

SENATE BILL No. 344

AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning motor carriers, special permits; relating to oversized loads; transporting hay or feed stuffs; amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 8-1911 and 66-1344 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 8-1911 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1911. (a) The secretary of transportation with respect to highways under the secretary's jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, in their discretion, upon application, may issue a special permit, which term shall include an authorization number, to the owner or operator of an oversize or overweight vehicle. The special permit shall authorize the special permit holder to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles which exceed the limitations of this act, on a route, or routes, designated in the special permit and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the special permit.

(b) The application for the permit shall describe the vehicle, or combination of vehicles and all loads or cargo for which the special permit is requested, the route or routes on which operation is sought and whether a single trip or annual operation is requested. One special permit may be issued for a vehicle or combination of vehicles, that are both oversize and overweight. A special permit under this section may be for a single trip or for annual operation. The special permit shall designate the route or routes that may be used and any other terms, conditions or restrictions deemed necessary. The secretary of transportation shall charge a fee for each permit or authorization number issued as provided for in subsection (f). No permit shall be required to authorize the moving or operating upon any highway of farm tractors, combines, fertilizer dispensing equipment or other farm machinery, or machinery being transported to be used for terracing or soil or water conservation work upon farms, or vehicles owned by counties, cities and other political subdivisions of the state, except that this sentence shall not: (1) Exempt trucks owned by counties, cities and other political subdivisions specifically designed and equipped and used exclusively for garbage, refuse or solid waste disposal operations from the maximum gross weight limitations contained in the table in K.S.A. 8-1909, and amendments thereto; or (2) authorize travel on interstate highways.

(c) A permit shall be valid only when the registration on the power unit is equal to or exceeds the total gross weight of the vehicle. When the gross weight of the vehicle exceeds the upper limit of the available registration, the maximum amount of registration must be purchased. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a wrecker or tow truck, as defined in K.S.A. 66-1329, and amendments thereto, and registered in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 8-143, and amendments thereto.

(d) The secretary or local authority may issue or withhold the permit at the secretary's or local authority's discretion or may limit the number of trips, or establish seasonal or other time limitations within which the vehicles described may be operated on the highways, or may otherwise limit or prescribe conditions of operations of such vehicle or combination of vehicles, when necessary to assure against undue damage to the road. The secretary or local authority may require such undertaking or other security as may be deemed necessary to compensate for any injury to any roadway or road structure.

(e) Every permit shall be carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which it refers and shall be open to inspection by any police officer or authorized agent of any authority granting the permit. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the terms or conditions of *the* special permit.

(f) The secretary of transportation shall charge and collect fees as follows:

- (1) Twenty dollars for each single-trip permit;
- (2) thirty dollars for each single-trip permit for a large structure, as defined by rules and regulations;
- (3) fifty dollars for each single-trip permit for a superload, as defined by rules and regulations;
- (4) twenty-five dollars for a five-year permit for vehicles authorized to move bales of hay under subsection (j) on noninterstate highways;
- (5) one hundred and fifty dollars for each annual permit; or
- (6) two thousand dollars per year for each qualified carrier company for special vehicle combination permits authorized under K.S.A. 8-1915,

and amendments thereto, plus \$50 per year for each power unit operating under such annual permit.

No fees shall be charged for permits issued for vehicles owned by counties, cities and other political subdivisions of the state. 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. The secretary may adopt rules and regulations for payment and collection of all fees. The secretary may adopt rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this section to prescribe standards for any permit program to enhance highway safety.

(g) If any local authority does not desire to exercise the powers conferred on it by this section to issue or deny permits then such a permit from the local authority shall not be required to operate any such vehicle or combination of vehicles on highways under the jurisdiction of such local authority, but in no event shall the jurisdiction of the local authority be construed as extending to any portion of any state highway, any city street designated by the secretary as a connecting link in the state highway system or any highway within the national system of interstate and defense highways, which highways and streets, for the purpose of this section, shall be under the jurisdiction of the secretary.

(h) A house trailer, manufactured home or mobile home which exceeds the width as provided in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 8-1902, and amendments thereto, may be moved on the highways of this state by obtaining a permit as provided in this section, if:

(1) The width of such house trailer, manufactured home or mobile home does not exceed 16½ feet;

(2) the driver of the vehicle pulling the house trailer, manufactured home or mobile home has a valid driver's license; and

(3) the driver carries evidence that the house trailer, manufactured home or mobile home, and the vehicle pulling it, are covered by motor vehicle liability insurance with limits of not less than \$100,000 for injury to any one person, and \$300,000 for injury to persons in any one accident, and \$25,000 for injury to property.

For the purposes of this subsection, the terms "manufactured home" and "mobile home" shall have the meanings ascribed to them by K.S.A. 58-4202, and amendments thereto.

(i) Upon proper application stating the description and registration of each power unit, the secretary of transportation shall issue permits for a period, from May 1 to November 15, for custom combine operators to tow custom-combine equipment on a trailer within legal dimensions or a trailer especially designed for the transportation of combines or combine equipment at the rate of \$10 per power unit. Each application shall be accompanied by information as required by the secretary. The permit shall allow custom combine operators to haul two combine headers on designated interstate highways provided:

(1) The vehicle plus the load do not exceed 14 feet in width;

(2) the move is completed during the period beginning 30 minutes before sunrise and ending 30 minutes after sunset; and

(3) the vehicle plus the load are not overweight.

