

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1688

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to roads, bridges and ferries; creating the Joint Highway Routing Advisory Committee; stating membership; directing committee to work in conjunction with various entities; requiring committee to develop certain routing system for truck traffic; requiring approval by the Transportation Commission; requiring annual review; providing for Committee to select officers; providing for staffing assistance; stating procedures for Committee meetings; providing for distribution of information; amending 47 O.S. 2001, Section 14-113, which relates to restriction of use of certain highways; authorizing certain local authorities to regulate certain vehicles with certain authorization; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 302.3 of Title 69, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Joint Highway Routing Advisory Committee which shall be composed of the members of the Department of Transportation County Advisory Board, created pursuant to Section 302.1 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Oklahoma Trucking Advisory Board, created pursuant to Section 301.1 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes and the Department of Transportation Tribal Advisory Board, created pursuant to Section 302.2 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. The Joint Highway Routing Advisory Committee is hereby directed to work in conjunction with the Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Safety and any other public entity deemed relevant by the Transportation Commission to develop

by January 1, 2007, a statewide uniform system of routing truck traffic. Such system shall be implemented upon approval of the Transportation Commission and may be amended as necessary by the Joint Highway Routing Advisory Committee at the direction of the Transportation Commission or by a majority vote of the membership of the Joint Highway Routing Advisory Committee. Such system shall be annually reviewed by the Joint Highway Routing Advisory Committee.

C. The membership of the Joint Highway Routing Advisory Committee shall select from among the members a chair and vice-chair. The Committee may create any number of subcommittees and may solicit information from any source as it deems necessary to comply with the provisions of this act. Staffing and administrative assistance as required by the Committee shall be provided by the Department of Transportation. The Director of the Department of Transportation shall call the first meeting. The Committee membership shall determine a regular meeting schedule. All meetings and actions of the Committee shall be subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

D. Upon adoption by the Transportation Commission the statewide uniform system of routing truck traffic, and any amendments thereto, shall be made publicly available and copies shall be presented to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each board of county commissioners and each federally recognized tribal government in this state.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 14-113, is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-113. The Director of the Department of Transportation with respect to highways on the state highway system, or local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, as defined in Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes, may prohibit the operation of vehicles on any such highways, or impose restrictions as to the weights of vehicles to be operated upon any

state or federal highway or any detour established for such highways, or for any bridge located upon such highways or detours, whenever any such highway, detour or bridge by reason of deterioration, rain, snow or other climatic conditions will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles thereon is prohibited or the permissible weight reduced. Such restrictions shall be effective when signs giving notice thereof are erected upon the highway, detour, bridge, or portion thereof affected by such action, and the Department of Public Safety has been notified. The purpose of this provision with respect to local authorities is to give such authorities an opportunity to prevent or minimize an immediate threat of serious harm or destruction to any highway, detour or bridge under their jurisdiction due to rain, snow or other climatic conditions. Nothing stated herein shall be construed to grant local authorities the right to issue permits designed to regulate the use of overweight vehicles upon highways subject to their jurisdiction, and the issuance of such permits is expressly prohibited unless such a permit is authorized pursuant to a statewide uniform routing system created pursuant to Section 1 of this act.

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.

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