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1 AN ACT Relating to trip permit surcharges; and amending RCW  
2 46.16.160 and 82.38.100.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.160 and 1996 c 184 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

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

1 being carried. Vehicles registered under RCW 46.16.135 shall not be  
2 operated under authority of trip permits in lieu of further  
3 registration within the same registration year.

4 (2) Each trip permit shall authorize the operation of a single  
5 vehicle at the maximum legal weight limit for such vehicle for a period  
6 of three consecutive days commencing with the day of first use. No  
7 more than three such permits may be used for any one vehicle in any  
8 period of thirty consecutive days, except that in the case of a  
9 recreational vehicle as defined in RCW 43.22.335, no more than two trip  
10 permits may be used for any one vehicle in a one-year period. Every  
11 permit shall identify, as the department may require, the vehicle for  
12 which it is issued and shall be completed in its entirety and signed by  
13 the operator before operation of the vehicle on the public highways of  
14 this state. Correction of data on the permit such as dates, license  
15 number, or vehicle identification number invalidates the permit. The  
16 trip permit shall be displayed on the vehicle to which it is issued as  
17 prescribed by the department.

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

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

24 (5) Trip permits may be obtained from field offices of the  
25 department of transportation, Washington state patrol, department of  
26 licensing, or other agents appointed by the department. For each  
27 permit issued, there shall be collected a filing fee as provided by RCW  
28 46.01.140, an administrative fee of eight dollars, and an excise tax of  
29 one dollar. If the filing fee amount of one dollar prescribed by RCW  
30 46.01.140 is increased or decreased after January 1, 1981, the  
31 administrative fee shall be adjusted to compensate for such change to  
32 insure that the total amount collected for the filing fee,  
33 administrative fee, and excise tax remain at ten dollars. These fees  
34 and taxes are in lieu of all other vehicle license fees and taxes. No  
35 exchange, credits, or refunds may be given for trip permits after they  
36 have been purchased.

37 (6) The department may appoint county auditors or businesses as  
38 agents for the purpose of selling trip permits to the public. County  
39 auditors or businesses so appointed may retain the filing fee collected

1 for each trip permit to defray expenses incurred in handling and  
2 selling the permits.

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

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

7 (9) A surcharge of five dollars is imposed on the issuance of a  
8 trip permit. The surcharge must be deposited in the motor vehicle fund  
9 for the purpose of supporting vehicle weigh stations, weigh-in-motion  
10 programs, and the commercial vehicle information systems and networks  
11 program. All other administrative fees and excise taxes collected  
12 under the provisions of this chapter shall be forwarded by the  
13 department with proper identifying detailed report to the state  
14 treasurer who shall deposit the administrative fees to the credit of  
15 the motor vehicle fund and the excise taxes to the credit of the  
16 general fund. Filing fees will be forwarded and reported to the state  
17 treasurer by the department as prescribed in RCW 46.01.140.

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

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

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

32 (3) For each permit issued, there shall be collected a filing fee  
33 of one dollar, an administrative fee of ten dollars, and an excise tax  
34 of nine dollars. Such fees and tax shall be in lieu of the special  
35 fuel tax otherwise assessable against the permit holder for importing  
36 and using special fuel in a motor vehicle on the public highways of  
37 this state, and no report of mileage shall be required with respect to  
38 such vehicle. Trip permits will not be issued if the applicant has

1 outstanding fuel taxes, penalties, or interest owing to the state or  
2 has had a special fuel license revoked for cause and the cause has not  
3 been removed.

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

11 (5) A surcharge of five dollars is imposed on the issuance of a  
12 trip permit. The surcharge must be deposited in the motor vehicle fund  
13 for the purpose of supporting vehicle weigh stations, weigh-in-motion  
14 programs, and the commercial vehicle information systems and networks  
15 program. All other fees and excise taxes collected by the department  
16 for trip permits shall be credited and deposited in the same manner as  
17 the special fuel tax collected under this chapter and shall not be  
18 subject to exchange, refund, or credit.

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