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1 AN ACT Relating to vehicle trip permits for farm vehicles licensed
2 on a monthly basis; and amending RCW 46.16.160.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.160 and 1987 c 244 s 6 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The owner of a vehicle which under reciprocal relations with
7 another jurisdiction would be required to obtain a license registration
8 in this state or an unlicensed vehicle which would be required to
9 obtain a license registration for operation on public highways of this
10 state may, as an alternative to such license registration, secure and
11 operate such vehicle under authority of a trip permit issued by this
12 state in lieu of a Washington certificate of license registration, and
13 licensed gross weight if applicable. Trip permits may also be issued
14 for movement of mobile homes pursuant to RCW 46.44.170. For the
15 purpose of this section, a vehicle is considered unlicensed if the
16 licensed gross weight currently in effect for the vehicle or
17 combination of vehicles is not adequate for the load being carried.
18 Vehicles registered under RCW 46.16.135 shall not be operated under
19 authority of trip permits in lieu of further registration within the

1 same registration year, except those vehicles registered under RCW
2 46.16.090.

3 (2) Each trip permit shall authorize the operation of a single
4 vehicle at the maximum legal weight limit for such vehicle for a period
5 of three consecutive days commencing with the day of first use. No
6 more than three such permits may be used for any one vehicle in any
7 period of thirty consecutive days. Every permit shall identify, as the
8 department may require, the vehicle for which it is issued and shall be
9 completed in its entirety and signed by the operator before operation
10 of the vehicle on the public highways of this state. Correction of
11 data on the permit such as dates, license number, or vehicle
12 identification number invalidates the permit. The trip permit shall be
13 displayed on the vehicle to which it is issued as prescribed by the
14 department.

15 (3) Vehicles operating under authority of trip permits are subject
16 to all laws, rules, and regulations affecting the operation of like
17 vehicles in this state.

18 (4) Prorate operators operating commercial vehicles on trip permits
19 in Washington shall retain the customer copy of such permit for four
20 years.

21 (5) Blank trip permits may be obtained from field offices of the
22 department of transportation, Washington state patrol, department of
23 licensing, or other agents appointed by the department. For each
24 permit issued, there shall be collected a filing fee as provided by RCW
25 46.01.140, an administrative fee of eight dollars, and an excise tax of
26 one dollar. If the filing fee amount of one dollar prescribed by RCW
27 46.01.140 is increased or decreased after January 1, 1981, the
28 administrative fee shall be adjusted to compensate for such change to
29 insure that the total amount collected for the filing fee,
30 administrative fee, and excise tax remain at ten dollars. These fees
31 and taxes are in lieu of all other vehicle license fees and taxes. No
32 exchange, credits, or refunds may be given for trip permits after they
33 have been purchased.

34 (6) The department may appoint county auditors or businesses as
35 agents for the purpose of selling trip permits to the public. County
36 auditors or businesses so appointed may retain the filing fee collected
37 for each trip permit to defray expenses incurred in handling and
38 selling the permits.

1 (7) A violation of or a failure to comply with any provision of
2 this section is a gross misdemeanor.

3 (8) The department of licensing may adopt rules as it deems
4 necessary to administer this section.

5 (9) All administrative fees and excise taxes collected under the
6 provisions of this chapter shall be forwarded by the department with
7 proper identifying detailed report to the state treasurer who shall
8 deposit the administrative fees to the credit of the motor vehicle fund
9 and the excise taxes to the credit of the general fund. Filing fees
10 will be forwarded and reported to the state treasurer by the department
11 as prescribed in RCW 46.01.140.

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