

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 4, 2011

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE
4 BILL NO. 1229

By: Ownbey and Dorman of the
House

5 and

6 Simpson of the Senate

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9 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.
10 2001, Section 14-120.1, which relates to oversize
11 loads; modifying escort vehicle requirements; and
12 declaring an emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 14-120.1, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 14-120.1 A. Any vehicle or combination of vehicles
17 with an outside width of that exceeds twelve (12) feet ~~or more~~
18 operating on highways in the state, including the National System of
19 Interstate and Defense Highways, shall, in addition to being in
20 compliance with provisions of Section 14-101 et seq. of this title,
21 be accompanied by an escort vehicle or vehicles, as prescribed by
22 the Department of Public Safety.

1 B. No person shall operate an escort vehicle for hire, as
2 required by this section, unless the person has been certified by
3 the Department of Public Safety as an escort vehicle operator.

4 C. Any person not required to be certified by the Department of
5 Public Safety as an escort vehicle operator may tow a trailer when
6 escorting a manufactured home. Such trailer shall not exceed eight
7 and one-half (8 1/2) feet in width and twenty (20) feet in length
8 with siding not to exceed four (4) feet in height measured from the
9 bed of the trailer.

10 The trailer may only be used to transport supplies and equipment
11 necessary to carry out the mission of escort vehicle operators.

12 D. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall promulgate rules for
13 the certification of operators of escort vehicles and the use of
14 escort vehicles, as required by this section.

15 E. The Commissioner of Public Safety is hereby authorized to
16 enter into reciprocal compacts and agreements with other states for
17 the purpose of recognizing escort vehicle operator certifications
18 issued by those states.

19 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
20 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 3-31-11 - DO
24 PASS, As Coauthored.