
SENATE BILL 6140

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By Senator Honeyford

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1 AN ACT Relating to a special permit for the transport of overlength
2 combination units; amending RCW 46.44.037; adding a new section to
3 chapter 46.44 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.44 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) In addition to any other special permits authorized by law, the
8 department of transportation shall issue special permits to an
9 applicant for the transport of overlength combination units if the
10 following conditions are met:

11 (a) The combination unit includes two full trailers, two
12 semitrailers, or one semitrailer and one full trailer, and the
13 combination unit does not exceed ninety feet in length;

14 (b) The trailers must be newly manufactured, newly repaired, or in
15 direct route to the repair shop, and the trailers will be transported
16 outside the state without a load and will not be used for commercial
17 purposes within the state; and

18 (c) The appropriate fees under RCW 46.44.0941 have been paid.

1 (2) Notwithstanding RCW 46.44.093, the department of transportation
2 must issue a special permit if the applicant satisfactorily
3 demonstrates that the conditions in subsection (1) of this section are
4 met.

5 (3) A special escort is not required for the transport of a
6 combination unit specially permitted under this section.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.44.037 and 1991 c 143 s 2 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 46.44.036 and subject to such
10 rules and regulations governing their operation as may be adopted by
11 the state department of transportation, operation of the following
12 combinations is lawful:

13 (1) A combination consisting of a tractor or truck tractor, a
14 semitrailer, and another semitrailer or a full trailer. In this
15 combination a converter gear used to convert a semitrailer into a full
16 trailer shall be considered to be a part of the full trailer and not a
17 separate vehicle. A converter gear being pulled without load and not
18 used to convert a semitrailer into a full trailer may be substituted in
19 lieu of a full trailer or a semitrailer in any lawful combination;

20 (2) A combination not exceeding seventy-five feet in overall length
21 consisting of four trucks or truck tractors used in driveway service
22 where three of the vehicles are towed by the fourth in triple
23 saddlemount position;

24 (3) A combination consisting of a truck tractor carrying a freight
25 compartment no longer than eight feet, a semitrailer, and another
26 semitrailer or full trailer that meets the legal length requirement for
27 a truck and trailer combination set forth in RCW 46.44.030.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect September 1, 2006.

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