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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.

1 (5) A surcharge of five dollars is imposed on the issuance of trip
2 permits. The portion of the surcharge paid by motor carriers must be
3 deposited in the motor vehicle fund for the purpose of supporting
4 vehicle weigh stations, weigh-in-motion programs, and the commercial
5 vehicle information systems and networks program. The remaining
6 portion of the surcharge must be deposited in the motor vehicle fund
7 for the purpose of supporting congestion relief programs. All other
8 fees and excise taxes collected by the department for trip permits
9 shall be credited and deposited in the same manner as the special fuel
10 tax collected under this chapter and shall not be subject to exchange,
11 refund, or credit."

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15 In line 1 of the title, after "surcharges;" strike the remainder of
16 the title and insert "and amending RCW 46.16.160 and 82.38.100."

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