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HOUSE BILL 2807

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By Representatives Dye, Moscoso, Schmick, Fey, and Tarleton

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1            AN ACT Relating to heavy haul industrial corridors; amending RCW  
2 46.44.0915; and providing an effective date.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.0915 and 2013 c 115 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1)(a) Except as provided in (b) and (c) of this subsection, the  
7 department of transportation, with respect to state highways  
8 maintained within port district property, may, at the request of a  
9 port commission, make and enter into agreements with port districts  
10 and adjacent jurisdictions or agencies of the districts, for the  
11 purpose of identifying, managing, and maintaining short heavy haul  
12 industrial corridors within port district property for the movement  
13 of overweight sealed containers used in international trade.

14            (b) The department of transportation shall designate that portion  
15 of state route number 97 from the Canadian border to milepost 331.12  
16 as a heavy haul industrial corridor for the movement of overweight  
17 vehicles to and from the Oroville railhead. The department may issue  
18 special permits to vehicles operating in the heavy haul industrial  
19 corridor to carry weight in excess of weight limits established in  
20 RCW 46.44.041, but not to exceed a gross vehicle weight of 139,994  
21 pounds.

1       (c) The department of transportation shall designate that portion  
2 of state route number 128 from the Idaho border from milepost .51 to  
3 2.24 and continuing on to state route number 193 from milepost .51 to  
4 2.32 ending at the Port of Wilma as a heavy haul industrial corridor  
5 for the movement of overweight vehicles. The department may issue  
6 special permits to vehicles operating in the heavy haul industrial  
7 corridor to carry weight in excess of weight limits established in  
8 RCW 46.44.041, but not to exceed a gross vehicle weight of 129,000  
9 pounds. Such vehicles operating in the heavy haul industrial corridor  
10 must comply with the federal bridge gross weight formula in 23 C.F.R.  
11 Part 658 as it existed on the effective date of this section, or such  
12 subsequent date as may be provided by the department by rule,  
13 consistent with the purposes of this subsection (1)(c), with axle and  
14 tire size weight limitations established in RCW 46.44.042 and length  
15 limitations established in RCW 46.44.030 and 46.44.0941.

16       (2) Except as provided in subsection (1)(b) and (c) of this  
17 section, the department may issue special permits to vehicles  
18 operating in a heavy haul industrial corridor to carry weight in  
19 excess of weight limits established in RCW 46.44.041. However, the  
20 excess weight on a single axle, tandem axle, or any axle group must  
21 not exceed that allowed by RCW 46.44.091 (1) and (2), weight per tire  
22 must not exceed six hundred pounds per inch width of tire, and gross  
23 vehicle weight must not exceed one hundred five thousand five hundred  
24 pounds.

25       (3) The entity operating or hiring vehicles under subsection  
26 (1)(b) of this section or moving overweight sealed containers used in  
27 international trade must pay a fee for each special permit of one  
28 hundred dollars per month or one thousand dollars annually, beginning  
29 from the date of issue, for all movements under the special permit  
30 made on state highways within a heavy haul industrial corridor.  
31 Within a port district property, under no circumstances are the for  
32 hire carriers or rail customers responsible for the purchase or cost  
33 of the permits. All funds collected, except the amount retained by  
34 authorized agents of the department under RCW 46.44.096, must be  
35 forwarded to the state treasurer and deposited in the motor vehicle  
36 fund.

37       (4) For purposes of this section, an overweight sealed container  
38 used in international trade, including its contents, is considered  
39 nondivisible when transported within a heavy haul industrial corridor  
40 defined by the department.

1           (5) Any agreement entered into by the department as authorized  
2 under this section with a port district adjacent to Puget Sound and  
3 located within a county that has a population of more than seven  
4 hundred thousand, but less than one million, must limit the  
5 applicability of any established heavy haul corridor to that portion  
6 of state route no. 509 beginning at milepost 0.25 in the vicinity of  
7 East 'D' Street and ending at milepost 5.7 in the vicinity of  
8 Norpoint Way Northeast.

9           (6) The department of transportation may adopt reasonable rules  
10 to implement this section.

11           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect January 1, 2017.

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