

HOUSE BILL No. 2095

AN ACT concerning the uniform act regulating traffic; relating to gross weight limits of certain vehicles, special permits; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 8-1908 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. (a) The secretary of transportation, with respect to highways under the secretary's jurisdiction, including those highways designated as city connecting links, may issue an annual overweight divisible load permit for a truck-tractor semitrailer combination vehicle or a truck-tractor semitrailer, trailer combination vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of more than 85,500 pounds but not more than 90,000 pounds transporting divisible loads on six or more axles.

(b) Such vehicles shall be subject to the following requirements:

(1) The vehicle, when loaded in excess of 80,000 pounds, may not be operated on the interstate system;

(2) the vehicle must be registered at the maximum weight category in accordance with K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto;

(3) the vehicle shall not be operated on any bridge or highway that has a posted gross weight limit or posted axle weight limit less than that which the vehicle is operating;

(4) the permit must be carried in the vehicle when the vehicle is operating at a weight over 85,500 pounds;

(5) the vehicle must comply with the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1908 and 8-1909, and amendments thereto, except as otherwise provided by this section;

(6) any vehicle operating under an overweight divisible load permit cannot violate the width provisions of K.S.A. 8-1902, and amendments thereto, or the height and length provisions of K.S.A. 8-1904, and amendments thereto;

(7) the vehicle, when operating in excess of 85,500 pounds, must not operate when highway surfaces have ice or snowpack or drifting snow; and

(8) the vehicle, when operating in excess of 85,500 pounds, shall only carry agricultural inputs, farm supplies, biofuels, feed, raw or processed agricultural commodities, livestock, raw meat products intended by the shipper for further processing or farm products. The provisions of this paragraph shall be construed liberally so as to effectuate the purposes thereof.

(c) The secretary shall charge and collect a fee of \$200 for the annual permit provided in this section. No single trip permits shall be issued.

(d) No vehicle issued a permit under this section shall be moved or operated on any highway when the gross weight on two or more consecutive axles exceeds the limitations in the following table:

Distance in feet between the extremes of any group of 2 or more consecutive axles	Maximum load in pounds carried on any group of 2 or more consecutive axles		
	6 axles	7 axles	8 axles
35			86,000
36			86,500
37			87,000
38			87,500
39			88,500
40			89,000
41			89,500
42			90,000
43			
44			
45		86,000	
46		87,000	
47		87,500	
48		88,000	
49		88,500	
50		89,000	
51		89,500	
52		90,000	
53	86,000		
54	86,500		
55	87,000		

56	87,500
57	88,000
58	89,000
59	89,500
60	90,000

(e) All permit fees received under this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the state highway fund.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 8-1908 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1908. (a) The gross weight upon any wheel of a vehicle shall not exceed 10,000 pounds.

(b) The gross weight upon any one axle, including any one axle of a group of axles, of a vehicle shall not exceed 20,000 pounds.

(c) Any axle located within seven feet of any adjacent axle shall, when the wheels of such axle are in contact with the road surface, carry its proportionate part of the load permitted on such axles. An axle shall not be used to determine the lawful axle weight under this section or the gross weight under K.S.A. 8-1909, and amendments thereto, when the wheels of such axle are not in contact with the road surface.

(d) As used in this section:

(1) “Gross weight on any one axle” means the total load on all wheels whose centers are included within two parallel transverse vertical planes not more than 40 inches apart.

(2) “Tandem axles” means two or more consecutive axles, arranged in tandem and articulated from a common attachment to the vehicle or individually attached to the vehicle, with such axles spaced not less than 40 inches and not more than 96 inches apart.

(3) “Triple axles” means three or more consecutive axles, arranged in tandem and articulated from a common attachment to the vehicle or individually attached to the vehicle, with such axles spaced more than 96 inches and not more than ~~120~~ 132 inches apart.

(4) “Quad axles” means four or more consecutive axles, arranged in tandem and articulated from a common attachment to the vehicle or individually attached to the vehicle, with such axles spaced more than 120 inches and not more than 150 inches apart.

(e) The gross weight on tandem axles shall not exceed 34,000 pounds.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 8-1908 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

HOUSE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE
as amended _____

SENATE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.