

## HOUSE BILL No. 2506

By Committee on Appropriations

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9 AN ACT relating to vehicles; concerning the maximum length; amending  
10 K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 8-1904 and repealing the existing section.

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

13 Section 1. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 8-1904 is hereby amended to read as  
14 follows: 8-1904. (a) No vehicle including any load thereon shall exceed a  
15 height of 14 feet, except that a vehicle transporting cylindrically shaped  
16 bales of hay as authorized by subsection (e) of K.S.A. 8-1902, and amend-  
17 ments thereto, may be loaded with such bales secured to a height not  
18 exceeding 14 ½ feet. Should a vehicle so loaded with bales strike any  
19 overpass or other obstacle, the operator of the vehicle shall be liable for  
20 all damages resulting therefrom. The secretary of transportation may  
21 adopt rules and regulations for the movement of such loads of cylindrically  
22 shaped bales of hay.

23 (b) No motor vehicle including the load thereon shall exceed a length  
24 of 45 feet extreme overall dimension, excluding the front and rear bump-  
25 ers, except as provided in subsection (d).

26 (c) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 8-1914 and 8-1915, and  
27 amendments thereto, and subsections (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h), no com-  
28 bination of vehicles coupled together shall exceed a total length of ~~65~~ 75  
29 feet.

30 (d) The length limitations in subsection (b) shall not apply to a truck  
31 tractor. No semitrailer which is being operated in combination with a  
32 truck tractor shall exceed 59 ½ feet in length. No semitrailer or trailer  
33 which is being operated in a combination consisting of a truck tractor,  
34 semitrailer and trailer shall exceed 28 ½ feet in length.

35 (e) The limitations in this section governing maximum length of a  
36 semitrailer or trailer shall not apply to vehicles operating in the daytime  
37 when transporting poles, pipe, machinery or other objects of a structural  
38 nature which cannot readily be dismembered, except that it shall be un-  
39 lawful to operate any such vehicle or combination of vehicles which ex-  
40 ceeds a total length of 85 feet unless a special permit for such operation  
41 has been issued by the secretary of transportation or by an agent or des-  
42 ignee of the secretary pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1911, and amendments  
43 thereto. For the purpose of authorizing the issuance of such special per-

1 mits at motor carrier inspection stations, the secretary of transportation  
2 may contract with the superintendent of the Kansas highway patrol for  
3 such purpose, and in such event, the superintendent or any designee of  
4 the superintendent may issue such special permit pursuant to the terms  
5 and conditions of the contract. The limitations in this section shall not  
6 apply to vehicles transporting such objects operated at nighttime by a  
7 public utility when required for emergency repair of public service facil-  
8 ities or properties or when operated under special permit as provided in  
9 K.S.A. 8-1911, and amendments thereto, but in respect to such night  
10 transportation every such vehicle and the load thereon shall be equipped  
11 with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker  
12 lamps upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the  
13 dimensions of such load.

14 (f) The limitations of this section governing the maximum length of  
15 combinations of vehicles shall not apply to a combination of vehicles con-  
16 sisting of a truck tractor towing a house trailer, if such combination of  
17 vehicles does not exceed an overall length of 97 feet.

18 (g) The length limitations of this section shall not apply to stinger-  
19 steered automobile or boat transporters or one truck and one trailer ve-  
20 hicle combination, loaded or unloaded, used in transporting a combine  
21 to be engaged in farm custom harvesting operations, as defined in sub-  
22 section (d) of K.S.A. 8-143j, and amendments thereto. A stinger-steered  
23 automobile or boat transporter or one truck and one trailer vehicle com-  
24 bination, loaded or unloaded, used in transporting a combine to be en-  
25 gaged in farm custom harvesting operations, as defined in subsection (d)  
26 of K.S.A. 8-143j, and amendments thereto, shall not exceed an overall  
27 length limit of 75 feet, exclusive of front and rear overhang.

28 (h) The length limitations of this section shall not apply to drive-away  
29 saddlemount or drive-away saddlemount with fullmount vehicle trans-  
30 porter combination. A drive-away saddlemount or drive-away saddle-  
31 mount with fullmount vehicle transporter combination shall not exceed  
32 an extreme overall dimension of 97 feet.

33 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 8-1904 is hereby repealed.

34 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
35 publication in the statute book.