

SENATE BILL 6202

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1            AN ACT Relating to the size and weight of motor vehicles; and  
2 amending RCW 46.44.0941 and 46.44.030.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.0941 and 1993 c 102 s 4 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

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

12	All overlegal loads, except overweight, single trip . . . .	\$ 10.00
13	Continuous operation of overlegal loads having either	
14	overwidth or overheight features only, for a	
15	period not to exceed thirty days . . . . .	\$ 20.00
16	Continuous operations of overlegal loads having overlength	
17	features only, for a period not to exceed thirty	
18	days . . . . .	\$ 10.00

1	Continuous operation of a combination of vehicles having	
2	one trailing unit that exceeds ( <del>forty-eight</del> )	
3	<u>fifty-three</u> feet and is not more than fifty-six	
4	feet in length, for a period of one year . . . .	\$ 100.00
5	Continuous operation of a combination of vehicles having	
6	two trailing units which together exceed sixty-	
7	one feet and are not more than sixty-eight feet	
8	in length, for a period of one year . . . . .	\$ 100.00
9	Continuous operation of a three-axle fixed load vehicle	
10	having less than 65,000 pounds gross weight, for	
11	a period not to exceed thirty days . . . . .	\$ 70.00
12	Continuous operation of a four-axle fixed load vehicle	
13	meeting the requirements of RCW 46.44.091(1) and	
14	weighing less than 86,000 pounds gross weight,	
15	not to exceed thirty days . . . . .	\$ 90.00
16	Continuous operation of overlegal loads having nonreducible	
17	features not to exceed eighty-five feet in	
18	length and fourteen feet in width, for a period	
19	of one year . . . . .	\$ 150.00
20	Continuous operation of a two or three-axle collection	
21	truck, actually engaged in the collection of	
22	solid waste or recyclables, or both, under	
23	chapter 81.77 or 35.21 RCW or by contract under	
24	RCW 36.58.090, for one year with an additional	
25	six thousand pounds more than the weight	
26	authorized in RCW 46.16.070 on the rear axle of	
27	a two-axle truck or eight thousand pounds for	
28	the tandem axles of a three-axle truck. RCW	
29	46.44.041 and 46.44.091 notwithstanding, the	
30	tire limits specified in RCW 46.44.042 apply,	
31	but none of the excess weight is valid or may be	
32	permitted on any part of the federal interstate	
33	highway system . . . . .	\$ 42.00
34		per thousand pounds

35 The department may issue any of the above-listed permits that  
36 involve height, length, or width for an expanded period of consecutive  
37 months, not to exceed one year.

38 Continuous operation of farm implements under a permit issued as  
39 authorized by RCW 46.44.140 by:

1	(1) Farmers in the course of farming activities, for any three-	
2	month period . . . . .	\$ 10.00
3	(2) Farmers in the course of farming activities, for a period not	
4	to exceed one year . . . . .	\$ 25.00
5	(3) Persons engaged in the business of the sale, repair, or	
6	maintenance of such farm implements, for any three-month	
7	period . . . . .	\$ 25.00
8	(4) Persons engaged in the business of the sale, repair, or	
9	maintenance of such farm implements, for a period not to exceed	
10	one year . . . . .	\$ 100.00

11 Overweight Fee Schedule

12	Weight over total registered	Fee per
13	gross weight.	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.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.44.030 and 1993 c 301 s 1 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways  
6 of this state any vehicle having an overall length, with or without  
7 load, in excess of forty feet. This restriction does not apply to (1)  
8 a municipal transit vehicle, (2) auto stage, private carrier bus or  
9 school bus with an overall length not to exceed forty-six feet, or (3)  
10 an articulated auto stage with an overall length not to exceed sixty-  
11 one feet.

12 It is unlawful for any person to operate on the highways of this  
13 state any combination of vehicles that contains a vehicle in excess of  
14 forty-eight feet, with or without load.

15 It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways  
16 of this state any combination consisting of a tractor and semitrailer  
17 that has a semitrailer length in excess of (~~forty-eight~~) fifty-three  
18 feet or a combination consisting of a tractor and two trailers in which  
19 the combined length of the trailers exceeds sixty-one feet, with or  
20 without load.

21 It is unlawful for any person to operate on the highways of this  
22 state any combination consisting of a truck and trailer with an overall  
23 length, with or without load, in excess of seventy-five feet. However,  
24 a combination of vehicles transporting automobiles or boats may have a  
25 front overhang of three feet and a rear overhang of four feet beyond  
26 this allowed length.

27 These length limitations do not apply to vehicles transporting  
28 poles, pipe, machinery, or other objects of a structural nature that  
29 cannot be dismembered and operated by a public utility when required  
30 for emergency repair of public service facilities or properties, but in  
31 respect to night transportation every such vehicle and load thereon  
32 shall be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both  
33 sides and marker lamps upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to  
34 clearly mark the dimensions of the load.

35 The length limitations described in this section are exclusive of  
36 safety and energy conservation devices, such as mud flaps and splash  
37 and spray suppressant devices, refrigeration units or air compressors,  
38 and other devices that the department determines to be necessary for

1 safe and efficient operation of commercial vehicles. No device  
2 excluded under this paragraph from the limitations of this section may  
3 have, by its design or use, the capability to carry cargo.

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