
HOUSE BILL 1111

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By Representatives Eddy, Blake, Williams, Kenney, and Moeller

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1 AN ACT Relating to exempting telecommunications trucks from crane
2 safety requirements; amending RCW 49.17.410; and providing an effective
3 date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 49.17.410 and 2007 c 27 s 3 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) RCW 49.17.400 through 49.17.430 apply to cranes used with or
8 without attachments.

9 (2) RCW 49.17.400 through 49.17.430 do not apply to:

10 (a) A crane while it has been converted or adapted for a
11 nonhoisting or nonlifting use including, but not limited to, power
12 shovels, excavators, and concrete pumps;

13 (b) Power shovels, excavators, wheel loaders, backhoes, loader
14 backhoes, and track loaders when used with or without chains, slings,
15 or other rigging to lift suspended loads;

16 (c) Automotive wreckers and tow trucks when used to clear wrecks
17 and haul vehicles;

18 (d)(i) Service trucks with mobile lifting devices designed
19 specifically for use in the power line and electric service industries,

1 such as digger derricks (radial boom derricks), when used in the power
2 line and electric service industries for auguring holes to set power
3 and utility poles, or handling associated materials to be installed or
4 removed from utility poles;

5 (ii) Service trucks with mobile lifting devices designed
6 specifically for use in the telecommunications industry, such as digger
7 derricks (radial boom derricks), when used in the telecommunications
8 industry for auguring holes to set utility poles, or handling
9 associated materials to be installed or removed from utility poles, to
10 the extent the exemption is not in conflict with standards adopted or
11 recognized under the authority of the occupational safety and health
12 act of 1970 (P.L. 91-956; 84 Stat. 1590) as determined by the
13 department by rule;

14 (e) Equipment originally designed as vehicle-mounted aerial devices
15 (for lifting personnel) and self-propelled elevating work platforms;

16 (f) Hydraulic jacking systems, including telescopic/hydraulic
17 gantries;

18 (g) Stacker cranes;

19 (h) Powered industrial trucks (forklifts);

20 (i) Mechanic's truck with a hoisting device when used in activities
21 related to equipment maintenance and repair;

22 (j) Equipment that hoists by using a come-along or chainfall;

23 (k) Dedicated drilling rigs;

24 (l) Gin poles used for the erection of communication towers;

25 (m) Tree trimming and tree removal work;

26 (n) Anchor handling with a vessel or barge using an affixed A-
27 frame;

28 (o) Roustabouts;

29 (p) Cranes used on-site in manufacturing facilities or powerhouses
30 for occasional or routine maintenance and repair work; and

31 (q) Crane operators operating cranes on-site in manufacturing
32 facilities or powerhouses for occasional or routine maintenance and
33 repair work.

34 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act takes effect January 1, 2010.

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