

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1944

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 14-120.1, as amended by Section 14, Chapter 116, O.S.L. 2022 (47 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 14-120.1), which relates to vehicles twelve or more feet wide; adding certain exemption to escort vehicle requirement; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 14-120.1, as amended by Section 14, Chapter 116, O.S.L. 2022 (47 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 14-120.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-120.1. A. 1. Any vehicle or combination of vehicles with an outside width that exceeds twelve (12) feet operating on highways in the state, including the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, shall, in addition to being in compliance with provisions of Section 14-101 et seq. of this title, be accompanied by an escort vehicle or vehicles, as prescribed by the Department of Transportation.

2. Escort vehicle requirements shall not apply to:

- 1        a.    retail implement dealers transporting farm implements  
2                from a retail distribution point to a farm or other  
3                location within a one hundred fifty (150) air-mile  
4                radius from the distribution point. For the purposes  
5                of this subsection, "retail implement dealers" shall  
6                mean a business engaged primarily in the sale of farm  
7                tractors as defined in Section 1-118 of this title or  
8                implements of husbandry as defined in Section 1-125 of  
9                this title or a combination thereof, or
- 10       b.    individuals engaged in transporting agricultural  
11                commodities from a farm to another farm or a place of  
12                sale or distribution for agricultural commodities.  
13                For the purposes of this subparagraph, "agricultural  
14                commodities" shall mean an agricultural commodity,  
15                horticultural commodity, silvicultural commodity, or  
16                agricultural product, horticultural product,  
17                viticultural product, or silvicultural product, or  
18                bees and honey, planting seed, livestock or livestock  
19                product, or poultry or poultry product produced in  
20                this state.

21        B. No person shall operate an escort vehicle for hire, as  
22        required by this section, unless the person has been certified by  
23        the Department of Transportation as an escort vehicle operator.

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

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

9 D. The Executive Director of the Department of Transportation  
10 shall promulgate rules for the certification of operators of escort  
11 vehicles and the use of escort vehicles, as required by this  
12 section.

13 E. The Executive Director of the Department of Transportation  
14 is hereby authorized to enter into reciprocal compacts and  
15 agreements with other states for the purpose of recognizing escort  
16 vehicle operator certifications issued by those states.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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