

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

SENATE BILL NO.650

By: Silk

AS INTRODUCED

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 exemption for certain size restrictions of certain vehicles; 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:

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, or to an
16 employee of the Forestry Division of the Department of Agriculture,
17 Food, and Forestry engaged in the hauling or pulling forestry
18 equipment.

19 B. No vehicle, with or without load, shall exceed a height of
20 thirteen and one-half (13 1/2) feet, unless a greater height is
21 authorized by a special permit issued by the Commissioner of Public
22 Safety or an authorized representative of the Commissioner in
23 consultation with the Department of Transportation specifying the
24 highways to be used, consistent with public convenience and safety.

1 The prohibitions on movement as prescribed in subsection F of
2 Section 14-101 of this title and paragraph 1 of subsection G of
3 Section 14-101 of this title shall not apply to vehicles operated
4 pursuant to such permits.

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

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

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

3 b. On roads and highways not a part of the National
4 System of Interstate and Defense Highways or four-lane
5 divided Federal Aid Primary System Highways, no
6 semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor/semitrailer
7 combination shall have a length greater than fifty-
8 three (53) feet and no semitrailer or trailer
9 operating in a truck-tractor/semitrailer and trailer
10 combination shall have a length greater than twenty-
11 nine (29) feet. Except as provided for in subsection
12 D of Section 14-118 of this title, no other
13 combination of vehicles shall have an overall length,
14 inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in excess of
15 seventy (70) feet on all roads and highways. For the
16 purposes of this paragraph, oil field rig-up trucks
17 shall be considered to be truck-tractors, when towing
18 a trailer or semitrailer.

19 4. No combination of vehicles shall consist of more than two
20 units, except:

21 a. one truck and semitrailer or truck-tractor/semitrailer
22 combination may tow one complete trailer or
23 semitrailer, or
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1 b. vans, suburbans, blazers or other similar types of
2 vehicles and self-propelled recreational vehicles with
3 a three-quarter (3/4) ton or more rated capacity may
4 tow a semitrailer and one complete trailer or
5 semitrailer for recreational purposes only, provided
6 the overall length, inclusive of the front and rear
7 bumpers, does not exceed sixty-five (65) feet.

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

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

1 illuminated. Any such protruding structure shall be securely held
2 in place to prevent dropping or swaying. Unitized equipment shall
3 carry such safety equipment as shall be determined to be necessary
4 for the safety, health, and welfare of the driving public by the
5 Commissioner of Public Safety.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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