

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 690

By: Allen of the Senate

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 14-103, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 8, O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 14-103), which relates to size, weight and load of vehicles; modifying certain vehicle height restriction; requiring vertical clearance map be published to website; providing for liability for certain vehicles and loads; updating statutory language; 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. 2011, Section 14-103, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 8, O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 14-103), is amended to read as follows:

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

1 A. ~~No~~ Except as otherwise provided for by this chapter, no
2 vehicle, with or without load, shall have a total outside width in
3 excess of one hundred two (102) inches excluding:

4 1. Tire bulge;

5 2. Approved safety devices;

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

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

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

23 B. Except as otherwise provided for by this chapter:
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1 1. No vehicle, with or without load, shall exceed a height of
2 thirteen and one-half (13 1/2) feet on any county road, or fourteen
3 (14) feet on any turnpike, interstate, U.S. or state highway, unless
4 a greater height is authorized by a special permit issued by the
5 Commissioner of Public Safety or an authorized representative of the
6 Commissioner in consultation with the Department of Transportation
7 specifying the highways to be used, consistent with public
8 convenience and safety. The prohibitions on movement as prescribed
9 in subsection F of Section 14-101 of this title and paragraph 1 of
10 subsection G of Section 14-101 of this title shall not apply to
11 vehicles operated pursuant to such permits;

12 2. An official state bridge vertical clearance map providing
13 clearance heights as posted for bridges on the interstate, U.S. and
14 state highway systems shall be available on the Oklahoma Department
15 of Transportation website; and

16 3. Operators and owners of vehicles which exceed or have loads
17 which exceed thirteen and one-half (13 1/2) feet shall be held
18 liable for all damages to any part of structures spanning the
19 highway or damages suffered by other affected parties caused by the
20 vehicle or load exceeding the posted height.

21 C. Except as otherwise provided for by this chapter:

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

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

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

19 b. On roads and highways not a part of the National
20 System of Interstate and Defense Highways or four-lane
21 divided Federal Aid Primary System Highways, no
22 semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor/semitrailer
23 combination shall have a length greater than fifty-
24 three (53) feet and no semitrailer or trailer

1 operating in a truck-tractor/semitrailer and trailer
2 combination shall have a length greater than twenty-
3 nine (29) feet. Except as provided for in subsection
4 D of Section 14-118 of this title, no other
5 combination of vehicles shall have an overall length,
6 inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in excess of
7 seventy (70) feet on all roads and highways. For the
8 purposes of this paragraph, oil field rig-up trucks
9 shall be considered to be truck-tractors, when towing
10 a trailer or semitrailer-;

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

- 13 a. one truck and semitrailer or truck-tractor/semitrailer
14 combination may tow one complete trailer or
15 semitrailer, or
16 b. vans, suburbans, blazers or other similar types of
17 vehicles and self-propelled recreational vehicles with
18 a three-quarter (3/4) ton or more rated capacity may
19 tow a semitrailer and one complete trailer or
20 semitrailer for recreational purposes only, provided
21 the overall length, inclusive of the front and rear
22 bumpers, does not exceed sixty-five (65) feet-;

23 5. Poles and gas lines used to maintain public utility
24 services, not to include new construction, may be moved during

1 daylight hours, and during nighttime hours only in an emergency,
2 subject to traffic and road restrictions promulgated by the
3 Commissioner of Public Safety, when the overall length does not
4 exceed eighty (80) feet. When this length is exceeded, these loads
5 are subject to the requirements of Section 14-118 of this title-i

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

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

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

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

- 14 a. a single-trip permit issued under the provisions of
15 Section 14-116 of this title, or
- 16 b. a special annual oversize permit issued for one (1)
17 calendar year period upon payment of a fee of Ten
18 Dollars (\$10.00) plus any amount as provided by
19 subsection H of Section 14-118 of this title.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

21 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
22 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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