prima  
4 facie evidence of such total gross weight. In the event the gross  
5 weight is in excess of the weight permitted by law, the officer may,  
6 within his discretion, permit the operator to proceed with his vehicles  
7 in combination.

8 The chief of the state patrol, with the advice of the department,  
9 may make reasonable rules and regulations to aid in the enforcement of  
10 the provisions of this section.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.44.0941 and 1993 c 102 s 4 are each amended to read  
12 as follows:

13 The following fees, in addition to the regular license and tonnage  
14 fees, shall be paid for all movements under special permit made upon  
15 state highways. All funds collected, except the amount retained by  
16 authorized agents of the department as provided in RCW 46.44.096, shall  
17 be forwarded to the state treasury and shall be deposited in the motor  
18 vehicle fund:

19 All overlegal loads, except overweight, single	
20 trip.....	\$ 10.00
21 Continuous operation of overlegal loads	
22 having either overwidth or overheight	
23 features only, for a period not to exceed	
24 thirty days.....	\$ 20.00
25 Continuous operations of overlegal loads	
26 having overlength features only, for a	
27 period not to exceed thirty days.....	\$ 10.00
28 Continuous operation of a combination of	
29 vehicles having one trailing unit that	
30 exceeds forty-eight feet and is not	
31 more than fifty-six feet in length, for	
32 a period of one year.....	\$ 100.00
33 Continuous operation of a combination of	
34 vehicles having two trailing units	
35 which together exceed <u>sixty-one</u> feet and	
36 are not more than sixty-eight feet in	
37 length, for a period of one year.....	\$ 100.00
38 Continuous operation of a three-axle fixed	

1 load vehicle having less than 65,000  
2 pounds gross weight, for a period not  
3 to exceed thirty days.....\$ 70.00  
4 Continuous operation of a four-axle fixed load  
5 vehicle meeting the requirements of  
6 RCW 46.44.091(1) and weighing less than  
7 86,000 pounds gross weight, not to exceed  
8 thirty days.....\$ 90.00  
9 Continuous (~~operation of overlegal loads~~)  
10 movement of a mobile home or manufactured home  
11 having nonreducible features not to  
12 exceed eighty-five feet in total length and  
13 fourteen feet in width, for a period of  
14 one year.....\$ 150.00  
15 Continuous operation of a two or three-axle  
16 collection truck, actually engaged in the  
17 collection of solid waste or recyclables,  
18 or both, under chapter 81.77 or 35.21 RCW  
19 or by contract under RCW 36.58.090, for  
20 one year with an additional six thousand  
21 pounds more than the weight authorized in  
22 RCW 46.16.070 on the rear axle of a two-axle  
23 truck or eight thousand pounds for the tandem  
24 axles of a three-axle truck. RCW 46.44.041  
25 and 46.44.091 notwithstanding, the tire limits  
26 specified in RCW 46.44.042 apply, but none of  
27 the excess weight is valid or may be permitted  
28 on any part of the federal interstate highway  
29 system.....\$ 42.00  
30 per thousand pounds  
31 The department may issue any of the above-listed permits that  
32 involve height, length, or width for an expanded period of consecutive  
33 months, not to exceed one year.  
34 Continuous operation of farm implements under a permit issued as  
35 authorized by RCW 46.44.140 by:  
36 (1) Farmers in the course of farming activities,  
37 for any three-month period.....\$ 10.00  
38 (2) Farmers in the course of farming activities,

1	for a period not to exceed one year.....	\$ 25.00
2	(3) Persons engaged in the business of the	
3	sale, repair, or maintenance of such	
4	farm implements, for any three-month period.....	\$ 25.00
5	(4) Persons engaged in the business of the	
6	sale, repair, or maintenance of such	
7	farm implements, for a period not to	
8	exceed one year.....	\$ 100.00

9 Overweight Fee Schedule

10 Weight over total registered  
11 gross weight.

12		Fee per
13		mile on
14		state
15		highways
16	1-5,999 pounds.....	\$ .07
17	6,000-11,999 pounds.....	\$ .14
18	12,000-17,999 pounds.....	\$ .21
19	18,000-23,999 pounds.....	\$ .35
20	24,000-29,999 pounds.....	\$ .49
21	30,000-35,999 pounds.....	\$ .63
22	36,000-41,999 pounds.....	\$ .84
23	42,000-47,999 pounds.....	\$ 1.05
24	48,000-53,999 pounds.....	\$ 1.26
25	54,000-59,999 pounds.....	\$ 1.47
26	60,000-65,999 pounds.....	\$ 1.68
27	66,000-71,999 pounds.....	\$ 2.03
28	72,000-79,999 pounds.....	\$ 2.38
29	80,000 pounds or more.....	\$ 2.80

30 PROVIDED: (a) The minimum fee for any overweight permit shall be  
31 \$14.00, (b) the fee for issuance of a duplicate permit shall be \$14.00,  
32 (c) when computing overweight fees prescribed in this section or in RCW  
33 46.44.095 that result in an amount less than even dollars the fee shall  
34 be carried to the next full dollar if fifty cents or over and shall be  
35 reduced to the next full dollar if forty-nine cents or under.

36 The fees levied in this section and RCW 46.44.095 do not apply to  
37 vehicles owned and operated by the state of Washington, a county within

- 1 the state, a city or town or metropolitan municipal corporation within
- 2 the state, or the federal government.

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