

# SENATE BILL No. 446

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-13-2; IC 9-20; IC 9-29-6.

**Synopsis:** Manufactured and mobile home rig transport. Makes certain changes in the dimensions contained within the definition of special tractor-mobile home rigs and tractor-mobile home rigs. Make changes in the hours and days that a special tractor-mobile home rig or a tractor-mobile home rig may be operated on a highway, and requires those vehicles and an extra wide manufactured home rig to be accompanied by an escort vehicle. Allows quarterly and annual permits for moving tractor-mobile home rigs and special tractor-mobile home rigs.

**Effective:** July 1, 2003.

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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 9-13-2-171 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 171. "Special  
3 tractor-mobile home rig" means any combination of a mobile home or  
4 sectionalized building and a towing vehicle having a width greater than  
5 one hundred forty-eight (148) inches and not greater than one hundred  
6 seventy-two (172) inches at the base and:

- 7 (1) of which the mobile home, including the hitch, is not more
- 8 than ~~eighty (80)~~ **eighty-five (85)** feet and the tractor part is not
- 9 less than twelve (12) feet in length;
- 10 (2) a height not in excess of fourteen (14) feet, six (6) inches; or
- 11 (3) both of the dimensions in subdivisions (1) and (2).

12 SECTION 2. IC 9-13-2-181 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 181. "Tractor-mobile  
14 home rig" means a combination of a mobile home or sectionalized  
15 building and a towing vehicle having either a combined overall length  
16 of more than sixty (60) feet and not more than ~~eighty-five (85)~~ **one**  
17 **hundred ten (110)** feet of which:



- 1 (1) the mobile home, including the hitch, is not more than ~~seventy~~  
2 ~~(70)~~ **eighty-five (85)** feet; and
- 3 (2) the tractor part:
- 4 (A) is not less than twelve (12) feet in length;
- 5 (B) has a width of more than ninety-six (96) inches and not  
6 more than one hundred forty-eight (148) inches at the base;
- 7 (C) has a height of not more than ~~thirteen (13)~~ **fourteen (14)**  
8 feet, six (6) inches; or
- 9 (D) has at least two (2) of the dimensions in clauses (A)  
10 through (C).
- 11 SECTION 3. IC 9-20-14-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
12 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana  
13 department of transportation or any agency or political subdivision of  
14 the state designated by the Indiana Department of Transportation shall  
15 grant a permit to operate a tractor-mobile home rig on an Indiana  
16 highway to a person upon the following conditions and upon the rules  
17 that the Indiana Department of Transportation prescribes:
- 18 (1) The tractor-mobile home rig must be operated in a manner  
19 that will not impede traffic or increase the hazard to traffic.
- 20 (2) The tractor-mobile home rig may be operated only on days  
21 other than ~~Sunday and the~~ legal holidays **and special event days**  
22 that the Indiana department of transportation prescribes. The  
23 tractor-mobile home rig may be operated between:
- 24 (A) one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise and one-half (1/2) hour  
25 after sunset on any weekday **and Saturday**; and ~~between~~  
26 (B) one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise and ~~noon on Saturday~~ **2**  
27 **p.m. on Sunday.**
- 28 (3) The tractor-mobile home rig may be operated only over the  
29 roads or highways in the state highway system, including, except  
30 to the extent provided in section 5 of this chapter, the routes  
31 designated as federal highways and the state maintained routes  
32 through cities and towns. The tractor-mobile home rig may not  
33 extend past the center line of those roads and highways.
- 34 (4) The person to whom the permit is granted shall present  
35 satisfactory evidence of the person's financial responsibility, as  
36 provided in IC 9-25, to the granting authority.
- 37 (5) If in use as a towing vehicle component of a tractor-mobile  
38 home rig, the towing vehicle for which the permit is granted must  
39 have a wheelbase of not less than one hundred twenty (120)  
40 inches.
- 41 (6) A permit granted for the towing vehicle component of a  
42 tractor-mobile home rig may be suspended or revoked by the

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1 Indiana department of transportation for violation of any of the  
2 conditions of the permit set forth in this section.

3 (7) The towing vehicle may be operated only over the roads or  
4 highways approved by the authority granting the permits.

5 **(8) The tractor-mobile home rig shall be accompanied by one**  
6 **(1) distinctively marked escort vehicle.**

7 (b) Except as provided in section 5 of this chapter, this section does  
8 not prevent a local authority with respect to highways and roads under  
9 the authority's jurisdiction from granting permission to operate a  
10 tractor-mobile home rig on roads and highways under the authority's  
11 jurisdiction that are not highways in the state highway system or state  
12 maintained routes through cities and towns.

