

SENATE BILL No. 143

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-20-4-1.

Synopsis: Agricultural truck weight variance. Provides that the total gross weight with load of a vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting agricultural products for processing may not exceed 90,000 pounds. (Current law provides that the maximum weight permitted is 80,000 pounds.)

Effective: July 1, 1998.

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Introduced

Second Regular Session 110th General Assembly (1998)

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-20-4-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in
3 subsections (b), ~~and (c)~~, **and (d)**, a person may not operate or cause to
4 be operated upon an Indiana highway a vehicle or combination of
5 vehicles having weight in excess of one (1) or more of the following
6 limitations:

7 (1) The total gross weight, with load, in pounds of any vehicle or
8 combination of vehicles may not exceed an overall gross weight
9 on a group of two (2) or more consecutive axles produced by
10 application of the following formula:

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$$W = 500 \{ [(LN) \div (N-1)] + 12N + 36 \}$$

12 where W equals the overall gross weight on any group of two (2)
13 or more consecutive axles to the nearest five hundred (500)
14 pounds, L equals the distance in feet between the extreme of any
15 group of two (2) or more consecutive axles, and N equals the
16 number of axles in the group under consideration, except that two
17 (2) consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of



1 thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds each, providing the overall
 2 distance between the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of
 3 tandem axles is thirty-six (36) feet or more. The overall gross
 4 weight limit, calculated under this subdivision, may not exceed
 5 eighty thousand (80,000) pounds.

6 (2) The weight concentrated on the roadway surface from any
 7 tandem axle group may not exceed the following:

8 (A) Thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds total weight.

9 (B) Twenty thousand (20,000) pounds on an individual axle in
 10 a tandem group.

11 (3) A vehicle may not have a maximum wheel weight, unladen or
 12 with load, in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds per inch width
 13 of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim or an axle weight
 14 in excess of twenty thousand (20,000) pounds.

15 (b) The enforcement of weight limits under this section is subject to
 16 the following:

17 (1) It is lawful to operate within the scope of a permit, under
 18 weight limitations established by the Indiana department of
 19 transportation and in effect on July 1, 1956, as provided in
 20 IC 9-20-6.

21 (2) It is lawful to operate or cause to be operated a vehicle or
 22 combination of vehicles on a heavy duty highway or an extra
 23 heavy duty highway designated by the Indiana department of
 24 transportation if operated within the imposed limitations.

25 (3) Whenever any of the weight limitations provided in subsection
 26 (a) are utilized on any interstate highway in Indiana, the reference
 27 to weight tolerance in IC 9-20-18-2 does not apply.

28 (4) Subsection (a) does not apply to any highway, road, street, or
 29 bridge for which a lesser weight limit is imposed by local
 30 authorities under IC 9-20-1-4 or IC 9-20-7-2. However, the local
 31 authority may by appropriate action establish and designate a
 32 county or city highway, road, or street or part of a highway, road,
 33 or street as a heavy duty highway subject to the weight limitations
 34 established under IC 9-20-5.

35 (5) Vehicles operated on toll road facilities are subject to rules of
 36 weight adopted for toll road facilities by the Indiana department
 37 of transportation under IC 8-15-2 and are not subject to
 38 subsection (a) when operated on a toll road facility.

39 (c) The greater of the weight limits imposed under subsection (a) or
 40 this subsection applies to vehicles operated upon an Indiana highway.
 41 The weight limits in effect on January 4, 1975, for any highway that is
 42 not designated as a heavy duty highway under IC 9-20-5 are the



1 following:

2 (1) The total gross weight, with load, in pounds of a vehicle or
3 combination of vehicles may not exceed seventy-three thousand
4 two hundred eighty (73,280) pounds.

5 (2) The total weight concentrated on the roadway surface from a
6 tandem axle group may not exceed sixteen thousand (16,000)
7 pounds for each axle of a tandem assembly.

8 (3) A vehicle may not have a maximum wheel weight, unladen or
9 with load, in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds per inch width
10 of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim, or an axle weight
11 greater than eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds.

12 **(d) Notwithstanding subsections (a), (b), and (c), the total gross**
13 **weight with load in pounds of a vehicle or combination of vehicles**
14 **transporting agricultural products for processing may not exceed**
15 **ninety thousand (90,000) pounds.**

