
SENATE BILL 5944

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By Senator Baumgartner

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1 AN ACT Relating to special permits and signage for certain
2 overheight or overwidth vehicle loads; amending RCW 46.44.090; adding
3 a new section to chapter 47.36 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.090 and 2006 c 334 s 17 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The department of transportation, pursuant to its rules with
8 respect to state highways, and local authorities, with respect to
9 public highways under their jurisdiction, may, upon application in
10 writing and good cause being shown therefor, issue a special permit in
11 writing, or electronically, authorizing the applicant to operate or
12 move a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size, weight of vehicle,
13 or load exceeding the maximum set forth in RCW 46.44.010, 46.44.020,
14 46.44.030, 46.44.034, and 46.44.041 upon any public highway under the
15 jurisdiction of the authority granting such permit and for the
16 maintenance of which such authority is responsible. However, the
17 department of transportation and local authorities may not issue a
18 overheight or overwidth special permit for a vehicle moving a load that

1 exceeds the actual measured minimum clearance height or width of a
2 bridge on the proposed route on Washington state highways.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.36 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 All structures over or across any public highway that provide less
6 than sixteen feet of clearance from the roadway must be signed with a
7 low clearance sign indicating the height of the structure. The sign
8 must be consistent with the manual on uniform traffic control devices
9 as adopted by the department under RCW 47.36.030.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
13 immediately.

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