
Transportation Committee

HB 2693

Brief Description: Exempting out-of-state persons from having to obtain commercial driver's licenses.

Sponsors: Representatives Buri, Grant, Holmquist, Haler, Linville, Kretz, McCune and Dunn.

Brief Summary of Bill
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Allows the Department of Licensing to enter into agreements with adjoining states to treat the operators of farm vehicles and emergency equipment from those states in the same fashion as Washington citizens.

Hearing Date:

Staff: David Munnecke (786-7315).

Background:

In order to operate a commercial motor vehicle in Washington, a person generally must hold a commercial driver's license with the applicable endorsements for the vehicle they are driving.

However, this requirement does not apply to the following persons:

- The operator of a farm vehicle controlled and operated by a farmer. The vehicle itself must also be used to transport agricultural products, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from a farm. Finally, the vehicle cannot be used in the operations of a common or contract motor carrier and it must be used within one hundred fifty miles of the person's farm.
- A firefighter or law enforcement officer operating emergency equipment who has completed an approved driver training course.
- The operator of a recreational vehicle used for noncommercial purposes.

Summary of Bill:

Allows the Department of Licensing, pursuant to 49 CFR 383.3(d), to enter into reciprocal agreements with adjoining states to exempt persons from those states who are operating farm vehicles and emergency equipment and meet certain requirements, from the requirement to hold a commercial driver's license.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.