(j) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of subsection (d) of K.S.A. 8-1902, and amendments thereto, a vehicle loaded with bales of hay which exceeds the width as provided in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 8-1902, and amendments thereto, may be moved on any highway designated as a part of the national network of highways by obtaining a permit as provided by this section, if:

(1) The vehicle plus the bales of hay do not exceed 12 feet in width;

(2) the vehicle plus the bales of hay do not exceed the height authorized under K.S.A. 8-1904, and amendments thereto;

(3) the move is completed during the period beginning 30 minutes before sunrise and ending 30 minutes after sunset;

(4) the vehicle plus the load are not overweight; and

(5) the vehicle plus the load comply with the signing and marking requirements of paragraph (3) of subsection (d) of K.S.A. 8-1902, and amendments thereto.

(k) If it is determined by the secretary of transportation that a person has been granted a permit and has not complied with the applicable pro-

visions of this section and the rules and regulations of the secretary of transportation relating thereto, the secretary may cancel the permit and may refuse to grant future permits to the individual.

(l) (1) *Vehicles operating under the provisions of a permit issued under subsection (a), which exceed the width limitations prescribed by K.S.A. 8-1902, and amendments thereto, or the length provisions in K.S.A. 8-1904, and amendments thereto, shall have a sign attached which states "OVERSIZE LOAD" and the dimensions of the sign shall be a minimum of seven feet long and 18 inches high. Letters shall be a minimum of 10 inches high with a brush stroke of not less than 1½ inches. The sign shall be readily visible from a distance of 500 feet and shall be removed when the vehicle or load no longer exceeds the legal width dimensions prescribed by K.S.A. 8-1902, and amendments thereto, or the length provisions in K.S.A. 8-1904, and amendments thereto. Each such vehicle shall be equipped with red flags on all four corners of the oversize load.*

(2) *Vehicles operating under the provision of a permit issued under subsection (a), which exceed the weight limitations of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, but do not exceed the width limitations prescribed by K.S.A. 8-1902, and amendments thereto, or the length provisions in K.S.A. 8-1904, and amendments thereto, shall not have a sign attached which states "OVERSIZE LOAD."*

(m) (1) *Vehicles operating under the provisions of a permit issued under subsection (a), which exceed the width limitations prescribed by K.S.A. 8-1902, and amendments thereto, or the length provisions in K.S.A. 8-1904, and amendments thereto, shall not operate: (i) During the time period between 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise, unless specifically authorized under another statute or regulation; (ii) under conditions where visibility is less than ½ mile; or (iii) when highway surfaces have ice or snow pack or drifting snow.*

(2) *Vehicles operating under the provisions of a permit issued under subsection (a), which exceed the weight limitations of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, but do not exceed the width limitations prescribed by K.S.A. 8-1902, and amendments thereto, or the length provisions in K.S.A. 8-1904, and amendments thereto, may operate 24-hour days, except that such vehicles shall not operate when highway surfaces have ice or snow pack or drifting snow.*

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 66-1344 is hereby amended to read as follows: 66-1344. (a) Whenever the governor or the United States department of agriculture declares that all or any portion of the state is in a state of drought pursuant to subsection (e) of K.S.A. 48-924 et seq., and amendments thereto, the following conditions shall apply to any motor carrier transporting hay or related animal forage feedstuffs to the geographic area as specified in such declaration of drought:

(1) Motor carrier registration and fuel tax permits as enforced by the Kansas department of revenue shall be temporarily suspended;

(2) any licensing, certification and permitting rules and regulations as required by the state corporation commission shall be temporarily suspended;

(3) motor carriers shall not operate during the period beginning 30 minutes after sunset and ending 30 minutes before sunrise, and shall comply with the flags, signs and lighting requirements applicable to overwidth vehicles as provided in K.S.A. 8-1902, and amendments thereto;

~~(4) motor carriers shall not operate during inclement weather conditions;~~

~~(5) oversize or overweight loads shall not be transported when visibility is less than ½ mile, or when conditions of moderate to heavy rain, sleet, snow, fog or smoke exist, or when highway surfaces are slippery due to ice or packed snow; and~~

~~(6) (A) Vehicles which exceed the width limitations prescribed by K.S.A. 8-1902, and amendments thereto, or the length provisions in K.S.A. 8-1904, and amendments thereto, shall not operate unless specifically authorized under another statute or rule and regulation: (i) Under conditions where visibility is less than ½ mile; or (ii) when highway surfaces have ice or snow pack or drifting snow;~~

~~(B) vehicles which exceed the weight limitations of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, but do not exceed the width limitations prescribed by K.S.A. 8-1902, and amendments thereto, or the length pro-~~

visions in K.S.A. 8-1904, and amendments thereto, may operate 24-hour days, except that such vehicles shall not operate when highway surfaces have ice or snow pack or drifting snow;

(5) motor carriers shall not transport a load of more than 12 feet in width and 14 feet, six inches, in height.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall be effective immediately upon a declaration of a state of drought by the governor or the United States department of agriculture and shall continue in effect until such declaration has been terminated.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "Commercial vehicle" has the same meaning as provided in K.S.A. 8-2,128, and amendments thereto; and

(2) "motor carrier" means any driver operating a commercial motor vehicle and any person that holds a certificate of convenience and necessity, a certificate of public service or a private carrier permit from the state corporation commission, or is required to register motor carrier equipment pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 14504a.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 8-1911 and 66-1344 are hereby repealed.

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

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

SENATE concurred in
HOUSE amendments _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE
as amended _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.