

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 981

By: Kerr of the Senate
and
Beutler of the House

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 127.1, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 27, O.S.L. 1995, and as renumbered by Section 8, Chapter 27, O.S.L. 1995 (47 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 14-109.2), which relates to vehicles delivering agricultural commodities weighed as a single draft; clarifying certain weight limit provisions for combination vehicles; modifying weight limits for certain vehicle combinations; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 127.1, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 27, O.S.L. 1995, and as renumbered by Section 8, Chapter 27, O.S.L. 1995 (47 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 14-109.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-109.2 A. Except as hereinafter provided, for the purpose of delivering agriculture commodities to and from the farm only, any vehicle or combination of vehicles shall be commercially weighed on a vehicle scale only as a single draft, that is, the total weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not be

determined by adding together the results obtained by separately weighing each end of the vehicle or combination of vehicles, or by separately weighing individual elements of such vehicle or combination of vehicles. Provided, however, that when a vehicle or combination of vehicles is not weighed as a single draft the weight ticket shall be stamped "multiple draft weight; not guaranteed accurate". Provided further, that any one truck and semitrailer or truck-tractor/semitrailer combination may tow one complete trailer or semitrailer for the purpose of delivering agriculture commodities to and from the farm only, such single axle and gross weight limits provided for by Section 14-109 of this title applying fully herein.

B. This section shall not be construed to allow or permit any vehicle or combination of vehicles to exceed:

1. The axle load limit, as prescribed in Section 14-109 of this title, of twenty thousand (20,000) pounds per single axle; or

2. The tandem axle weight, as prescribed in Sections 14-101 and 14-109 of this title; or

3. The overall gross weight of eighty thousand (80,000) pounds for single vehicles or ninety thousand (90,000) pounds for combinations of vehicles operating on the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways; or

4. The total overall gross weight of ninety thousand (90,000) pounds for all other highways in this state, except those highways prescribed in Section 14-113 of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1996.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 26th day of February, 1996.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of
_____, 1996.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives