

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1813

By: Shannon of the House

3 and

4 Branam of the Senate

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6  
7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.  
8 2001, Section 14-109, as last amended by Section 2,  
9 Chapter 69, O.S.L. 2008 (47 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section  
10 14-109), which relates to the permissible weight of  
11 loads; increasing maximum load if certain equipment  
12 is present; limiting amount of increase; requiring  
13 equipment function properly; requiring written proof  
14 of weight; and providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 14-109, as  
17 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 69, O.S.L. 2008 (47 O.S. Supp.  
18 2008, Section 14-109), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

1	Distance in Feet					
2	Between the Extremes of			Maximum Load in Pounds		
3	Any Group of 2 or More			Carried on Any Group of 2 or		
4	Consecutive Axles			More Consecutive Axles		
5	2 Axles	3 Axles	4 Axles	5 Axles	6 Axles	
6	4	34,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
7	5	34,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
8	6	34,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
9	7	34,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
10	8	34,000	42,000	-----	-----	-----
11	9	39,000	42,500	-----	-----	-----
12	10	40,000	43,500	-----	-----	-----
13	11	-----	44,000	-----	-----	-----
14	12	-----	45,000	50,000	-----	-----
15	13	-----	45,500	50,500	-----	-----
16	14	-----	46,500	51,500	-----	-----
17	15	-----	47,000	52,000	-----	-----
18	16	-----	48,000	52,500	58,000	-----
19	17	-----	48,500	53,500	58,500	-----
20	18	-----	49,500	54,000	59,000	-----
21	19	-----	50,000	54,500	60,000	-----
22	20	-----	51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000
23	21	-----	51,500	56,000	61,000	66,500
24	22	-----	52,500	56,500	61,500	67,000

1	23	-----	53,000	57,500	62,500	68,000
2	24	-----	54,000	58,000	63,000	68,500
3	25	-----	54,500	58,500	63,500	69,000
4	26	-----	56,000	59,500	64,000	69,500
5	27	-----	57,500	60,000	65,000	70,000
6	28	-----	59,000	60,500	65,500	71,000
7	29	-----	60,500	61,500	66,000	71,500
8	30	-----	62,000	62,000	66,500	72,000
9	31	-----	63,500	63,500	67,000	72,500
10	32	-----	64,000	64,000	68,000	73,500
11	33	-----	-----	64,500	68,500	74,000
12	34	-----	-----	65,000	69,000	74,500
13	35	-----	-----	66,000	70,000	75,000
14	36	-----	-----	68,000	70,500	75,500
15	37	-----	-----	68,000	71,000	76,000
16	38	-----	-----	69,000	72,000	77,000
17	39	-----	-----	70,000	72,500	77,500
18	40	-----	-----	71,000	73,000	78,000
19	41	-----	-----	72,000	73,500	78,500
20	42	-----	-----	73,000	74,000	79,000
21	43	-----	-----	73,280	75,000	80,000
22	44	-----	-----	73,280	75,500	80,500
23	45	-----	-----	73,280	76,000	81,000
24	46	-----	-----	73,280	76,500	81,500

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

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

22       C. Special permits may be issued as provided in this title for  
23 divisible loads for vehicle configurations in excess of six (6)  
24 axles. The permits may not exceed the Table "B" federal weights

1 formula imposed by Title 23, U.S. Code, Section 127. Vehicles  
2 moving under the permits shall not traverse H-15 bridges or less  
3 without the express approval of the Secretary of Transportation.

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

9 E. Exceptions to this section will be:

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

13 a. calculation of weight for a utility or refuse  
14 collection vehicle shall be "Gross Vehicle Weight".  
15 The "Gross Vehicle Weight" of a utility or refuse  
16 collection vehicle may not exceed the otherwise  
17 applicable weight by more than fifteen percent (15%).

18 The weight on individual axles must not exceed the  
19 manufacturer's component rating which includes axle,  
20 suspension, wheels, rims, brakes, and tires as shown  
21 on the vehicle certification label or tag, and

22 b. utility or refuse collection vehicles operated under  
23 these exceptions will not be allowed to operate on  
24 interstate highways;

1        2. Vehicles transporting timber, pulpwood, and chips in their  
2 natural state, vehicles transporting oil field fluids, oil field  
3 equipment, or equipment used in oil and gas well drilling or  
4 exploration, and vehicles transporting grain, if the following  
5 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 gross limits set forth in subsection A of this  
10 section, 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        3. Vehicles transporting rock, sand, gravel, coal, and flour if  
15 the following conditions are met:

16           a. the vehicles are registered for the maximum allowable  
17 rate,

18           b. the vehicles do not exceed five percent (5%) of the  
19 axle limits set forth in subsection A of this section,  
20 and

21           c. the vehicles operating pursuant to the provisions of  
22 this paragraph will not be allowed to operate on the  
23 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways;  
24 and

1 4. A combination of a wrecker or tow vehicle and another  
2 vehicle or vehicle combination if:

3 a. the service provided by the wrecker or tow vehicle is  
4 needed to remove disabled, abandoned, or accident-  
5 damaged vehicles, and

6 b. the wrecker or tow vehicle is towing the other vehicle  
7 or vehicle combination directly to the nearest  
8 authorized place of repair, terminal, or vehicle  
9 storage facility.

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

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

18 2. To be eligible for the exception provided in this  
19 subsection, the operator of the vehicle must obtain written proof or  
20 certification of the weight of the auxiliary power or idle reduction  
21 technology unit and be able to demonstrate or certify that the idle  
22 reduction technology is fully functional.

23 3. Written proof or certification of the weight of the  
24 auxiliary power or idle reduction technology unit must be available

1 to law enforcement officers if the vehicle is found in violation of  
2 applicable weight laws. The additional weight allowed cannot exceed  
3 four hundred (400) pounds or the actual proven or certified weight  
4 of the unit, whichever is less.

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

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

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.  
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 10th day of March, 2009.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

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6 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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9 Presiding Officer of the Senate