

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1267

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Modifying commercial driver's license requirements.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Upthegrove, Lovick, Hankins and Dickerson; by request of Department of Licensing).

House Committee on Transportation
Senate Committee on Transportation

Background:

The operation of commercial motor vehicles is regulated under both state and federal law. In order to operate a commercial motor vehicle in Washington, a person generally must hold a commercial driver's license with the applicable endorsements for the vehicle he or she is driving.

However, this requirement does not apply to the following persons:

- the operator of a farm vehicle controlled and operated by a farmer. The vehicle itself must also be used to transport agricultural products, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from a farm. Finally, the vehicle may not be used in the operations of a common or contract motor carrier, and it must be used within 150 miles of the person's farm.
- a firefighter or law enforcement officer operating emergency equipment who has completed an approved driver training course; or
- the operator of a recreational vehicle used for noncommercial purposes.

To receive a commercial driver's license from the State of Washington, an applicant must be a resident of the state and pass knowledge and skills tests that comply with minimum federal standards.

Summary:

The fee charged by the Department of Licensing (DOL) for a skills examination for a commercial motor vehicle license is increased from \$50 to \$100, unless the applicant's primary use of the license is for a public benefit not for profit corporation that is either a head start program or supporting early childhood education and assistance programs), in which case the fee is \$75.

A person seeking a commercial driver's license must have successfully completed a course of instruction in the operation of a commercial motor vehicle that has been approved by the

Director of the DOL or be certified by an employer as having the skills and training necessary to safely operate a commercial motor vehicle.

The DOL may waive the requirement for instruction in the operation of a commercial motor vehicle for an applicant that has been issued a valid commercial driver's license in another state and is transferring to Washington.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	81	14	
Senate	42	6	(Senate amended)
House	78	16	(House concurred)

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