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3 SENATE BILL 638

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to overweight truck limits; amending
8 47 O.S. 2011, Section 14-109, as last amended by
9 Section 1, Chapter 296, O.S.L. 2014 (47 O.S. Supp.
10 2014, Section 14-109), which relates to gross weight
of vehicles and loads; modifying formula for gross
weight; authorizing special permit for certain loads;
and providing an effective date.

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 14-109, as
15 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 296, O.S.L. 2014 (47 O.S. Supp.
16 2014, Section 14-109), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 14-109. A. On any road or highway:

18 1. No single axle weight shall exceed twenty thousand (20,000)
19 pounds; and

20 2. The total gross weight in pounds imposed thereon by a
21 vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not exceed the value given
22 ~~in the following table corresponding to the distance in feet between~~
23 ~~the extreme axles of the group measured longitudinally to the~~

1 nearest foot calculated in accordance with the Federal Bridge
 2 formula imposed by 23 U.S.C., Section 127.

3 Distance in Feet
 4 Between the Extremes of _____ Maximum Load in Pounds
 5 Any Group of 2 or More _____ Carried on Any Group of 2 or
 6 Consecutive Axles _____ More Consecutive Axles

7 _____ 2 Axles _____ 3 Axles _____ 4 Axles _____ 5 Axles _____ 6 Axles

8 4 _____ 34,000 _____

9 5 _____ 34,000 _____

10 6 _____ 34,000 _____

11 7 _____ 34,000 _____

12 8 _____ 34,000 _____ 42,000 _____

13 9 _____ 39,000 _____ 42,500 _____

14 10 _____ 40,000 _____ 43,500 _____

15 11 _____ _____ 44,000 _____

16 12 _____ _____ 45,000 _____ 50,000 _____

17 13 _____ _____ 45,500 _____ 50,500 _____

18 14 _____ _____ 46,500 _____ 51,500 _____

19 15 _____ _____ 47,000 _____ 52,000 _____

20 16 _____ _____ 48,000 _____ 52,500 _____ 58,000 _____

21 17 _____ _____ 48,500 _____ 53,500 _____ 58,500 _____

22 18 _____ _____ 49,500 _____ 54,000 _____ 59,000 _____

23 19 _____ _____ 50,000 _____ 54,500 _____ 60,000 _____

24 20 _____ _____ 51,000 _____ 55,500 _____ 60,500 _____ 66,000 _____

1	21	51,500	56,000	61,000	66,500
2	22	52,500	56,500	61,500	67,000
3	23	53,000	57,500	62,500	68,000
4	24	54,000	58,000	63,000	68,500
5	25	54,500	58,500	63,500	69,000
6	26	56,000	59,500	64,000	69,500
7	27	57,500	60,000	65,000	70,000
8	28	59,000	60,500	65,500	71,000
9	29	60,500	61,500	66,000	71,500
10	30	62,000	62,000	66,500	72,000
11	31	63,500	63,500	67,000	72,500
12	32	64,000	64,000	68,000	73,500
13	33		64,500	68,500	74,000
14	34		65,000	69,000	74,500
15	35		66,000	70,000	75,000
16	36		68,000	70,500	75,500
17	37		68,000	71,000	76,000
18	38		69,000	72,000	77,000
19	39		70,000	72,500	77,500
20	40		71,000	73,000	78,000
21	41		72,000	73,500	78,500
22	42		73,000	74,000	79,000
23	43		73,280	75,000	80,000
24	44		73,280	75,500	80,500

1	45	73,280	76,000	81,000
2	46	73,280	76,500	81,500
3	47	73,500	77,500	82,000
4	48	74,000	78,000	83,000
5	49	74,500	78,500	83,500
6	50	75,500	79,000	84,000
7	51	76,000	80,000	84,500
8	52	76,500	80,500	85,000
9	53	77,500	81,000	86,000
10	54	78,000	81,500	86,500
11	55	78,500	82,500	87,000
12	56	79,500	83,000	87,500
13	57	80,000	83,500	88,000
14	58		84,000	89,000
15	59		85,000	89,500
16	60		85,500	90,000

17 B. Except as to gross limits, the ~~table in subsection A~~ formula
18 of this section shall not apply to a truck-tractor and dump
19 semitrailer when used as a combination unit. In no event shall the
20 maximum load in pounds carried by any set of tandem axles exceed
21 thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds ~~for vehicles exempt from the~~
22 ~~table; however, any.~~ Any vehicle operating with split tandem axles
23 or tri-axles shall adhere to the ~~table~~ formula.

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1 C. ~~Special permits may be issued as provided in this title for~~
2 ~~divisible loads for vehicle configurations in excess of six (6)~~
3 ~~axles. The permits may not exceed the Table "B" federal weights~~
4 ~~formula imposed by Title 23, U.S. Code, Section 127. Vehicles~~
5 ~~moving under the permits shall not traverse H-15 bridges or less~~
6 ~~without the express approval of the Secretary of Transportation.~~

7 D. Except for loads moving under special permits as provided in
8 this title, no department or agency of this state or any county,
9 city, or public entity thereof shall pay for any material that
10 exceeds the legal weight limits moving in interstate or intrastate
11 commerce in excess of the legal load limits of this state.

