

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2313

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Transportation, April 1, 2009

Title: An act relating to extending the length of commercial and farm vehicle permits.

Brief Description: Extending the length of commercial and farm vehicle permits.

Sponsors: Representatives Grant-Herriot, Cox, Ericks, Schmick, Driscoll, Walsh, Short, Kretz, McCune, Linville, Van De Wege, Nelson, Green, Lias, Blake, Darneille, Sells, Wallace, Simpson, Eddy, Carlyle, White, Williams, McCoy, Orwall, Moeller, Chase, Hurst, Hunter, Rolfes, Finn, Sullivan, Springer, Jacks, Kelley, Seaquist, Clibborn, Probst, Cody, Hasegawa, Hudgins, Roberts, Kessler, Ormsby, O'Brien, Dickerson, Takko, Kenney, Morrell, Santos, Hunt, Miloscia and Goodman.

Brief History: Passed House: 3/11/09, 96-1.

Committee Activity: Transportation: 3/30/09, 4/01/09 [DPA].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Becker, Berkey, Delvin, Eide, Jacobsen, Jarrett, Kauffman, Kilmer, King, Ranker and Sheldon.

Staff: Janice Baumgardt (786-7319)

Background: Owners of farm vehicles where the gross vehicle weight for a combination vehicle that does not exceed 80,000 pounds or 40,000 pounds for a single unit vehicle may operate these vehicles using a trip permit. Each farm vehicle trip permit is authorized for the period that is remaining in a calendar month. No more than four permits are allowed for any one vehicle in any 12-month period. The fee for each farm permit is \$6.25 and is sold by Department of Licensing's (DOL) agents or subagents.

Commercial vehicles when licensed to a total gross weight of 80,000 pounds or a three or more axle single vehicle that has been licensed to a total gross weight of 40,000 pounds, a temporary tonnage permit to haul loads in excess of these limits may be issued. This permit is valid for periods of not less than five days at \$2.80 per day for each 2,000 pounds or

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fraction there of. The fee for temporary additional tonnage permits is collected by Department of Transportation (DOT).

Summary of Bill (Recommended Amendments): Farm vehicle trip permits are valid for 30 consecutive calendar days.

EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (Recommended Amendments): The original bill required the vehicle tonnage permit to be valid for 30 days; this part was removed in the striking amendment. Also there were technical corrections made in the striking amendment.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill: PRO: This bill will allow farmers to obtain a permit that is valid for 30 days rather than a calendar month.

OTHER: Technical corrections are needed.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Representative Grant-Herriot, prime sponsor; Heather Hansen, Washington Association of Wheat Growers.

OTHER: Jim Wright, DOT; Sheila Hadden, DOL.