

SENATE BILL No. 17

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

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1 AN ACT concerning traffic regulations; relating to the size, weight and
2 loads of vehicles; excepting haulers of grain and other agricultural
3 goods from gross weight limitations for vehicles; amending K.S.A. 8-
4 1909 and repealing the existing section.

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

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1909 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-
8 1909. (a) No vehicle or combination of vehicles shall be moved or
9 operated on any highway when the gross weight on two or more
10 consecutive axles exceeds the limitations prescribed in the following table:

	Distance in feet between the		Maximum load in pounds carried				
	extremes of any group of		on any group of 2 or more				
	2 or more consecutive axles		consecutive axles				
	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles	7 axles	8 axles
14	4.....	34,000					
15	5.....	34,000					
16	6.....	34,000					
17	7.....	34,000					
18	8 and						
19	less.....	34,000	34,000				
20	More						
21	than 8.....	38,000	42,000				
22	9.....	39,000	42,500				
23	10.....	40,000	43,500				
24	11.....	44,000					
25	12.....	45,000	50,000				
26	13.....	45,500	50,500				
27	14.....	46,500	51,500				
28	15.....	47,000	52,000				
29	16.....	48,000	52,500	58,000			
30	17.....	48,500	53,500	58,500			
31	18.....	49,500	54,000	59,000			
32	19.....	50,000	54,500	60,000			
33	20.....	51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000		
34	21.....	51,500	56,000	61,000	66,500		
35	22.....	52,500	56,500	61,500	67,000		
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	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			
	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles	7 axles	8 axles
1	23.....	53,000	57,500	62,500	68,000		
2	24.....	54,000	58,000	63,000	68,500	74,000	
3	25.....	54,500	58,500	63,500	69,000	74,500	
4	26.....	55,500	59,500	64,000	69,500	75,000	
5	27.....	56,000	60,000	65,000	70,000	75,500	
6	28.....	57,000	60,500	65,500	71,000	76,500	82,000
7	29.....	57,500	61,500	66,000	71,500	77,000	82,500
8	30.....	58,500	62,000	66,500	72,000	77,500	83,000
9	31.....	59,000	62,500	67,500	72,500	78,000	83,500
10	32.....	60,000	63,500	68,000	73,000	78,500	84,500
11	33.....		64,000	68,500	74,000	79,000	85,000
12	34.....		64,500	69,000	74,500	80,000	85,500
13	35.....		65,500	70,000	75,000	80,500	
14	36.....		66,000	70,500	75,500	81,000	
15	37.....		66,500	71,000	76,000	81,500	
16	38.....		67,500	72,000	77,000	82,000	
17	39.....		68,000	72,500	77,500	82,500	
18	40.....		68,500	73,000	78,000	83,500	
19	41.....		69,500	73,500	78,500	84,000	
20	42.....		70,000	74,000	79,000	84,500	
21	43.....		70,500	75,000	80,000	85,000	
22	44.....		71,500	75,500	80,500	85,500	
23	45.....		72,000	76,000	81,000		
24	46.....		72,500	76,500	81,500		
25	47.....		73,500	77,500	82,000		
26	48.....		74,000	78,000	83,000		
27	49.....		74,500	78,500	83,500		
28	50.....		75,500	79,000	84,000		
29	51.....		76,000	80,000	84,500		
30	52.....		76,500	80,500	85,000		
31	53.....		77,500	81,000	85,500		
32	54.....		78,000	81,500			
33	55.....		78,500	82,500			
34	56.....		79,500	83,000			
35	57.....		80,000	83,500			
36	58.....			84,000			
37	59.....			85,000			
38	60.....			85,500			

43 except that two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of

1 34,000 pounds each if the overall distance between the first and last axles
2 is 36 feet or more.

3 (1) The gross weight on any one axle of a vehicle shall not exceed the
4 limits prescribed in K.S.A. 8-1908, and amendments thereto.

5 (2) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (e), for vehicles and
6 combinations of vehicles on the interstate system the table in this section
7 shall not authorize a maximum gross weight of more than 80,000 pounds.

8 (3) The table in this section shall not apply to truck tractor and dump
9 semitrailer or truck trailer combination when ~~such are~~ used as a
10 combination unit exclusively for the transportation of sand, salt for
11 highway maintenance operations, gravel, slag stone, limestone, crushed
12 stone, cinders, coal, blacktop, dirt or fill material, ~~when such vehicles are~~
13 ~~used~~ or for transportation to a construction site, highway maintenance or
14 construction project or other storage facility, except that such vehicles or
15 combination of vehicles shall not be exempted from any application of the
16 table as may be required to determine applicable axle weights for triple
17 and quad axles as defined in K.S.A. 8-1908, and amendments thereto. As
18 used in this paragraph ~~(3)~~, the term "dump semitrailer" means any
19 semitrailer designed in such a way as to divest itself of the load carried
20 thereon.

21 (4) (A) *In the case of a vehicle or combination of vehicles exclusively*
22 *carrying grain or other seasonally harvested products during the normal*
23 *harvest season from the field where such grain or products are harvested*
24 *to storage, market or stockpile or from stockpile to market or factory up to*
25 *50 miles, the load may be up to:*

26 (i) *10% greater than the maximum weight shown in the table in this*
27 *section for vehicles with tandem, triple or quad axles; or*

28 (ii) *12.5% greater than the maximum weight shown in the table in*
29 *this section for vehicles with a single rear axle.*

30 (B) *For vehicles and combinations of vehicles, the maximum gross*
31 *weight authorized under this paragraph shall not exceed 90,000 pounds.*

32 (C) *This paragraph does not apply to the national system of*
33 *interstate and defense highways.*

34 (b) Any vehicle registered under the laws of this state ~~which vehicle~~
35 ~~is~~ designed and used primarily for the transportation of property or for the
36 transportation of 10 or more persons may, at the time of its registration, be
37 subjected by the director of vehicles to investigation or test as may be
38 necessary to enable such director to determine whether such vehicle may
39 safely be operated upon the highways in compliance with all provisions of
40 this act. Every such vehicle shall meet the following requirements:

41 (1) It shall be equipped with brakes as required in K.S.A. 8-1734, and
42 amendments thereto.

43 (2) Every motor vehicle to be operated outside of business and

1 residence districts shall have motive power adequate to propel such
2 vehicle and any load thereon or to be drawn thereby, at a speed ~~which~~ *that*
3 will not impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic.
4 Exception to this requirement shall be recognized when reduced speed is
5 necessary for safe operation or when a vehicle or combination of vehicles
6 is necessarily or in compliance with law or police direction proceeding at
7 reduced speed.

8 (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle or
9 combination of vehicles with a gross weight in excess of the limitations set
10 forth in article 19 of chapter 8 of *the* Kansas Statutes Annotated, and
11 amendments thereto, except as provided in K.S.A. 8-1911, and
12 amendments thereto.

13 (d) As used in this section, "interstate system" means the national
14 system of interstate and defense highways.

15 (e) A vehicle, if operated by an engine fueled primarily by natural
16 gas, may exceed any vehicle weight limit under this section, up to a
17 maximum gross vehicle weight of 82,000 pounds, by an amount that is
18 equal to the difference between:

19 (1) The weight of the vehicle attributable to the natural gas tank and
20 fueling system carried by that vehicle; and

21 (2) the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system.

22 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1909 is hereby repealed.

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