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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6378**

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**By** Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Barr, Vognild and Patterson)

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1       AN ACT Relating to the escape of waste products from vehicles  
2       hauling live animals across ferries; and amending RCW 46.61.655.

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

4       **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.655 and 1990 c 250 s 56 are each amended to read  
5       as follows:

6       (1) No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any public highway  
7       unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent any of  
8       its load from dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping  
9       therefrom, except that sand may be dropped for the purpose of securing  
10       traction. Any person operating a vehicle from which any glass or  
11       objects have fallen or escaped, which would constitute an obstruction  
12       or injure a vehicle or otherwise endanger travel upon such public  
13       highway shall immediately cause the public highway to be cleaned of all  
14       such glass or objects and shall pay any costs therefor.

1 (2) No person may operate on any public highway any vehicle with  
2 any load unless the load and such covering as required thereon by  
3 subsection (3) of this section is securely fastened to prevent the  
4 covering or load from becoming loose, detached, or in any manner a  
5 hazard to other users of the highway.

6 (3) Any vehicle operating on a paved public highway with a load of  
7 dirt, sand, or gravel susceptible to being dropped, spilled, leaked, or  
8 otherwise escaping therefrom shall be covered so as to prevent  
9 spillage. Covering of such loads is not required if six inches of  
10 freeboard is maintained within the bed.

11 (4) Any vehicle with deposits of mud, rocks, or other debris on the  
12 vehicle's body, fenders, frame, undercarriage, wheels, or tires shall  
13 be cleaned of such material before the operation of the vehicle on a  
14 paved public highway.

15 (5) The state patrol may make necessary rules to carry into effect  
16 the provisions of this section, applying such provisions to specific  
17 conditions and loads and prescribing means, methods, and practices to  
18 effectuate such provisions.

19 (6) Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit a public  
20 maintenance vehicle from dropping sand on a highway to enhance  
21 traction, or sprinkling water or other substances to clean or maintain  
22 a highway.

23 (7) This section does not apply to waste products falling from  
24 vehicles hauling live farm animals when crossing a ferry capable only  
25 of transporting fewer than twenty-five vehicles.