
SENATE BILL 6710

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By Senators Haugen, Goings, Horn and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to the powers and duties of commercial vehicle
2 enforcement officers and commercial vehicle officers; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 43.43 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.43 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The powers and duties of the commercial vehicle enforcement
8 officers and commercial vehicle officers are to enforce state and
9 federal laws and regulations relating to motor transport carriers and
10 other related statutes and regulations as directed by law. Commercial
11 vehicle enforcement officers have the same law enforcement and arrest
12 authority as commissioned Washington state patrol officers as it
13 relates to situations involving commercial vehicles. During the 1999
14 fiscal year, existing commercial vehicle enforcement officers have the
15 option of making a transition from civil service employees to
16 commissioned Washington state patrol officers. The transition and
17 commissioning of the officers must be completed by June 30, 1999. Upon
18 the date of commissioning, the commercial vehicle enforcement officers
19 are eligible to participate in the Washington state patrol's retirement

1 plan. The commercial vehicle enforcement officers also have the option
2 of transferring their service credit and contributions from the public
3 employees' retirement system to the Washington state patrol retirement
4 system. The state patrol shall provide the training necessary to
5 ensure the safety and success of the officers in the above-assigned
6 duties.

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