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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: January 29, 2025

Subject: Senate Bill No. 17 (As Introduced)

Summary

Senate Bill No. 17 provides a variance for haulers of grain and certain other agricultural goods from the gross weight limitations for vehicles.

Under the bill, a variance from the gross weight limitations for any vehicle or combination of vehicles that are used exclusively in the carrying of grain or other seasonally harvested products during the normal harvest season from the field where such grain or products are harvested to storage, market or stockpile or from stockpile to market or factory up to 50 miles. Such variance provides a:

- (1) 10% greater than the maximum weight otherwise provided for such vehicle pursuant to the limits set forth in K.S.A. 8-1909 for vehicles with tandem, triple or quad axles; or
- (2) 12.5% greater than the maximum weight for vehicles with a single rear axle.

For vehicles and combinations of vehicles, the maximum gross weight authorized under this paragraph shall not exceed 90,000 pounds. The weight increase variance does not apply to vehicles operating on the national system of interstate and defense highways.