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## HOUSE BILL No. 1137

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DIGEST OF HB 1137 (Updated January 26, 2011 12:56 pm - DI 96)

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-20.

**Synopsis:** Extra heavy duty highways. Provides that certain sections of Highway 912 in East Chicago are designated as extra heavy duty highways, and that the total gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles operated with a special weight permit on the highways may not exceed 264,000 pounds. Makes corresponding changes.

**Effective:** July 1, 2011.

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January 6, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.  
January 27, 2011, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session 117th General Assembly (2011)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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## HOUSE BILL No. 1137



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 9-20-5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.134-2007,
- 2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 4. In addition to the highways established and
- 4 designated as heavy duty highways under section 1 of this chapter, the
- 5 following highways are designated as extra heavy duty highways:
- 6 (1) Highway 41, from 129th Street in Hammond to Highway 312.
- 7 (2) Highway 312, from Highway 41 to State Road 912.
- 8 (3) Highway 912, from ~~Michigan Avenue~~ **Dickey Road** in East
- 9 Chicago to the U.S. 20 interchange. **The total gross weight, with**
- 10 **load, of a vehicle or combination of vehicles operated with a**
- 11 **special weight permit on this highway may not exceed two**
- 12 **hundred sixty-four thousand (264,000) pounds.**
- 13 (4) Highway 20, from Clark Road in Gary to Highway 39.
- 14 (5) Highway 12, from one-fourth (1/4) mile west of the Midwest
- 15 Steel entrance to Highway 249.
- 16 (6) Highway 249, from Highway 12 to Highway 20.
- 17 (7) Highway 12, from one and one-half (1 1/2) miles east of the

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- 1 Bethlehem Steel entrance to Highway 149.
- 2 (8) Highway 149, from Highway 12 to a point thirty-six
- 3 hundredths (.36) of a mile south of Highway 20.
- 4 (9) Highway 39, from Highway 20 to the Michigan state line.
- 5 (10) Highway 20, from Highway 39 to Highway 2.
- 6 (11) Highway 2, from Highway 20 to Highway 31.
- 7 (12) Highway 31, from the Michigan state line to Highway 23.
- 8 (13) Highway 23, from Highway 31 to Olive Street in South
- 9 Bend.
- 10 (14) Highway 35, from South Motts Parkway thirty-four
- 11 hundredths (.34) of a mile southeast to the point where Highway
- 12 35 intersects with the overpass for Highway 20/Highway 212.
- 13 (15) State Road 249 from U.S. 12 to the point where State Road
- 14 249 intersects with Nelson Drive at the Port of Indiana.
- 15 (16) State Road 912 from the 15th Avenue and 169th Street
- 16 interchange one and six hundredths (1.06) miles north to the U.S.
- 17 20 interchange.
- 18 (17) U.S. 20 from the State Road 912 interchange three and
- 19 seventeen hundredths (3.17) miles east to U.S. 12.
- 20 (18) U.S. 6 from the Ohio state line to State Road 9.
- 21 (19) U.S. 30 from Allen County/Whitley County Line Road (also
- 22 known as County Road 800 East) to State Road 9.
- 23 (20) State Road 9 from U.S. 30 to U.S. 6.
- 24 (21) State Road 39 from Interstate 80 to U.S. 20.
- 25 (22) State Road 3 north from U.S. 6 to U.S. 20, U.S. 20 west from
- 26 State Road 3 to State Road 9, State Road 9 north from U.S. 20 to
- 27 the Michigan state line. However, the total gross weight, with
- 28 load, of a vehicle or combination of vehicles operated with a
- 29 special weight permit on these highways may not exceed ninety
- 30 thousand (90,000) pounds.
- 31 **(23) Highway 912, from Riley Road to a point four thousand**
- 32 **fifty (4,050) feet southeast of Riley Road in East Chicago. The**
- 33 **total gross weight, with load, of a vehicle or combination of**
- 34 **vehicles operated with a special weight permit on this**
- 35 **highway may not exceed two hundred sixty-four thousand**
- 36 **(264,000) pounds.**
- 37 SECTION 2. IC 9-20-5-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.134-2007,
- 38 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 39 JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 5. The maximum size and weight limits for
- 40 vehicles operated with a special weight permit on an extra heavy duty
- 41 highway are as follows:
- 42 (1) A vehicle may not have a maximum wheel weight, unladen or

