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Brief Description: Regulating fire truck weight.

**HB 2673 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Provides that the maximum weight a fire-fighting apparatus may weigh is 50,000 pounds on a tandem axle set, and may not exceed 600 pounds per inch width of tire. The maximum weight limit must include the weight of a full water tank, if applicable, all equipment necessary for operation, and the maximum number of personnel allowed on board.

Provides that, when applying for a permit, a current weight slip from a certified scale must be attached to the department's application form. Upon receiving an application, the department shall transmit it to the local jurisdictions in which the fire-fighting apparatus will be operating, so that the local jurisdictions can make a determination on the need for local travel and route restrictions within the operating area.

Authorizes the Washington state patrol to conduct random spot checks of fire-fighting apparatus to ensure compliance with overweight permit regulations. If a fire-fighting apparatus is found to be not in compliance with overweight permit regulations, the state patrol shall issue a violation notice to the fire department stating this fact and prohibiting operation of the apparatus on city, county, and state roadways.

Declares it is a traffic infraction to continue to operate a fire-fighting apparatus on the roadways after a violation notice has been issued. The following penalties apply: (1) For a first offense, the penalty will be no less than fifty dollars but no more than fifty dollars;

(2) For a second offense, the penalty will be no less than seventy-five dollars;

(3) For a third or subsequent offense, the penalty will be no less than one hundred dollars.