

**SENATE BILL No. 271**

By Committee on Assessment and Taxation

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1 AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning size limitations of certain vehicles;  
2 exceptions, forage cutter and custom harvester; amending K.S.A. 2014  
3 Supp. 8-1904 and repealing 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. 8-1904 is hereby amended to read as  
7 follows: 8-1904. (a) No vehicle including any load thereon shall exceed a  
8 height of 14 feet, except that a vehicle transporting cylindrically shaped  
9 bales of hay as authorized by ~~subsection (e) of K.S.A. 8-1902(e)~~, and  
10 amendments thereto, may be loaded with such bales secured to a height  
11 not exceeding 14½ feet. Should a vehicle so loaded with bales strike any  
12 overpass or other obstacle, the operator of the vehicle shall be liable for all  
13 damages resulting therefrom. The secretary of transportation may adopt  
14 rules and regulations for the movement of such loads of cylindrically  
15 shaped bales of hay.

16 (b) No motor vehicle including the load thereon shall exceed a length  
17 of 45 feet extreme overall dimension, excluding the front and rear  
18 bumpers, except as provided in subsection (d).

19 (c) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 8-1914 and 8-1915, and  
20 amendments thereto, and subsections (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h), no  
21 combination of vehicles coupled together shall exceed a total length of 65  
22 feet.

23 (d) The length limitations in subsection (b) shall not apply to a truck  
24 tractor. No semitrailer which is being operated in combination with a truck  
25 tractor shall exceed 59½ feet in length. No semitrailer or trailer which is  
26 being operated in a combination consisting of a truck tractor, semitrailer  
27 and trailer shall exceed 28½ feet in length.

28 (e) The limitations in this section governing maximum length of a  
29 semitrailer or trailer shall not apply to vehicles operating in the daytime  
30 when transporting poles, pipe, machinery or other objects of a structural  
31 nature which cannot readily be dismembered, except that it shall be  
32 unlawful to operate any such vehicle or combination of vehicles which  
33 exceeds a total length of 85 feet unless a special permit for such operation  
34 has been issued by the secretary of transportation or by an agent or  
35 designee of the secretary pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1911, and amendments  
36 thereto. For the purpose of authorizing the issuance of such special permits

1 at motor carrier inspection stations, the secretary of transportation may  
2 contract with the superintendent of the Kansas highway patrol for such  
3 purpose, and in such event, the superintendent or any designee of the  
4 superintendent may issue such special permit pursuant to the terms and  
5 conditions of the contract. The limitations in this section shall not apply to  
6 vehicles transporting such objects operated at nighttime by a public utility  
7 when required for emergency repair of public service facilities or  
8 properties or when operated under special permit as provided in K.S.A. 8-  
9 1911, and amendments thereto, but in respect to such night transportation  
10 every such vehicle and the load thereon shall be equipped with a sufficient  
11 number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker lamps upon the  
12 extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of  
13 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  
16 consisting 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 vehicle  
20 combination, loaded or unloaded, used in transporting a combine, *forage*  
21 *cutter or combine header* to be engaged in farm custom harvesting  
22 operations, as defined in ~~subsection (d) of~~ K.S.A. 8-143j(d), and  
23 amendments thereto. A stinger-steered automobile or boat transporter or  
24 one truck and one trailer vehicle combination, loaded or unloaded, used in  
25 transporting a combine, *forage cutter or combine header* to be engaged in  
26 farm custom harvesting operations, as defined in ~~subsection (d) of~~ K.S.A.  
27 8-143j(d), and amendments thereto, shall not exceed an overall length  
28 limit of 75 feet, exclusive of front and rear overhang.

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

34 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-1904 is hereby repealed.

35 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
36 publication in the Kansas register.