

2 HB 2201 - S AMD - 492

3 By Senators Haugen, Benton, Gardner and Sellar

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 46.16.160 and 1996 c 184 s 2 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 (1) The owner of a vehicle which under reciprocal relations with  
10 another jurisdiction would be required to obtain a license registration  
11 in this state or an unlicensed vehicle which would be required to  
12 obtain a license registration for operation on public highways of this  
13 state may, as an alternative to such license registration, secure and  
14 operate such vehicle under authority of a trip permit issued by this  
15 state in lieu of a Washington certificate of license registration, and  
16 licensed gross weight if applicable. The licensed gross weight may not  
17 exceed eighty thousand pounds for a combination of vehicles nor forty  
18 thousand pounds for a single unit vehicle with three or more axles.  
19 Trip permits may also be issued for movement of mobile homes pursuant  
20 to RCW 46.44.170. For the purpose of this section, a vehicle is  
21 considered unlicensed if the licensed gross weight currently in effect  
22 for the vehicle or combination of vehicles is not adequate for the load  
23 being carried. Vehicles registered under RCW 46.16.135 shall not be  
24 operated under authority of trip permits in lieu of further  
25 registration within the same registration year.

26 (2) Each trip permit shall authorize the operation of a single  
27 vehicle at the maximum legal weight limit for such vehicle for a period  
28 of three consecutive days commencing with the day of first use. No  
29 more than three such permits may be used for any one vehicle in any  
30 period of thirty consecutive days, except that in the case of a  
31 recreational vehicle as defined in RCW 43.22.335, no more than two trip  
32 permits may be used for any one vehicle in a one-year period. Every  
33 permit shall identify, as the department may require, the vehicle for  
34 which it is issued and shall be completed in its entirety and signed by  
35 the operator before operation of the vehicle on the public highways of  
36 this state. Correction of data on the permit such as dates, license

1 number, or vehicle identification number invalidates the permit. The  
2 trip permit shall be displayed on the vehicle to which it is issued as  
3 prescribed by the department.

4 (3) Vehicles operating under authority of trip permits are subject  
5 to all laws, rules, and regulations affecting the operation of like  
6 vehicles in this state.

7 (4) Prorate operators operating commercial vehicles on trip permits  
8 in Washington shall retain the customer copy of such permit for four  
9 years.

10 (5) Trip permits may be obtained from field offices of the  
11 department of transportation, Washington state patrol, department of  
12 licensing, or other agents appointed by the department. For each  
13 permit issued, there shall be collected a filing fee as provided by RCW  
14 46.01.140, an administrative fee of eight dollars, and an excise tax of  
15 one dollar. If the filing fee amount of one dollar prescribed by RCW  
16 46.01.140 is increased or decreased after January 1, 1981, the  
17 administrative fee shall be adjusted to compensate for such change to  
18 insure that the total amount collected for the filing fee,  
19 administrative fee, and excise tax remain at ten dollars. These fees  
20 and taxes are in lieu of all other vehicle license fees and taxes. No  
21 exchange, credits, or refunds may be given for trip permits after they  
22 have been purchased.

23 (6) The department may appoint county auditors or businesses as  
24 agents for the purpose of selling trip permits to the public. County  
25 auditors or businesses so appointed may retain the filing fee collected  
26 for each trip permit to defray expenses incurred in handling and  
27 selling the permits.

28 (7) A violation of or a failure to comply with any provision of  
29 this section is a gross misdemeanor.

30 (8) The department of licensing may adopt rules as it deems  
31 necessary to administer this section.

32 (9) A surcharge of five dollars is imposed on the issuance of trip  
33 permits. The portion of the surcharge paid by motor carriers must be  
34 deposited in the motor vehicle fund for the purpose of supporting  
35 vehicle weigh stations, weigh-in-motion programs, and the commercial  
36 vehicle information systems and networks program. The remaining  
37 portion of the surcharge must be deposited in the motor vehicle fund  
38 for the purpose of supporting congestion relief programs. All other  
39 administrative fees and excise taxes collected under the provisions of

1 this chapter shall be forwarded by the department with proper  
2 identifying detailed report to the state treasurer who shall deposit  
3 the administrative fees to the credit of the motor vehicle fund and the  
4 excise taxes to the credit of the general fund. Filing fees will be  
5 forwarded and reported to the state treasurer by the department as  
6 prescribed in RCW 46.01.140.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 82.38.100 and 1998 c 176 s 62 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 (1) Any special fuel user operating a motor vehicle into this state  
10 for commercial purposes may make application for a trip permit that  
11 shall be good for a period of three consecutive days beginning and  
12 ending on the dates specified on the face of the permit issued, and  
13 only for the vehicle for which it is issued.

14 (2) Every permit shall identify, as the department may require, the  
15 vehicle for which it is issued and shall be completed in its entirety,  
16 signed, and dated by the operator before operation of the vehicle on  
17 the public highways of this state. Correction of data on the permit  
18 such as dates, vehicle license number, or vehicle identification number  
19 invalidates the permit. A violation of, or a failure to comply with,  
20 this subsection is a gross misdemeanor.

21 (3) For each permit issued, there shall be collected a filing fee  
22 of one dollar, an administrative fee of ten dollars, and an excise tax  
23 of nine dollars. Such fees and tax shall be in lieu of the special  
24 fuel tax otherwise assessable against the permit holder for importing  
25 and using special fuel in a motor vehicle on the public highways of  
26 this state, and no report of mileage shall be required with respect to  
27 such vehicle. Trip permits will not be issued if the applicant has  
28 outstanding fuel taxes, penalties, or interest owing to the state or  
29 has had a special fuel license revoked for cause and the cause has not  
30 been removed.

31 (4) Blank permits may be obtained from field offices of the  
32 department of transportation, Washington state patrol, department of  
33 licensing, or other agents appointed by the department. The department  
34 may appoint county auditors or businesses as agents for the purpose of  
35 selling trip permits to the public. County auditors or businesses so  
36 appointed may retain the filing fee collected for each trip permit to  
37 defray expenses incurred in handling and selling the permits.