13 SECTION 4. IC 9-20-14-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
14 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
15 1, 2003]: **Sec. 6. (a) This section applies to a person who purchases**  
16 **a quarterly or an annual permit under IC 9-29-6-7 to move a**  
17 **tractor-mobile home rig.**

18 (b) A person described in subsection (a) shall use only the  
19 permissible routes for moving a tractor-mobile home rig. The  
20 person must check the daily detour and restriction bulletin before  
21 choosing a route to travel. If the person moves a tractor-mobile  
22 home rig on a route that is restricted or prohibited, the person's  
23 quarterly or annual permit may be revoked.

24 (c) If a person's quarterly or annual permit is revoked under  
25 subsection (b), the person may not obtain a new quarterly or  
26 annual permit for a period of ninety (90) days. The person may  
27 move a tractor-mobile home rig under a single trip permit until the  
28 person is eligible to obtain a new quarterly or annual permit.

29 SECTION 5. IC 9-20-15-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: **Sec. 2. (a) The Indiana**  
31 **department of transportation may grant a permit to operate a special**  
32 **tractor-mobile home rig on an Indiana highway to a person upon the**  
33 **following conditions and in accordance with the rules that the**  
34 **department prescribes:**

35 (1) The special tractor-mobile home rig must be operated in a  
36 manner that will not unduly impede traffic or increase the hazard  
37 to traffic.

38 (2) The special tractor-mobile home rig may be operated only  
39 over the highways in the state highway system, including, except  
40 as provided in section 5 of this chapter, the routes designated as  
41 federal highways and the state maintained routes through cities  
42 and towns. However, the special tractor-mobile home rig may not

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1 extend over the lines delineating highway lanes into another lane  
2 except when passing.

3 (3) The special tractor-mobile home rig may be operated on the  
4 roads and highways only after sunrise and before sunset.  
5 However, the Indiana Department of Transportation may restrict  
6 hours of operation in first and second class cities if the  
7 department determines that rush hour traffic would cause an  
8 undue hazard to the motoring public.

9 (4) The special tractor-mobile home rig may be operated only on  
10 days other than ~~Sunday and the~~ legal holidays **and special event**  
11 **days** that the Indiana Department of Transportation designates.  
12 The special tractor-mobile home rig may be operated between:

13 (A) one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise and one-half (1/2) hour  
14 after sunset on any weekday **and Saturday**; and ~~between~~

15 (B) one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise and ~~noon on Saturday~~ **2**  
16 **p.m. on Sunday.**

17 (5) The special tractor-mobile home rig ~~may~~ **shall** be  
18 accompanied by ~~a~~ **one (1)** distinctively marked escort vehicle.

19 (6) The operator of the special tractor-mobile home rig must be at  
20 least eighteen (18) years of age.

21 (7) The low beam headlights of the towing vehicle for which the  
22 permit is granted must be on while the vehicle is in use as a  
23 towing vehicle component of a special tractor-mobile home rig.

24 (8) The special tractor-mobile home rig may not be operated  
25 closer than one thousand (1,000) feet to any other special  
26 tractor-mobile home rig traveling in the same direction.

27 (9) Whenever there may be a clear roadway ahead of the special  
28 tractor-mobile home rig and more than three (3) vehicles  
29 immediately behind the tractor-mobile home rig, the operator of  
30 a special tractor-mobile home rig shall pull over to the right of the  
31 traveled portion of the road or highway at the first opportunity to  
32 do so safely, so as to allow following vehicles to pass.

33 (10) The special tractor-mobile home rig may not be operated at  
34 a speed in excess of forty-five (45) miles per hour on roads and  
35 highways, other than divided highways of at least four (4) lanes,  
36 except as otherwise provided by law.

37 (11) The special tractor-mobile home rig may not be operated as  
38 follows:

39 (A) During the existence of hazardous weather conditions  
40 causing visibility to be less than five hundred (500) feet.

41 (B) During times when the steady wind velocity exceeds  
42 twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

