

## CHAPTER 266.

[ H. B. 491. ]

## MOTOR VEHICLES—FLOATER LICENSE PLATES.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles and licensing thereof; and adding four new sections to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 (House Bill No. 2) and chapter 46.84 RCW.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 (House Bill No. 2) and chapter 46.84 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

Any owner eligible for proportional registration and licensing pursuant to RCW 46.84.020 but who is unable in the opinion of the reciprocity commission to comply with the reporting and application requirements thereof, may subject to prior approval of the commission and in lieu of registration of such vehicles under the provisions of chapter 46.16, and payment of excise taxes and fees imposed by chapter 82.44 and RCW 81.80.320, apply to the director of licenses for issuance of a special "floater" license plate. Floater license plates. Authorized.

SEC. 2. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 (House Bill No. 2) and chapter 46.84 RCW a new section to read as follows: New section.

Application for each "floater" license plate shall be made upon forms prescribed by the director and shall be accompanied by a fee equivalent to double the total annual fees and taxes which would be due under the provisions of chapters 46.16 and 82.44 and RCW 81.80.320 for licensing a semitrailer to the maximum gross weight of thirty-one thousand nine hundred ninety nine pounds together with such additional fees, including filing and special fees, as are applicable upon annual registration and licensing of a semitrailer. Application—Fees.

New section.

SEC. 3. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 (House Bill No. 2) and chapter 46.84 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Use interchangeably, intracity.

Each "floater" license plate may be used interchangeably upon any semitrailer, not exceeding the maximum gross weight, for which such license is issued, owned by or in the possession of the licensee. Such "floater" plates shall be valid only for intracity operations.

Use violation, penalty.

Every violation of this section shall be punishable as a misdemeanor and every peace officer witnessing any use of any "floater" license plate outside of incorporated cities or towns shall confiscate such plate and forthwith return it to the director.

Plate confiscation.

New section.

SEC. 4. There is added to chapter 12, Laws of 1961 (House Bill No. 2) and chapter 46.84 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Plate design, size, source.

Each "floater" license plate shall be of distinctive design and shall be of such size and contain such symbols as are prescribed by the director. All such plates shall be obtained from the metal working plant of the state penitentiary at Walla Walla, if available therefrom, and shall upon application therefor and payment of all fees, be furnished in the manner provided for the annual licensing of vehicles of like class.

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Passed the Senate March 9, 1961.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1961.