

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 2201**

56th Legislature  
1999 Regular Session

Passed by the House April 25, 1999  
Yeas 83 Nays 13

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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Passed by the Senate April 25, 1999  
Yeas 34 Nays 14

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

We, Dean R. Foster and Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2201** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By Representatives Fisher, Hankins, Ogden, K. Schmidt, Ericksen,  
Skinner, Radcliff and Mielke

Read first time 02/18/1999. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

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 trip  
8 permits. The portion of the surcharge paid by motor carriers must be  
9 deposited in the motor vehicle fund for the purpose of supporting  
10 vehicle weigh stations, weigh-in-motion programs, and the commercial  
11 vehicle information systems and networks program. The remaining  
12 portion of the surcharge must be deposited in the motor vehicle fund  
13 for the purpose of supporting congestion relief programs. All other  
14 administrative fees and excise taxes collected under the provisions of  
15 this chapter shall be forwarded by the department with proper  
16 identifying detailed report to the state treasurer who shall deposit  
17 the administrative fees to the credit of the motor vehicle fund and the  
18 excise taxes to the credit of the general fund. Filing fees will be  
19 forwarded and reported to the state treasurer by the department as  
20 prescribed in RCW 46.01.140.

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

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

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

35 (3) For each permit issued, there shall be collected a filing fee  
36 of one dollar, an administrative fee of ten dollars, and an excise tax  
37 of nine dollars. Such fees and tax shall be in lieu of the special  
38 fuel tax otherwise assessable against the permit holder for importing

1 and using special fuel in a motor vehicle on the public highways of  
2 this state, and no report of mileage shall be required with respect to  
3 such vehicle. Trip permits will not be issued if the applicant has  
4 outstanding fuel taxes, penalties, or interest owing to the state or  
5 has had a special fuel license revoked for cause and the cause has not  
6 been removed.

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

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15 permits. The portion of the surcharge paid by motor carriers must be  
16 deposited in the motor vehicle fund for the purpose of supporting  
17 vehicle weigh stations, weigh-in-motion programs, and the commercial  
18 vehicle information systems and networks program. The remaining  
19 portion of the surcharge must be deposited in the motor vehicle fund  
20 for the purpose of supporting congestion relief programs. All other  
21 fees and excise taxes collected by the department for trip permits  
22 shall be credited and deposited in the same manner as the special fuel  
23 tax collected under this chapter and shall not be subject to exchange,  
24 refund, or credit.

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