

HOUSE BILL No. 2242

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning gross weight limits on wheels and
2 axles, exceptions; amending K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-1908 and repealing
3 the existing section.

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

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-1908 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 8-1908. (a) The gross weight upon any wheel of a vehicle shall
8 not exceed 10,000 pounds.

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

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

17 (d) As used in this section:

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

21 (2) "Tandem axles" means two or more consecutive axles, arranged in
22 tandem and articulated from a common attachment to the vehicle or
23 individually attached to the vehicle, with such axles spaced not less than
24 40 inches and not more than 96 inches apart.

25 (3) "Triple axles" means three or more consecutive axles, arranged in
26 tandem and articulated from a common attachment to the vehicle or
27 individually attached to the vehicle, with such axles spaced more than 96
28 inches and not more than 120 inches apart.

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

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

34 (f) *This section shall not apply to a truck tractor and dump*
35 *semitrailer or truck trailer combination when such are used as a*
36 *combination unit exclusively for the transportation of sand, salt for*

1 *highway maintenance operations, gravel, slag stone, limestone, crushed*
2 *stone, cinders, coal, blacktop, dirt or fill material, when such vehicles are*
3 *used for transportation to a construction site, highway maintenance or*
4 *construction project or relocation.*

5 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-1908 is hereby repealed.

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