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HOUSE BILL No. 2095

By Committee on Transportation

1-19

1 AN ACT concerning the uniform act regulating traffic; relating to gross
2 weight limits of certain vehicles, special permits; amending K.S.A.
3 2016 Supp. 8-1908 and repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 New Section 1. (a) The secretary of transportation, **with respect to**
7 **highways under the secretary's jurisdiction, including those highways**
8 **designated as city connecting links**, may issue an annual special vehicle
9 operating **overweight divisible load** permit pursuant to the provisions of
10 K.S.A. 8-1911, and amendments thereto, for a truck-tractor semitrailer
11 combination vehicle and a truck-tractor semitrailer, trailer combination
12 vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of more than 85,500 pounds but not
13 more than 90,000 pounds transporting divisible loads on six or more axles.

14 (b) ~~In addition to the conditions the secretary may establish under~~
15 ~~K.S.A. 8-1911, and amendments thereto, such vehicle combinations~~**Such**
16 **vehicles** shall also be subject to the following requirements:

17 (1) ~~The special vehicle combination, when loaded in excess of~~
18 **80,000 pounds**, may not be operated on the interstate system;

19 (2) ~~the special vehicle combination~~ must be registered at the
20 maximum weight category in accordance with K.S.A. 8-143, and
21 amendments thereto;

22 (3) **the vehicle shall not be operated on any bridge or highway**
23 **that has a posted gross weight limit or posted axle weight limit less**
24 **than that which the vehicle is operating;**

25 (4) **the permit must be carried in the vehicle when the vehicle is**
26 **operating at a weight over 85,500 pounds;**

27 (5) ~~the special vehicle combination~~ must comply with the provisions
28 of K.S.A. 8-1908 and 8-1909, and amendments thereto, except as
29 otherwise provided by this section; ~~and~~

30 ~~(4)~~**(6) any vehicle operating under an overweight divisible load**
31 **permit cannot violate the width provisions of K.S.A. 8-1902, and**
32 **amendments thereto, or the height and length provisions of K.S.A. 8-**
33 **1904, and amendments thereto; ~~and~~**

34 (7) **the vehicle, when operating in excess of 85,500 pounds, must**
35 **not operate when highway surfaces have ice or snowpack or drifting**

1 snow; and

2 (8) the vehicle, when operating in excess of 85,500 pounds, shall
 3 only carry agricultural inputs, farm supplies, biofuels, feed, raw or
 4 processed agricultural commodities, livestock, raw meat products
 5 intended by the shipper for further processing or farm products. The
 6 provisions of this paragraph shall be construed liberally so as to
 7 effectuate the purposes thereof.

8 (c) The secretary shall charge and collect a fee of \$200 for the annual
 9 permit provided in this section. No single trip permits shall be issued.

10 (e)(d) No ~~special vehicle combination~~ issued a permit under this
 11 section shall be moved or operated on any highway when the gross weight
 12 on two or more consecutive axles exceeds the limitations in the following
 13 table:

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		
	6 axles	7 axles	8 axles
14 35.....			86,000
15 36.....			86,500
16 37.....			87,000
17 38.....			87,500
18 39.....			88,500
19 40.....			89,000
20 41.....			89,500
21 42.....			90,000
22 43			
23 44			
24 45.....		86,000	
25 46.....		87,000	
26 47.....		87,500	
27 48.....		88,000	
28 49.....		88,500	
29 50.....		89,000	
30 51.....		89,500	
31 52.....		90,000	
32 53.....	86,000		
33 54.....	86,500		
34 55.....	87,000		
35 56.....	87,500		
36 57.....	88,000		
37 58.....	89,000		
38 59.....	89,500		
39 60.....	90,000		

1 ~~(d)~~(e) All permit fees received under this section shall be remitted to
2 the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215,
3 and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state
4 treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit
5 of the state highway fund.

6 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 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~~ 132 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
34 pounds.

35 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 8-1908 is hereby repealed.

36 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
37 publication in the statute book.