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1 with load, in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds per inch width  
 2 of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim.  
 3 (2) A single axle weight may not exceed eighteen thousand  
 4 (18,000) pounds.  
 5 (3) An axle in an axle combination may not exceed thirteen  
 6 thousand (13,000) pounds per axle, with the exception of one (1)  
 7 tandem group that may weigh sixteen thousand (16,000) pounds  
 8 per axle or a total of thirty-two thousand (32,000) pounds.  
 9 (4) Except as provided in ~~section~~ **sections 4(3), 4(22), and 4(23)**  
 10 of this chapter, the total gross weight, with load, of any vehicle or  
 11 combination of vehicles may not exceed one hundred thirty-four  
 12 thousand (134,000) pounds.  
 13 (5) Axle spacings may not be less than three (3) feet, six (6)  
 14 inches, between each axle in an axle combination.  
 15 (6) Axle spacings may not be less than eight (8) feet between each  
 16 axle or axle combination.  
 17 SECTION 3. IC 9-20-5-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 7. The owner or operator of a  
 19 vehicle or combination of vehicles having a total gross weight in excess  
 20 of eighty thousand (80,000) pounds but less than ~~one two~~ hundred  
 21 ~~thirty-four sixty-four~~ thousand (~~134,000~~) **(264,000)** pounds must:  
 22 (1) obtain a special weight registration permit;  
 23 (2) register annually and pay annually a registration fee to the  
 24 department of state revenue; and  
 25 (3) install an approved automated vehicle identifier in each  
 26 vehicle operating with a special weight permit;  
 27 to travel on an extra heavy duty highway.

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Bill 1137, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 9, after "interchange." insert "**The total gross weight, with load, of a vehicle or combination of vehicles operated with a special weight permit on this highway may not exceed two hundred sixty-four thousand (264,000) pounds.**"

Page 2, line 29, after "Chicago." insert "**The total gross weight, with load, of a vehicle or combination of vehicles operated with a special weight permit on this highway may not exceed two hundred sixty-four thousand (264,000) pounds.**"

SECTION 2. IC 9-20-5-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.134-2007, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 5. The maximum size and weight limits for vehicles operated with a special weight permit on an extra heavy duty highway are as follows:

- (1) A vehicle may not have a maximum wheel weight, unladen or with load, in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds per inch width of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim.
- (2) A single axle weight may not exceed eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds.
- (3) An axle in an axle combination may not exceed thirteen thousand (13,000) pounds per axle, with the exception of one (1) tandem group that may weigh sixteen thousand (16,000) pounds per axle or a total of thirty-two thousand (32,000) pounds.
- (4) Except as provided in ~~section~~ **sections 4(3), 4(22), and 4(23)** of this chapter, the total gross weight, with load, of any vehicle or combination of vehicles may not exceed one hundred thirty-four thousand (134,000) pounds.
- (5) Axle spacings may not be less than three (3) feet, six (6) inches, between each axle in an axle combination.
- (6) Axle spacings may not be less than eight (8) feet between each axle or axle combination.

SECTION 3. IC 9-20-5-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: Sec. 7. The owner or operator of a vehicle or combination of vehicles having a total gross weight in excess of eighty thousand (80,000) pounds but less than ~~one~~ **two** hundred ~~thirty-four~~ **sixty-four** thousand (~~134,000~~) **(264,000)** pounds must:

- (1) obtain a special weight registration permit;
- (2) register annually and pay annually a registration fee to the

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(3) install an approved automated vehicle identifier in each  
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and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1137 as introduced.)

SOLIDAY, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 0.

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