

Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 99

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT concerning the uniform act regulating traffic; relating to height
2 and length of vehicles and loads; exceptions to maximums; amending
3 K.S.A. 8-1905 and K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 8-1904 and repealing the
4 existing sections.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 8-1904 is hereby amended to read as
8 follows: 8-1904. (a) No vehicle including any load thereon shall exceed a
9 height of 14 feet, except that a vehicle transporting cylindrically shaped
10 bales of hay as authorized by K.S.A. 8-1902(e), and amendments thereto,
11 may be loaded with such bales secured to a height not exceeding 14½ feet.
12 Should a vehicle so loaded with bales strike any overpass or other
13 obstacle, the operator of the vehicle shall be liable for all damages
14 resulting therefrom. The secretary of transportation may adopt rules and
15 regulations for the movement of such loads of cylindrically shaped bales
16 of hay.

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

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

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

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

1 thereto. For the purpose of authorizing the issuance of such special permits
2 at motor carrier inspection stations, the secretary of transportation may
3 contract with the superintendent of the Kansas highway patrol for such
4 purpose, and in such event, the superintendent or any designee of the
5 superintendent may issue such special permit pursuant to the terms and
6 conditions of the contract. The limitations in this section shall not apply to
7 vehicles transporting such objects operated at nighttime by a public utility
8 when required for emergency repair of public service facilities or
9 properties or when operated under special permit as provided in K.S.A. 8-
10 1911, and amendments thereto, but in respect to such night transportation
11 every such vehicle and the load thereon shall be equipped with a sufficient
12 number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker lamps upon the
13 extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of
14 such load.

15 (f) The limitations of this section governing the maximum length of
16 combinations of vehicles shall not apply to a combination of vehicles
17 consisting of a truck tractor towing a house trailer, if such combination of
18 vehicles does not exceed an overall length of 97 feet.

19 (g) The length limitations of this section shall not apply to stinger-
20 steered automobile or boat transporters or one truck and one trailer vehicle
21 combination, loaded or unloaded, used in transporting a combine, forage
22 cutter or combine header to be engaged in farm custom harvesting
23 operations, as defined in K.S.A. 8-143j(d), and amendments thereto. A
24 stinger-steered ~~automobile or boat transporter~~ or one truck and one trailer
25 vehicle combination, loaded or unloaded, used in transporting a combine,
26 forage cutter or combine header to be engaged in farm custom harvesting
27 operations, as defined in K.S.A. 8-143j(d), and amendments thereto, shall
28 not exceed an overall length limit of 75 feet, exclusive of front and rear
29 overhang. *A stinger-steered automobile transporter shall not exceed an*
30 *overall length limit of 80 feet, exclusive of front and rear overhang.*

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

36 (i) *The length limitations of this section shall not apply to a one*
37 *truck-tractor two trailer combination or one truck-tractor two semitrailer*
38 *combination used in transporting equipment utilized by custom harvesters*
39 *under contract to agricultural producers to harvest wheat, soybeans and*
40 *milo, between the months of May through December, but the length of the*
41 *property-carrying units, excluding load, shall not exceed 81½ feet.*

42 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1905 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1905.

43 (a) The load upon any vehicle operated alone, or the load upon the front

1 vehicle of a combination of vehicles, shall not extend more than three-~~(3)~~
2 feet beyond the front wheels of such vehicle or the front bumper of such
3 vehicle if it is equipped with a bumper.

4 (b) Any vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting passenger
5 vehicles or other motor vehicles may carry a load which extends no more
6 than ~~three (3)~~ *four* feet beyond the front and ~~four (4)~~ *six* feet beyond the
7 rear of the transporting vehicle or combination of vehicles.

8 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-1905 and K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 8-1904 are hereby
9 repealed.

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