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March 27, 2018

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1560

By: Frix and Echols of the
House

and

Griffin of the Senate

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 14-103, which relates to width, height and length of vehicle and load; modifying allowable height if authorized by special permit; providing exceptions to permit requirement; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, 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;

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

1 to the side of a recreational vehicle, as defined in Section 1102 of
2 this title; and

3 4. Pins used as a safety precaution or as a load-assisting
4 device if the pins do not extend the overall width of the vehicle
5 beyond nine (9) feet. The State of Oklahoma hereby declares it has
6 determined, in accordance with 23 C.F.R., Section 658.15, that such
7 pins are necessary for the safe and efficient operation of motor
8 vehicles.

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

16 B. No vehicle, with or without load, shall exceed a height of
17 thirteen and one-half (13 1/2) feet, unless a greater height is
18 authorized by a special permit issued by the Commissioner of Public
19 Safety or an authorized representative of the Commissioner in
20 consultation with the Department of Transportation specifying the
21 highways to be used, consistent with public convenience and safety.
22 The prohibitions on movement as prescribed in subsection F of
23 Section 14-101 of this title and paragraph 1 of subsection G of
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1 Section 14-101 of this title shall not apply to vehicles operated
2 pursuant to such permits.

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

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

9 3. a. On the National Network of Highways which includes the
10 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and
11 four-lane divided Federal Aid Primary System Highways,
12 no semitrailer operating in a truck-
13 tractor/semitrailer combination shall have a length
14 greater than fifty-three (53) feet, except as provided
15 in subsection C of Section 14-118 of this title which
16 shall apply to semitrailers exceeding fifty-three (53)
17 feet but not exceeding fifty-nine (59) feet six (6)
18 inches. On the National System of Interstate and
19 Defense Highways and four-lane divided Federal Aid
20 Primary System Highways, no semitrailer or trailer
21 operating in a truck-tractor/semitrailer and trailer
22 combination shall have a length greater than fifty-
23 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

1 tow a semitrailer and one complete trailer or
2 semitrailer for recreational purposes only, provided
3 the overall length, inclusive of the front and rear
4 bumpers, does not exceed sixty-five (65) feet.

5 5. Poles and gas lines used to maintain public utility
6 services, not to include new construction, may be moved during
7 daylight hours, and during nighttime hours only in an emergency,
8 subject to traffic and road restrictions promulgated by the
9 Commissioner of Public Safety, when the overall length does not
10 exceed eighty (80) feet. When this length is exceeded, these loads
11 are subject to the requirements of Section 14-118 of this title.

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

1 for the safety, health, and welfare of the driving public by the
2 Commissioner of Public Safety.

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
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