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1            AN ACT Relating to biomedical waste transportation; and adding a  
2 new 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) No person or business may haul biomedical waste for  
7 compensation on the public highways of this state without first having  
8 obtained a permit from the commission. Such permit shall be granted  
9 upon:

10           (a) A finding that the person is fit, willing, and able to provide  
11 transportation of biomedical waste;

12           (b) A finding that a grant of such a permit is in the public  
13 interest;

14           (c) A finding that such person has an operating plan, training  
15 plan, and packaging and containment program appropriate for biomedical  
16 waste;

17           (d) A finding that such person will transport biomedical waste for  
18 treatment, storage, or disposal only to a facility that meets all

1 local, state, and environmental regulations as determined by the  
2 appropriate local, state, and federal agencies; and

3 (e) Payment of the appropriate filing fees authorized by this  
4 chapter for other applications of operating authority.

5 (2) Every person who engages for compensation to perform a  
6 combination of services, a substantial portion of which includes  
7 transportation of biomedical waste, shall not engage in the same  
8 without first having obtained a permit to do so under this section. An  
9 example of such a combination of services shall include, but not be  
10 limited to, sterilizing biomedical waste to render it noninfectious.  
11 Every person engaging in such a combination of services shall advise  
12 the commission of what portion of the consideration is intended to  
13 cover the transportation service. The rates or charges for the  
14 transportation services included in such combination of services shall  
15 be subject to control and regulation by the commission in the same  
16 manner as the rates of contract carriers.

17 (3) As used in this section, "biomedical waste" has the same  
18 meaning as in RCW 70.95K.010.

19 (4) The commission may adopt rules to implement this section.

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