

(6) If a patient is admitted to an approved treatment facility, his family or next of kin shall be notified as promptly as possible. If an adult patient who is not incapacitated requests that there be no notification, his request shall be respected.

(7) The police ((or)), members of the emergency service, or treatment facility personnel, who in good faith act in compliance with this chapter are performing in the course of their official duty and are not criminally or civilly liable therefor.

(8) If the person in charge of the approved treatment facility determines it is for the patient's benefit, the patient shall be encouraged to agree to further diagnosis and appropriate voluntary treatment.

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CHAPTER 63

[Senate Bill No. 2484]

MOTOR FREIGHT CARRIERS—IDENTIFICATION CARDS, ETC.—FEES

AN ACT Relating to transportation; and amending section 81.80.300, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 4, chapter 143, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 81.80.300.

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

Section 1. Section 81.80.300, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 4, chapter 143, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 81.80.300 are each amended to read as follows:

The commission shall prescribe an identification cab card and identification decal or stamp or number which must be carried within the cab of each motive power vehicle of each motor carrier required to have a permit under this chapter.

The identification cab card and the decal or stamp or number provided for herein may be in such form and contain such information as required by the commission.

It shall be unlawful for any "common carrier" or "contract carrier" to operate any motor vehicle within this state unless there is carried within the cab of the motive power vehicle, either operating as a solo vehicle or in combination with trailers, the identification cab card and decal or stamp or number required by this section and the payment by such carrier of a total fee of three dollars for each such decal or stamp or number plus the applicable gross weight fee prescribed by RCW 81.80.320: PROVIDED, That as to equipment operated between points in this state and points outside the state exclusively in interstate commerce, and as to equipment operated between points in this state and points outside the state in interstate commerce as well as points within this state in intrastate commerce, the commission may adopt rules and regulations specifying an alternative schedule of fees to that specified in RCW 81.80.320 as it may find to be reasonable and specifying the method of evidencing payment of such fees.

The commission may adopt rules and regulations imposing a reduced schedule of fees for short term operations, requiring reports of carriers, and imposing such

conditions as the public interest may require with respect to the operation of such vehicles.

The commission shall not be required to collect the excise tax prescribed by RCW 82.44.070 for any fees collected under this chapter.

The decal or stamp or number required herein shall be issued annually under the rules and regulations of the commission, and shall be affixed to the identification cab card required by this section not later than February 1st of each year: PROVIDED, That such decal or stamp or number may be issued for the ensuing calendar year on and after the first day of November preceding and may be used from the date of issue until February 1st of the succeeding calendar year for which the same was issued.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of said permit, his agent, servant or employee, or any other person to use or display any identification cab card and decal or stamp or number, the permit number or other insignia of authority from the commission after said permit has expired, been canceled or disposed of, or to operate any vehicle under permit without such identification cab card and decal or stamp or number.

The commission shall collect all fees provided in this section and all such fees shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the public service revolving fund.

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CHAPTER 64

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 2530]

SCHOOL BUSES, AXLE EQUIPMENT—AUTO STAGES AND SCHOOL BUSES, ROUTE LIMITATION

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicles; amending section 46.44.030, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 53, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.030; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 46.44.030, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 53, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.030 are each amended to read as follows:

It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways of this state any vehicle other than a municipal transit vehicle having an overall length, with or without load, in excess of thirty-five feet: PROVIDED, That an auto stage or school bus shall not exceed an overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, of forty feet: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any such school bus constructed prior to April 1, 1977, shall be equipped with three axles: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any school bus constructed on or after April 1, 1977, and in excess of thirty-six feet six inches shall be equipped with three axles: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the route of any ((such)) auto stage in excess of thirty-five feet or school bus in excess of thirty-six feet six inches upon or across the public highways ((within