

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1270**

Chapter 393, Laws of 1995

54th Legislature  
1995 Regular Session

COMMERCIAL DRIVERS' LICENSES--SMALL TREE HARVESTER EXCEPTION

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/23/95

Passed by the House April 19, 1995  
Yeas 96 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 7, 1995  
Yeas 41 Nays 0

JOEL PRITCHARD

**President of the Senate**

Approved May 16, 1995

MIKE LOWRY

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1270** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN

**Chief Clerk**

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May 16, 1995 - 3:13 p.m.

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Morris, Benton, Sheldon, Pennington, Basich, Chappell, Kessler, Schoesler, Boldt, Hatfield, Stevens and Johnson)

Read first time 02/17/95.

1            AN ACT Relating to farm vehicle exceptions to commercial driver's  
2 license requirements; and amending RCW 46.25.050.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.25.050 and 1990 c 56 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) Drivers of commercial motor vehicles shall obtain a commercial  
7 driver's license as required under this chapter by April 1, 1992. The  
8 director shall establish a program to convert all qualified commercial  
9 motor vehicle drivers by that date. After April 1, 1992, except when  
10 driving under a commercial driver's instruction permit and a valid  
11 automobile or classified license and accompanied by the holder of a  
12 commercial driver's license valid for the vehicle being driven, no  
13 person may drive a commercial motor vehicle unless the person holds and  
14 is in immediate possession of a commercial driver's license and  
15 applicable endorsements valid for the vehicle they are driving.  
16 However, this requirement does not apply to any person:

17            (a) Who is the operator of a farm vehicle, and the vehicle is:

18            (i) Controlled and operated by a farmer;

1 (ii) Used to transport either agricultural products, which in this  
2 section include Christmas trees and wood products harvested from  
3 private tree farms and transported by vehicles weighing no more than  
4 forty thousand pounds licensed gross vehicle weight, farm machinery,  
5 farm supplies, or any combination of those materials to or from a farm;

6 (iii) Not used in the operations of a common or contract motor  
7 carrier; and

8 (iv) Used within one hundred fifty miles of the person's farm; or

9 (b) Who is a fire fighter or law enforcement officer operating  
10 emergency equipment, and:

11 (i) The fire fighter or law enforcement officer has successfully  
12 completed a driver training course approved by the director; and

13 (ii) The fire fighter or law enforcement officer carries a  
14 certificate attesting to the successful completion of the approved  
15 training course; or

16 (c) Who is operating a recreational vehicle for noncommercial  
17 purposes. As used in this section, "recreational vehicle" includes a  
18 vehicle towing a horse trailer for a noncommercial purpose.

19 (2) No person may drive a commercial motor vehicle while his or her  
20 driving privilege is suspended, revoked, or canceled, while subject to  
21 disqualification, or in violation of an out-of-service order.  
22 Violations of this subsection shall be punished in the same way as  
23 violations of RCW 46.20.342(1).

Passed the House April 19, 1995.

Passed the Senate April 7, 1995.

Approved by the Governor May 16, 1995.

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