
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5295

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By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Conner, Patterson, Stratton and Nelson).

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1 AN ACT Relating to identification of trucks; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 81.80 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 81.80 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) All motor vehicles, other than those exempt under subsection
7 (2) of this section, must display a permanent marking identifying the
8 name or number, or both, on each side of the power units. For a motor
9 vehicle that is a common or contract carrier under permit by the
10 commission as described in subsection (3)(a), a private carrier under
11 subsection (4), or a leased carrier as described in subsection (5) of
12 this section, any required identification that is added, modified, or
13 renewed after September 1, 1991, must be displayed on the driver and
14 passenger doors of the power unit. The identification must be in a

1 clearly legible style with letters no less than three inches high and
2 in a color contrasting with the surrounding body panel.

3 (2) This section does not apply to (a) vehicles exempt under RCW
4 81.80.040, and (b) vehicles operated by private carriers that singly or
5 in combination are less than thirty-six thousand pounds gross vehicle
6 weight.

7 (3) If the motor vehicle is operated as (a) a common or contract
8 carrier under a permit by the commission, the identification must
9 contain the name of the permittee, or business name, and the permit
10 number, or (b) a common or contract carrier holding both intrastate and
11 interstate authority, the identification may be either the ICC
12 certificate number or commission permit number.

13 (4) If the motor vehicle is a private carrier, the identification
14 must contain the name and address of either the business operating the
15 vehicle or the registered owner.

16 (5) If the motor vehicle is operated under lease, the vehicle must
17 display either permanent markings or placards on the driver and
18 passenger doors of the power unit. A motor vehicle under lease (a)
19 that is operated as a common or contract carrier under permit by the
20 commission must display identification as provided in subsection (3)(a)
21 of this section, and (b) that is operated as a private carrier must
22 display identification as provided in subsection (4) of this section.