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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, 2016.

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