

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2210

By: Plunk and Pope (Clay) of  
the House

and

Wilkerson of the Senate

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2001, Sections 14-103 and 14-109, which relate to vehicle size and load limits; adding exception to width limitation of vehicles; adding load limit exception for certain vehicles; 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. 2001, Section 14-103, is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-103. Except as otherwise provided for by this chapter:

A. No vehicle, with or without load, shall have a total outside width in excess of one hundred two (102) inches excluding:

1. Tire bulge;

2. Approved safety devices; ~~and~~

3. A retracted awning with a width of eight (8) inches or less or other appurtenance of four (4) inches or less which is attached to the side of a recreational vehicle, as defined in Section 1102 of this title; and

4. Pins used as a safety precaution or as a load-assisting device if the pins do not extend the overall width of the vehicle beyond nine (9) feet.

The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any person engaged in the hauling of round baled hay with a total outside width of eleven (11) feet or less when the hay is owned by such person and is being hauled for any purpose other than resale. The provisions of this subsection shall also not apply to any county official or employee engaged in the hauling or pulling of a trailer or equipment owned by the county on the county roads of such county.

B. No vehicle, with or without load, shall exceed a height of thirteen and one-half (13 1/2) feet.

C. 1. No single truck, with or without load, shall have an overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in excess of forty-five (45) feet.

2. No single bus, with or without load, shall have an overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in excess of forty-five (45) feet.

3. a. On the National Network of Highways which includes the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and four-lane divided Federal Aid Primary System Highways, no semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor/semitrailer combination shall have a length greater than fifty-three (53) feet, except as provided for in subsection C of Section 14-118 of this title which shall apply to semitrailers exceeding fifty-three (53) feet but not exceeding fifty-nine (59) feet six (6) inches. On the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and four-lane divided Federal Aid Primary System Highways, no semitrailer or trailer operating in a truck-tractor/semitrailer and trailer combination shall have a length greater than fifty-three (53) feet.

b. On roads and highways not a part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways or four-lane divided Federal Aid Primary System Highways, no semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor/semitrailer combination shall have a length greater than fifty-three (53) feet and no semitrailer or trailer operating in a truck-tractor/semitrailer and trailer combination shall have a length greater than twenty-nine (29) feet. Except as provided for in subsection D of Section 14-118 of this title, no other combination of vehicles shall have an overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in excess of seventy (70) feet on all roads and highways. For the purposes of this paragraph, oil field rig-up trucks shall be considered to be truck-tractors, when towing a trailer or semitrailer.

4. No combination of vehicles shall consist of more than two units, except:

a. one truck and semitrailer or truck-tractor/semitrailer combination may tow one complete trailer or semitrailer; or

b. vans, suburbans, blazers or other similar types of vehicles and self-propelled recreational vehicles with a three-quarter (3/4) ton or more rated capacity, may tow a semitrailer and one complete trailer or semitrailer for recreational purposes only, provided the overall length, inclusive of the front and rear bumpers, does not exceed sixty-five (65) feet.

5. Poles and gas lines used to maintain public utility services, not to include new construction, may be moved during daylight hours, and during nighttime hours only in an emergency, subject to traffic and road restrictions promulgated by the

Commissioner of Public Safety, when the overall length does not exceed eighty (80) feet. When this length is exceeded, these loads are subject to the requirements of Section 14-118 of this title.

6. For the purposes of paragraphs 1, 3, and 4 of this subsection, the length of unitized equipment, which is defined to be equipment so constructed and attached to a rubber-tired vehicle that the vehicle and load become a unit and are for all practical purposes inseparable, shall be the length of the vehicle itself, and shall not include any protrusion of the equipment load so constructed or attached. Said equipment shall not protrude for a distance greater than two-thirds (2/3) of the wheel base of said vehicle, shall not impair the driver's vision, and if less than seven (7) feet above the roadway, shall be safely marked, flagged or illuminated. Any such protruding structure shall be securely held in place to prevent dropping or swaying. Unitized equipment shall carry such safety equipment as shall be determined to be necessary for the safety, health, and welfare of the driving public by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

7. For the purposes of paragraphs 1, 3, and 4 of this subsection, a truck-tractor, when being towed by another vehicle with the wheels of its steering axle raised off the roadway, shall be considered to be a semitrailer as defined in Section 1-162 of this title.

8. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 3 of this subsection shall not apply to any contractor or subcontractor, or agents or employees of any contractor or subcontractor, while engaged in transporting material to the site of a project being constructed by, for, or on behalf of this state or any city, town, county, or subdivision of this state.

