
SENATE BILL 6015

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By Senators Morton and Mulliken

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1 AN ACT Relating to the payment of motor vehicle gross weight fees;
2 amending RCW 46.16.135; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the
5 transportation of farm goods is a vital component to the state's
6 economic stability, development, and prosperity. The legislature
7 further finds that the option of purchasing monthly and semiannual
8 gross weight permits provides a flexible solution to accommodate
9 transportation needs related to the transport of farm goods. It is
10 therefore the intent of the legislature to ensure that the monthly and
11 semiannual vehicle licensing permits fees accurately correspond to the
12 amount of permit time purchased for farm equipment.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.16.135 and 1986 c 18 s 12 are each amended to read
14 as follows:

15 (1)(a) The annual vehicle licensing fees as provided in RCW
16 46.16.070 or 46.16.090 for any motor vehicle or combination of vehicles
17 having a declared gross weight in excess of twelve thousand pounds may
18 be paid for any full registration month or months, except as provided

1 in (b) of this subsection, at one-twelfth of the usual annual fee plus
2 two dollars, this sum to be multiplied by the number of full months for
3 which the fees are paid if for less than a full year. An additional
4 fee of two dollars shall be collected each time a license fee is paid.

5 (b) For the first month that vehicle license fees are paid pursuant
6 to this section based on the licensing fees under RCW 46.16.090, the
7 fee shall be reduced. The reduced amount shall equal one-twelfth of
8 the usual annual fee plus two dollars, the sum of which shall be
9 multiplied by a factor. The factor shall equal the number of days that
10 a motor vehicle or combination of vehicles is actually licensed under
11 this section during the first registration month divided by the total
12 number of days in the registration month.

13 (2) Operation of a vehicle licensed under the provisions of this
14 section by any person upon the public highways after the expiration of
15 the monthly license is a traffic infraction, and in addition the person
16 shall be required to pay a license fee for the vehicle involved
17 covering an entire registration year's operation, less the fees for any
18 registration month or months of the registration year already paid.
19 If, within five days, no license fee for a full registration year has
20 been paid as required aforesaid, the Washington state patrol, county
21 sheriff, or city police shall impound such vehicle in such manner as
22 may be directed for such cases by the chief of the Washington state
23 patrol, until such requirement is met.

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