
SENATE BILL 6378

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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 transporting
25 fewer than twenty-five vehicles.