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1 AN ACT Relating to commercial driver's licenses reciprocity
2 agreements; and amending RCW 46.25.050.

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

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

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

- 17 (a) Who is the operator of a farm vehicle, and the vehicle is:
18 (i) Controlled and operated by a farmer;

1 (ii) Used to transport either agricultural products, which in this
2 section include Christmas trees and wood products harvested from
3 private tree farms and transported by vehicles weighing no more than
4 forty thousand pounds licensed gross vehicle weight, farm machinery,
5 farm supplies, or any combination of those materials to or from a farm;
6 (iii) Not used in the operations of a common or contract motor
7 carrier; and
8 (iv) Used within one hundred fifty miles of the person's farm; or
9 (b) Who is a fire fighter or law enforcement officer operating
10 emergency equipment, and:
11 (i) The fire fighter or law enforcement officer has successfully
12 completed a driver training course approved by the director; and
13 (ii) The fire fighter or law enforcement officer carries a
14 certificate attesting to the successful completion of the approved
15 training course; or
16 (c) Who is operating a recreational vehicle for noncommercial
17 purposes. As used in this section, "recreational vehicle" includes a
18 vehicle towing a horse trailer for a noncommercial purpose.
19 (2) No person may drive a commercial motor vehicle while his or her
20 driving privilege is suspended, revoked, or canceled, while subject to
21 disqualification, or in violation of an out-of-service order.
22 Violations of this subsection shall be punished in the same way as
23 violations of RCW 46.20.342(1).
24 (3) The department shall enter into reciprocity agreements with
25 adjoining states to allow the waivers described in subsection (1) of
26 this section to apply to drivers holding commercial driver's licenses
27 from those adjoining states.

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