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By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Wood, Haugen, Jacobsen, Hargrove, Finkbeiner, Deccio, Heavey, Goings, McAuliffe, Patterson, Prentice, Winsley, Kohl and Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to rearview mirrors on trucks; and amending RCW
2 46.37.400.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.37.400 and 1977 ex.s. c 355 s 34 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a mirror mounted on
7 the left side of the vehicle and so located to reflect to the driver a
8 view of the highway for a distance of at least two hundred feet to the
9 rear of such vehicle.

10 (2) Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with an additional mirror
11 mounted either inside the vehicle approximately in the center or
12 outside the vehicle on the right side and so located as to reflect to
13 the driver a view of the highway for a distance of at least two hundred
14 feet to the rear of such vehicle.

15 (3) Every truck registered or based in Washington that is equipped
16 with a cube-style, walk-in cargo box up to eighteen feet long used in
17 the commercial delivery of goods and services must be equipped with an
18 additional rear crossview mirror located at the top left rear corner of
19 the cargo box. The mirror must be convex and located to reflect to the

1 vehicle operator an unobstructed, overall view of the lower six feet of
2 the entire rear width of the truck body. This subsection does not
3 apply to trucks rented to persons for the primary purpose of
4 transporting household goods. This subsection is null and void to the
5 extent that it conflicts with any rear crossview mirror equipment
6 standards adopted by the National Highway Traffic Safety
7 Administration.

8 (4) Every truck with a cube-style, walk-in cargo box up to eighteen
9 feet long must, whenever possible, park in a parking space from which
10 it can be driven forward. This requirement does not apply when
11 delivery and service trucks are parked at curbs or in areas where there
12 is no pedestrian traffic.

13 (5) All mirrors required by this section shall be maintained in
14 good condition and be of a type approved by the Washington state
15 patrol.

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