
SENATE BILL 6273

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By Senators Haugen and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to the nondivisible gross weight limit of farm
2 implements on public highways; and amending RCW 46.44.130 and
3 46.44.140.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.130 and 1979 ex.s. c 136 s 76 are each amended
6 to read as follows:

7 The limitations of RCW 46.44.010, 46.44.020, 46.44.030, and
8 46.44.041 shall not apply to the movement of farm implements (~~of less~~
9 ~~than forty five thousand pounds gross weight~~) that comply with RCW
10 46.44.091, have a gross weight of less than sixty-five thousand pounds,
11 have a total length of seventy feet or less, and have a total outside
12 width of fourteen feet or less when being moved while patrolled,
13 flagged, lighted, signed, and at a time of day in accordance with rules
14 hereby authorized to be adopted by the department of transportation and
15 the statutes. Violation of a rule adopted by the department as
16 authorized by this section or a term of this section is a traffic
17 infraction.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.44.140 and 1984 c 7 s 60 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 In addition to any other special permits authorized by law, special
4 permits may be issued by the department of transportation for a
5 quarterly or annual period upon such terms and conditions as it finds
6 proper for the movement of (1) farm implements used for the cutting or
7 threshing of mature crops; or (2) other farm implements that may be
8 identified by rule of the department of transportation. Any farm
9 implement moved under this section must (~~have a gross weight less than~~
10 ~~forty-five~~) comply with RCW 46.44.091, have a gross weight of less
11 than sixty-five thousand pounds, and have a total outside width of less
12 than twenty feet while being moved, and such movement must be
13 patrolled, flagged, lighted, signed, at a time of day, and otherwise in
14 accordance with rules hereby authorized to be adopted by the department
15 of transportation for the control of such movements.

16 Applications for and permits issued under this section shall
17 provide for a description of the farm implements to be moved, the
18 approximate dates of movement, and the routes of movement so far as
19 they are reasonably known to the applicant at the time of application,
20 but the permit shall not be limited to these circumstances but shall be
21 general in its application except as limited by the statutes and rules
22 adopted by the department of transportation.

23 A copy of the governing permit shall be carried on the farm
24 implement being moved during the period of its movement. The
25 department shall collect a fee as provided in RCW 46.44.0941.

26 Violation of a term or condition under which a permit was issued,
27 of a rule adopted by the department of transportation as authorized by
28 this section, or of a term of this section is a traffic infraction.

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