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By Senator Schoesler

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1 AN ACT Relating to special permitting for certain farm implements;
2 and amending RCW 46.44.140.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.140 and 2008 c 76 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 In addition to any other special permits authorized by law, special
7 permits may be issued by the department of transportation for a
8 quarterly or annual period upon such terms and conditions as it finds
9 proper for the movement of (1) farm implements used for the cutting or
10 threshing of mature crops; or (2) other farm implements that may be
11 identified by rule of the department of transportation. Any farm
12 implement moved under this section must comply with RCW 46.44.091, have
13 a gross weight of less than sixty-five thousand pounds, and have a
14 total outside width of less than twenty feet while being moved, and
15 such movement must be patrolled, flagged, lighted, signed, at a time of
16 day, and otherwise in accordance with rules hereby authorized to be
17 adopted by the department of transportation for the control of such
18 movements. Farm implements that are less than sixteen feet in height
19 must receive the same exemptions and be subject to the same special

1 permitting requirements as all other farm implements. However, farm
2 implements that exceed fourteen feet in height but are less than
3 sixteen feet in height must have only one pilot/escort vehicle, which
4 may have an uncertified operator, with a height measuring device
5 proceeding the farm implement while it is being moved under this
6 section.

7 Applications for and permits issued under this section shall
8 provide for a description of the farm implements to be moved, the
9 approximate dates of movement, and the routes of movement so far as
10 they are reasonably known to the applicant at the time of application,
11 but the permit shall not be limited to these circumstances but shall be
12 general in its application except as limited by the statutes and rules
13 adopted by the department of transportation.

14 A copy of the governing permit shall be carried on the farm
15 implement being moved during the period of its movement. The
16 department shall collect a fee as provided in RCW 46.44.0941.

17 Violation of a term or condition under which a permit was issued,
18 of a rule adopted by the department of transportation as authorized by
19 this section, or of a term of this section is a traffic infraction.

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