12 D. 1. An annual special overload permit may be purchased for
13 vehicles transporting rock, sand, gravel, coal, flour, timber,
14 pulpwood, and chips in their natural state, oil field fluids, oil
15 field equipment or equipment used in oil and gas well drilling or
16 exploration, and vehicles transporting grain, fertilizer,
17 cottonseed, cotton, livestock, peanuts, canola, sunflowers,
18 soybeans, feed, any other raw agricultural products, and any other
19 unprocessed agricultural products, if the following conditions are
20 met:

21 a. the vehicles are registered for the maximum allowable
22 rate,

1 b. the vehicles do not exceed five percent (5%) of the
2 gross limits set forth in subsection A of this
3 section,

4 c. the vehicles do not exceed eight percent (8%) of the
5 axle limits set forth in subsection A of this section,

6 d. no component of the vehicles exceeds the
7 manufacturer's component weight rating as shown on the
8 vehicle certification label or tag, and

9 e. the vehicles operating pursuant to the provisions of
10 this paragraph will not be allowed to operate on the
11 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

12 2. Vehicles operating pursuant to this section must register
13 for the maximum allowable rate and additionally shall purchase a
14 non-transferrable annual special overload permit from the Department
15 of Public Safety for a fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). All
16 monies collected shall be deposited to the credit of the Highway
17 Construction and Maintenance Fund.

18 E. Exceptions to this section will be:

19 1. Utility or refuse collection vehicles used by counties,
20 cities, or towns or by private companies contracted by counties,
21 cities, or towns if the following conditions are met:

22 a. calculation of weight for a utility or refuse
23 collection vehicle shall be "Gross Vehicle Weight".
24 The "Gross Vehicle Weight" of a utility or refuse

1 collection vehicle may not exceed the otherwise
2 applicable weight by more than fifteen percent (15%).
3 The weight on individual axles must not exceed the
4 manufacturer's component rating which includes axle,
5 suspension, wheels, rims, brakes, and tires as shown
6 on the vehicle certification label or tag, and

- 7 b. utility or refuse collection vehicles operated under
8 these exceptions will not be allowed to operate on
9 interstate highways;

10 2. ~~Vehicles transporting timber, pulpwood, and chips in their~~
11 ~~natural state, vehicles transporting oil field fluids, oil field~~
12 ~~equipment, or equipment used in oil and gas well drilling or~~
13 ~~exploration, and vehicles transporting grain, fertilizer,~~
14 ~~cottonseed, cotton, livestock, peanuts, canola, sunflowers,~~
15 ~~soybeans, feed in bulk, any other raw agricultural products, and any~~
16 ~~other unprocessed agricultural products, if the following conditions~~
17 ~~are met:~~

- 18 a. ~~the vehicles are registered for the maximum allowable~~
19 ~~rate,~~
20 b. ~~the vehicles do not exceed five percent (5%) of the~~
21 ~~gross limits set forth in subsection A of this~~
22 ~~section, and~~

1 ~~e. the vehicles operating pursuant to the provisions of~~
2 ~~this paragraph will not be allowed to operate on the~~
3 ~~National System of Interstate and Defense Highways;~~

4 ~~3. Vehicles transporting rock, sand, gravel, coal, and flour if~~
5 ~~the following conditions are met:~~

6 ~~a. the vehicles are registered for the maximum allowable~~
7 ~~rate,~~

8 ~~b. the vehicles do not exceed five percent (5%) of the~~
9 ~~axle limits set forth in subsection A of this section,~~
10 ~~and~~

11 ~~c. the vehicles operating pursuant to the provisions of~~
12 ~~this paragraph will not be allowed to operate on the~~
13 ~~National System of Interstate and Defense Highways;~~
14 ~~and~~

15 ~~4. A combination of a wrecker or tow vehicle and another~~
16 ~~vehicle or vehicle combination if:~~

17 ~~a. the service provided by the wrecker or tow vehicle is~~
18 ~~needed to remove disabled, abandoned, or accident-~~
19 ~~damaged vehicles, and~~

20 ~~b. the wrecker or tow vehicle is towing the other vehicle~~
21 ~~or vehicle combination directly to the nearest~~
22 ~~authorized place of repair, terminal, or vehicle~~
23 ~~storage facility.~~

1 Vehicles operating pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph will
2 not be allowed to operate on the National System of Interstate and
3 Defense Highways.

4 F. 1. Any vehicle utilizing an auxiliary power or idle
5 reduction technology unit in order to promote reduction of fuel use
6 and emissions because of engine idling shall be allowed an
7 additional four hundred (400) pounds total to the total gross weight
8 limits set by this section.

9 2. To be eligible for the exception provided in this
10 subsection, the operator of the vehicle must obtain written proof or
11 certification of the weight of the auxiliary power or idle reduction
12 technology unit and be able to demonstrate or certify that the idle
13 reduction technology is fully functional.

14 3. Written proof or certification of the weight of the
15 auxiliary power or idle reduction technology unit must be available
16 to law enforcement officers if the vehicle is found in violation of
17 applicable weight laws. The additional weight allowed cannot exceed
18 four hundred (400) pounds or the actual proven or certified weight
19 of the unit, whichever is less.

20 G. Utility or refuse collection vehicles, ~~vehicles transporting~~
21 ~~timber, pulpwood, and chips in their natural state, vehicles~~
22 ~~transporting oil field fluids, oil field equipment or equipment used~~
23 ~~in oil and gas well drilling or exploration, vehicles transporting~~
24 ~~rock, sand, gravel, coal, and flour and vehicles transporting grain,~~

1 ~~fertilizer, cottonseed, cotton, livestock, peanuts, canola,~~
2 ~~sunflowers, soybeans, feed in bulk, any other raw agricultural~~
3 ~~products, and any other unprocessed agricultural products,~~ operating
4 under exceptions shall purchase an annual special overload permit
5 from the Corporation Commission for One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).
6 This fee shall be apportioned as provided for in Section 1104 of
7 this title.

8 H. For purposes of this section, "utility vehicle" shall mean
9 any truck used by a private utility company, county, city, or town
10 for the purpose of installing or maintaining electric, water, or
11 sewer systems.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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