

SENATE BILL No. 301

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-20-5.

Synopsis: Extra heavy duty highways. Authorizes the department of transportation (INDOT) to adopt rules to establish and designate a highway as an extra heavy duty highway. (Under current law, extra heavy duty highways are designated by statute.) Requires INDOT to include in the rules: (1) highways designated by statute as extra heavy duty highways; and (2) statutory size and weight limits. Provides that statutory extra heavy duty highway designations and size and weight limits expire on the later of the date on which INDOT's rules are finally adopted or December 31, 2014.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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January 5, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

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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 9-20-5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 1. (a) The Indiana department of
- 3 transportation may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:
- 4 (1) Establish and designate a highway as a heavy duty highway.
- 5 (2) Remove the designation of a highway or part of a highway as
- 6 a heavy duty highway.
- 7 **(b) The Indiana department of transportation shall adopt rules**
- 8 **under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:**
- 9 (1) Establish and designate a highway as an extra heavy duty
- 10 highway.
- 11 (2) Remove the designation of a highway or part of a highway
- 12 as an extra heavy duty highway.
- 13 **(c) Rules described in subsection (b)(1) must do the following:**
- 14 (1) Designate the highways listed in section 4 of this chapter
- 15 (before its expiration) as extra heavy duty highways.
- 16 (2) Establish maximum size and weight limits for vehicles
- 17 operated with a special weight permit on an extra heavy duty



- 1 **highway as set forth in section 5 of this chapter (before its**
 2 **expiration).**
 3 **(b) (d)** The Indiana department of transportation shall periodically
 4 publish a map showing all highways designated by the department at
 5 the time as heavy duty **or extra heavy duty** highways.
 6 SECTION 2. IC 9-20-5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.120-2011,
 7 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 4. **(a)** In addition to the highways established and
 9 designated as heavy duty highways under section 1 of this chapter, the
 10 following highways are designated as extra heavy duty highways:
 11 (1) Highway 41, from 129th Street in Hammond to Highway 312.
 12 (2) Highway 312, from Highway 41 to State Road 912.
 13 (3) Highway 912, from Riley Road in East Chicago to the U.S. 20
 14 interchange.
 15 (4) Highway 20, from Clark Road in Gary to Highway 39.
 16 (5) Highway 12, from one-fourth (1/4) mile west of the Midwest
 17 Steel entrance to Highway 249.
 18 (6) Highway 249, from Highway 12 to Highway 20.
 19 (7) Highway 12, from one and one-half (1 1/2) miles east of the
 20 Bethlehem Steel entrance to Highway 149.
 21 (8) Highway 149, from Highway 12 to a point thirty-six
 22 hundredths (.36) of a mile south of Highway 20.
 23 (9) Highway 39, from Highway 20 to the Michigan state line.
 24 (10) Highway 20, from Highway 39 to Highway 2.
 25 (11) Highway 2, from Highway 20 to Highway 31.
 26 (12) Highway 31, from the Michigan state line to Highway 23.
 27 (13) Highway 23, from Highway 31 to Olive Street in South
 28 Bend.
 29 (14) Highway 35, from South Motts Parkway thirty-four
 30 hundredths (.34) of a mile southeast to the point where Highway
 31 35 intersects with the overpass for Highway 20/Highway 212.
 32 (15) State Road 249 from U.S. 12 to the point where State Road
 33 249 intersects with Nelson Drive at the Port of Indiana.
 34 (16) State Road 912 from the 15th Avenue and 169th Street
 35 interchange one and six hundredths (1.06) miles north to the U.S.
 36 20 interchange.
 37 (17) U.S. 20 from the State Road 912 interchange three and
 38 seventeen hundredths (3.17) miles east to U.S. 12.
 39 (18) U.S. 6 from the Ohio state line to State Road 9.
 40 (19) U.S. 30 from Allen County/Whitley County Line Road (also
 41 known as County Road 800 East) to State Road 9.
 42 (20) State Road 9 from U.S. 30 to U.S. 6.

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- 1 (21) State Road 39 from Interstate 80 to U.S. 20.
- 2 (22) State Road 3 north from U.S. 6 to U.S. 20, U.S. 20 west from
- 3 State Road 3 to State Road 9, State Road 9 north from U.S. 20 to
- 4 the Michigan state line. However, the total gross weight, with
- 5 load, of a vehicle or combination of vehicles operated with a
- 6 special weight permit on these highways may not exceed ninety
- 7 thousand (90,000) pounds.
- 8 (23) Highway 912, at an intersection approximately thirty
- 9 hundredths (.30) of a mile southwest of the intersection of Dickey
- 10 Road and Riley Road in East Chicago. The total gross weight,
- 11 with load, of a vehicle or combination of vehicles operated with
- 12 a special weight permit on this highway may not exceed two
- 13 hundred sixty-four thousand (264,000) pounds.
- 14 **(b) This section expires on the later of the following dates:**
- 15 **(1) The date on which rules described in section 1(c)(1) of this**
- 16 **chapter are finally adopted.**
- 17 **(2) December 31, 2014.**
- 18 SECTION 3. IC 9-20-5-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.120-2011,
- 19 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 20 JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the
- 21 maximum size and weight limits for vehicles operated with a special
- 22 weight permit on an extra heavy duty highway are as follows:
- 23 (1) A vehicle may not have a maximum wheel weight, unladen or
- 24 with load, in excess of eight hundred (800) pounds per inch width
- 25 of tire, measured between the flanges of the rim.
- 26 (2) A single axle weight may not exceed eighteen thousand
- 27 (18,000) pounds.
- 28 (3) An axle in an axle combination may not exceed thirteen
- 29 thousand (13,000) pounds per axle, with the exception of one (1)
- 30 tandem group that may weigh sixteen thousand (16,000) pounds
- 31 per axle or a total of thirty-two thousand (32,000) pounds.
- 32 (4) Except as provided in section 4(22) of this chapter, the total
- 33 gross weight, with load, of any vehicle or combination of vehicles
- 34 may not exceed one hundred thirty-four thousand (134,000)
- 35 pounds.
- 36 (5) Axle spacings may not be less than three (3) feet, six (6)
- 37 inches, between each axle in an axle combination.
- 38 (6) Axle spacings may not be less than eight (8) feet between each
- 39 axle or axle combination.
- 40 (b) A vehicle operated in accordance with section 4(23) of this
- 41 chapter may not have a:
- 42 (1) maximum wheel weight, unladen or with load, in excess of

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1 one thousand six hundred fifty (1,650) pounds per inch width of
2 tire, measured between the flanges of the rim; or
3 (2) single axle weight that exceeds sixty-five thousand (65,000)
4 pounds.

5 **(c) This section expires on the later of the following dates:**

6 **(1) The date on which rules described in section 1(c)(1) of this**
7 **chapter are finally adopted.**

8 **(2) December 31, 2014.**

9 SECTION 4. IC 9-20-5-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 6. The Indiana department of
11 transportation shall implement procedures that, in cooperation with the
12 state police department and local police departments, enhance the
13 safety of citizens along and near extra heavy duty highways listed in
14 section 4 of this chapter **(before its expiration) or described in rules**
15 **adopted by the Indiana department of transportation under section**
16 **1 of this chapter.**

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