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1 AN ACT Relating to clarification of exemption from commercial
2 driver's license requirements for certain trucks hauling Christmas
3 trees and wood products from private tree farms; and amending RCW
4 46.25.050.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.25.050 and 1995 c 393 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) Drivers of commercial motor vehicles shall obtain a commercial
9 driver's license as required under this chapter by April 1, 1992. The
10 director shall establish a program to convert all qualified commercial
11 motor vehicle drivers by that date. After April 1, 1992, except when
12 driving under a commercial driver's instruction permit and a valid
13 automobile or classified license and accompanied by the holder of a
14 commercial driver's license valid for the vehicle being driven, no
15 person may drive a commercial motor vehicle unless the person holds and
16 is in immediate possession of a commercial driver's license and
17 applicable endorsements valid for the vehicle they are driving.
18 However, this requirement does not apply to any person:

19 (a) Who is the operator of a farm vehicle, and the vehicle is:

1 (i) Controlled and operated by a farmer;

2 (ii)(A) ~~Used to transport either agricultural products, ((which in~~
3 ~~this section include Christmas trees and wood products harvested from~~
4 ~~private tree farms and transported by vehicles weighing no more than~~
5 ~~forty thousand pounds licensed gross vehicle weight,)) farm machinery,~~
6 farm supplies, or any combination of those materials to or from a farm;
7 or

8 (B) Used to transport Christmas trees and wood products harvested
9 from private tree farms and transported by vehicles weighing no more
10 than forty thousand pounds licensed gross vehicle weight;

11 (iii) Not used in the operations of a common or contract motor
12 carrier; and

13 (iv) Used within one hundred fifty miles of the person's farm; or

14 (b) Who is a fire fighter or law enforcement officer operating
15 emergency equipment, and:

16 (i) The fire fighter or law enforcement officer has successfully
17 completed a driver training course approved by the director; and

18 (ii) The fire fighter or law enforcement officer carries a
19 certificate attesting to the successful completion of the approved
20 training course; or

21 (c) Who is operating a recreational vehicle for noncommercial
22 purposes. As used in this section, "recreational vehicle" includes a
23 vehicle towing a horse trailer for a noncommercial purpose.

24 (2) No person may drive a commercial motor vehicle while his or her
25 driving privilege is suspended, revoked, or canceled, while subject to
26 disqualification, or in violation of an out-of-service order.
27 Violations of this subsection shall be punished in the same way as
28 violations of RCW 46.20.342(1).

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