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HOUSE BILL 2762

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By Representatives R. Fisher, Betrozoff, Zellinsky, Jones and McLean;  
by request of Department of Transportation

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1 AN ACT Relating to tires on vehicles over ten thousand pounds; and  
2 amending RCW 46.44.042.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.042 and 1985 c 351 s 4 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Subject to the maximum gross weights specified in RCW 46.44.041, it  
7 is unlawful to operate any vehicle upon the public highways with a  
8 gross weight, including load, upon any tire concentrated upon the  
9 surface of the highway in excess of six hundred pounds per inch width  
10 of such tire. Other than a nonliftable steering axle on a power unit,  
11 an axle on a vehicle manufactured after July 31, 1992, carrying more  
12 than ten thousand pounds must be equipped with four tires with at least  
13 ten inches of tire width each. An axle on a vehicle manufactured  
14 before August 1, 1992, carrying more than ten thousand pounds gross

1 weight and currently configured for four tires but using only two  
2 tires, must have four tires with at least ten inches of tire width each  
3 by January 1, 1993. Other than a nonliftable steering axle on a power  
4 unit, effective January 1, 1997, an axle carrying more than ten  
5 thousand pounds must have four tires with at least ten inches of tire  
6 width each, regardless of the date of manufacture. In lieu of the four  
7 tire per axle requirements of this section, an axle may be equipped  
8 with two tires limited to four hundred fifty pounds per inch width of  
9 tire. For the purpose of this section, the width of tire in case of  
10 solid rubber or hollow center cushion tires, so long as the use thereof  
11 may be permitted by the law, shall be measured between the flanges of  
12 the rim. For the purpose of this section, the width of tires in case  
13 of pneumatic tires shall be the maximum overall normal inflated width  
14 as stipulated by the manufacturer when inflated to the pressure  
15 specified and without load thereon.