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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Cooper, Morell, Simpson, Chase, Ogden, Wood and McDermott)

Brief Description: Regulating fire truck weight.

HB 2673-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that the maximum weight a fire-fighting apparatus may weigh is 50,000 pounds on a tandem axle set, and may not exceed 600 pounds per inch width of tire. The maximum weight limit must include the weight of a full water tank, if applicable, all equipment necessary for operation, and the normal number of personnel usually assigned to be on board, or four personnel, whichever is greater. At least four personnel must be physically present at the time the apparatus is weighed.

Provides that, when applying for a permit, a current weight slip from a certified scale must be attached to the department's application form. Upon receiving an application, the department shall transmit it to the local jurisdictions in which the fire-fighting apparatus will be operating, so that the local jurisdictions can make a determination on the need for local travel and route restrictions within the operating area.

Authorizes the Washington state patrol to conduct random spot checks of fire-fighting apparatus to ensure compliance with overweight permit regulations. If a fire-fighting apparatus is found to be not in compliance with overweight permit regulations, the state patrol shall issue a violation notice to the fire department stating this fact and prohibiting operation of the apparatus on city, county, and state roadways.

Declares it is a traffic infraction to continue to operate a fire-fighting apparatus on the roadways after a violation notice has been issued. The following penalties apply: (1) For a first offense, the penalty will be no less than fifty dollars but no more than fifty dollars;

(2) For a second offense, the penalty will be no less than seventy-five dollars;

(3) For a third or subsequent offense, the penalty will be no less than one hundred dollars.