9. Special mobilized machinery, as defined in Section 1102 of this title, which exceeds the size provisions of this section shall only use the highways of the State of Oklahoma by special permit issued by the Commissioner of Public Safety or an authorized representative of the Commissioner. Such special permit shall be:

a. a single-trip permit issued under the provisions of Section 14-116 of this title, or

b. a special annual oversize permit issued for one (1) calendar year period upon payment of a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) plus any amount as provided by subsection H of Section 14-118 of this title.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 14-109, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

Distance in Feet  
 Between the Extremes of  
 Any Group of 2 or More  
 Consecutive Axles

Maximum Load in Pounds  
 Carried on Any Group of 2 or  
 More Consecutive Axles

	2 Axles	3 Axles	4 Axles	5 Axles	6 Axles
4	34,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
5	34,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
6	34,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
7	34,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
8	34,000	42,000	-----	-----	-----
9	39,000	42,500	-----	-----	-----
10	40,000	43,500	-----	-----	-----
11	-----	44,000	-----	-----	-----
12	-----	45,000	50,000	-----	-----
13	-----	45,500	50,500	-----	-----
14	-----	46,500	51,500	-----	-----
15	-----	47,000	52,000	-----	-----
16	-----	48,000	52,500	58,000	-----
17	-----	48,500	53,500	58,500	-----
18	-----	49,500	54,000	59,000	-----
19	-----	50,000	54,500	60,000	-----
20	-----	51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000
21	-----	51,500	56,000	61,000	66,500
22	-----	52,500	56,500	61,500	67,000
23	-----	53,000	57,500	62,500	68,000
24	-----	54,000	58,000	63,000	68,500
25	-----	54,500	58,500	63,500	69,000
26	-----	56,000	59,500	64,000	69,500
27	-----	57,500	60,000	65,000	70,000
28	-----	59,000	60,500	65,500	71,000
29	-----	60,500	61,500	66,000	71,500

30	-----	62,000	62,000	66,500	72,000
31	-----	63,500	63,500	67,000	72,500
32	-----	64,000	64,000	68,000	73,500
33	-----	-----	64,500	68,500	74,000
34	-----	-----	65,000	69,000	74,500
35	-----	-----	66,000	70,000	75,000
36	-----	-----	68,000	70,500	75,500
37	-----	-----	68,000	71,000	76,000
38	-----	-----	69,000	72,000	77,000
39	-----	-----	70,000	72,500	77,500
40	-----	-----	71,000	73,000	78,000
41	-----	-----	72,000	73,500	78,500
42	-----	-----	73,000	74,000	79,000
43	-----	-----	73,280	75,000	80,000
44	-----	-----	73,280	75,500	80,500
45	-----	-----	73,280	76,000	81,000
46	-----	-----	73,280	76,500	81,500
47	-----	-----	73,500	77,500	82,000
48	-----	-----	74,000	78,000	83,000
49	-----	-----	74,500	78,500	83,500
50	-----	-----	75,500	79,000	84,000
51	-----	-----	76,000	80,000	84,500
52	-----	-----	76,500	80,500	85,000
53	-----	-----	77,500	81,000	86,000
54	-----	-----	78,000	81,500	86,500
55	-----	-----	78,500	82,500	87,000
56	-----	-----	79,500	83,000	87,500
57	-----	-----	80,000	83,500	88,000
58	-----	-----	-----	84,000	89,000
59	-----	-----	-----	85,000	89,500

60 ----- 85,500 90,000

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

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

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

E. Exceptions to this section will be:

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

- a. calculation of weight for a utility or refuse collection vehicle shall be "Gross Vehicle Weight". The "Gross Vehicle Weight" of a utility or refuse collection vehicle may not exceed the otherwise applicable weight by more than fifteen percent (15%). The weight on individual axles must not exceed the manufacturer's component rating which includes axle, suspension, wheels, rims, brakes, and tires as shown on the vehicle certification label or tag, and
- b. utility or refuse collection vehicles operated under these exceptions will not be allowed to operate on interstate highways;

2. Vehicles transporting timber, pulpwood, and chips in their natural state, vehicles transporting oil field fluids, oil field equipment, or equipment used in oil and gas well drilling or exploration, and vehicles transporting grain, if the following conditions are met:

- a. the vehicles are registered for the maximum allowable rate,
- b. the vehicles do not exceed five percent (5%) of the gross limits set forth in subsection A of this section, and
- c. the vehicles operating pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph will not be allowed to operate on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways; and

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

- a. the vehicles are registered for the maximum allowable rate,
- b. the vehicles do not exceed five percent (5%) of the axle limits set forth in subsection A of this section, and
- c. the vehicles operating pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph will not be allowed to operate on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

F. Utility or refuse collection vehicles, vehicles transporting timber, pulpwood, and chips in their natural state, vehicles transporting oil field equipment or equipment used in oil and gas well drilling or exploration, vehicles transporting rock, sand, gravel, and coal and vehicles transporting grain, operating under exceptions shall purchase an annual special overload permit for One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). This fee shall be apportioned as provided for in Section 1104 of this title.

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

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

SECTION 4. 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 House of Representatives the 15th day of May, 2002.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 15th day of May, 2002.

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