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- 1 (C) At other times and under other conditions that the Indiana  
 2 Department of Transportation by rule or emergency notice  
 3 prescribes.
- 4 (12) The person to whom the permit is granted shall present  
 5 satisfactory evidence of the person's financial responsibility as  
 6 provided in IC 9-25 to the granting authority.
- 7 (13) When in use as a towing vehicle component of a special  
 8 tractor-mobile home rig, the towing vehicle for which the permit  
 9 is granted must have an overall length of not less than twelve (12)  
 10 feet.
- 11 (14) A permit granted for the towing vehicle component of a  
 12 special tractor-mobile home rig may be suspended or revoked by  
 13 the Indiana Department of Transportation for violation of any of  
 14 the conditions of the permit set forth in this section or for  
 15 violation of a rule or notice as provided for in this chapter.
- 16 (15) The special tractor-mobile home rig may be operated only  
 17 over roads or highways approved by the authority granting the  
 18 permits.
- 19 (16) The rules pertaining to special tractor-mobile home rigs do  
 20 not apply to other vehicles.
- 21 (b) This section may not be construed to prevent a local authority  
 22 with respect to highways and roads under the authority's jurisdiction  
 23 from granting permission to operate a special tractor-mobile home rig  
 24 on roads and highways under the authority's jurisdiction that are not  
 25 highways in the state highway system or state maintained routes  
 26 through cities and towns.
- 27 SECTION 6. IC 9-20-15-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 28 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 6. (a) As used in this  
 29 section, "extra wide manufactured home rig" means any combination  
 30 of a manufactured home or sectionalized building and a towing vehicle  
 31 having all of the following dimensions:
- 32 (1) Some part of the combination with a width greater than one  
 33 hundred seventy-two (172) inches but not greater than one  
 34 hundred ninety-two (192) inches.
- 35 (2) The:
- 36 (A) manufactured home part of the combination, including the  
 37 hitch; or
- 38 (B) sectionalized building part of the combination, including  
 39 the hitch;
- 40 with a length that does not exceed ~~eighty (80)~~ **eighty-five (85)**  
 41 feet.
- 42 (3) The tractor part of the combination with a length not less than

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1 twelve (12) feet.

2 (4) None of the combination with a height greater than fourteen  
3 (14) feet six (6) inches.

4 (b) The Indiana department of transportation may adopt rules under  
5 IC 4-22-2 to implement a permit system regulating the transportation  
6 of extra wide manufactured home rigs.

7 (c) Rules adopted by the Indiana department of transportation under  
8 this section must address the following:

9 (1) The competitive nature of Indiana's manufactured housing  
10 industry.

11 (2) The safety of persons who use the highways.

12 **(d) The extra wide manufactured home rig shall be**  
13 **accompanied by one (1) distinctively marked escort vehicle.**

14 **(e) The extra wide manufactured home shall have strobe lights**  
15 **on its uppermost rear corners.**

16 SECTION 7. IC 9-20-15-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
17 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
18 1, 2003]: **Sec. 7. (a) This section applies to a person who purchases**  
19 **a quarterly or an annual permit under IC 9-29-6-9 to move a**  
20 **special tractor-mobile home rig.**

21 **(b) A person described in subsection (a) shall use only the**  
22 **permissible routes for moving a special tractor-mobile home rig.**  
23 **The person must check the daily detour and restriction bulletin**  
24 **before choosing a route to travel. If the person moves a special**  
25 **tractor-mobile home rig on a route that is restricted or prohibited,**  
26 **the person's quarterly or annual permit may be revoked.**

27 **(c) If a person's quarterly or annual permit is revoked under**  
28 **subsection (b), the person may not obtain a new quarterly or**  
29 **annual permit for a period of ninety (90) days. The person may**  
30 **move a special tractor-mobile home rig under a single trip permit**  
31 **until the person is eligible to obtain a new quarterly or annual**  
32 **permit.**

33 SECTION 8. IC 9-29-6-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
34 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: **Sec. 7. (a) Except as provided in**  
35 **subsections (b) and (c), the fee for a person who is not a mobile home**  
36 **or sectionalized building retail dealer to move a tractor-mobile home**  
37 **rig under IC 9-20-14-2 is ten dollars (\$10) per trip.**

38 **(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a person who is not a mobile**  
39 **home or sectionalized building retail dealer may purchase a**  
40 **quarterly permit for unlimited trips during the quarter to move a**  
41 **tractor-mobile home rig under IC 9-20-14-2. The fee for a**  
42 **quarterly permit is two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).**



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1           **(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a person who is not a mobile**  
2 **home or sectionalized building retail dealer may purchase an**  
3 **annual permit for unlimited trips during the year to move a**  
4 **tractor-mobile home rig under IC 9-20-14-2. The fee for an annual**  
5 **permit is one thousand dollars (\$1,000).**

6           SECTION 9. IC 9-29-6-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 9. **(a) Except as provided in**  
8 **subsections (b) and (c), the fee for a person to move a special**  
9 **tractor-mobile home rig under IC 9-20-15-1 is eighteen dollars (\$18)**  
10 **per trip.**

11           **(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a person may purchase a**  
12 **quarterly permit for unlimited trips during the quarter to move a**  
13 **special tractor-mobile home rig under IC 9-20-15-1. The fee for a**  
14 **quarterly permit is five hundred dollars (\$500).**

15           **(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a person may purchase an**  
16 **annual permit for unlimited trips during the year to move a special**  
17 **tractor-mobile home rig under IC 9-20-15-1. The fee for an annual**  
18 **permit is two thousand dollars (\$2,000).**

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