

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 5050

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TOW TRUCKS--CARRYING OF PASSENGERS

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BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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JAY INSLEE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5050** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senators Sheldon, King, Ericksen, and Litzow

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1 AN ACT Relating to the carrying of passengers in a vehicle attached
2 to a flatbed tow truck; and amending RCW 46.61.625.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.625 and 1999 c 398 s 9 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) No person or persons shall occupy any trailer while it is being
7 moved upon a public highway, except a person occupying a proper
8 position for steering a trailer designed to be steered from a rear-end
9 position.

10 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, no person
11 or persons may occupy a vehicle while it is being towed by a tow truck
12 as defined in RCW 46.55.010.

13 (3)(a) A tow truck operator may allow passengers to ride in a
14 vehicle that is carried on the deck of a flatbed tow truck only when
15 the following conditions are met:

16 (i) The number of people that need to be transported exceeds the
17 seating capacity of the tow truck or a person needing to be transported
18 has a disability that limits that person's ability to enter the tow
19 truck;

1 (ii) All passengers in the carried vehicle and in the tow truck
2 comply with RCW 46.61.687 and 46.61.688;
3 (iii) Any passenger under sixteen years of age is accompanied by an
4 adult riding in the same vehicle; and
5 (iv) There is a way for the passengers in the carried vehicle to
6 immediately communicate, either verbally, audibly, or visually, with
7 the tow truck operator in case of an emergency.
8 (b) No passenger of such a carried vehicle may exit the carried
9 vehicle, ride outside of the passenger compartment of the carried
10 vehicle, or exhibit dangerous or distracting behaviors while in the
11 carried vehicle.

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