
HOUSE BILL No. 1481

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-13-2; IC 9-20-6-2.5; IC 9-29-6.

Synopsis: Divisible load permits for overweight loads. Authorizes the Indiana department of transportation (department) or a local authority to grant a single trip or single route permit for transporting overweight divisible loads. Sets a fee for the permit for an overweight divisible load by the department. Provides definitions for equivalent single axle load mile and overweight divisible load.

Effective: July 1, 2013.

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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 9-13-2-49.9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 3 1, 2013]: **Sec. 49.9. "Equivalent single axle load mile", for purposes**
- 4 **of IC 9-29-6, has the meaning set forth in IC 9-29-6-0.5.**
- 5 SECTION 2. IC 9-13-2-120.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 6 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 120.7. "Overweight divisible**
- 8 **load" means a tractor-semitrailer and load that:**
- 9 (1) **can be traditionally separated or reduced to meet the**
- 10 **specified regulatory limits for weight;**
- 11 (2) **are involved in hauling, delivering, or otherwise carrying**
- 12 **metal or agricultural commodities;**
- 13 (3) **meet other requirements for height, length, and width;**
- 14 (4) **weigh more than the eighty thousand (80,000) pound gross**
- 15 **vehicle weight limit in IC 9-20-5 but weighs not more than:**
- 16 (A) **one hundred twenty thousand (120,000) pounds if**
- 17 **hauling metal commodities; and**



- 1 **(B) ninety-seven thousand (97,000) pounds if hauling**
- 2 **agricultural commodities; and**
- 3 **(5) have the following configurations:**
- 4 **(A) A single axle weight of twenty-nine thousand (29,000)**
- 5 **pounds.**
- 6 **(B) A short tandem maximum weight of thirty-six**
- 7 **thousand (36,000) pounds.**
- 8 **(C) A long tandem maximum weight of fifty thousand**
- 9 **(50,000) pounds, if:**
- 10 **(i) the tandem has a minimum four (4) feet one (1) inch**
- 11 **spacing;**
- 12 **(ii) the vehicle has sufficient inner and outer bridge**
- 13 **spacing to achieve the requested weight; and**
- 14 **(iii) the vehicle passes analysis.**
- 15 **(D) A short tri axle maximum weight of forty-seven**
- 16 **thousand (47,000) pounds.**
- 17 **(E) A short quad axle or long tri axle maximum weight of**
- 18 **sixty thousand (60,000) pounds.**
- 19 **(F) A long quad axle maximum weight of eighty thousand**
- 20 **(80,000) pounds.**
- 21 **(G) Each axle except the front axle carries at least ten**
- 22 **thousand (10,000) pounds.**
- 23 **(H) Within each group, the weight on each axle does not**
- 24 **differ by more than two thousand (2,000) pounds.**

25 SECTION 3. IC 9-20-6-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 26 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 27 1, 2013]: **Sec. 2.5. (a) The Indiana department of transportation or**
 28 **local authority that:**

- 29 **(1) has jurisdiction over a state highway, an interstate**
- 30 **highway, or a local street; and**
- 31 **(2) is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the state**
- 32 **highway, interstate highway, or local street;**
- 33 **may, upon proper application in writing and upon good cause**
- 34 **shown, grant a single trip or single route permit for transporting**
- 35 **overweight divisible loads.**

36 **(b) The Indiana department of transportation shall adopt rules**
 37 **under IC 4-22-2 for the:**

- 38 **(1) issuance;**
- 39 **(2) fee structure; and**
- 40 **(3) enforcement;**

41 **of overweight divisible load permits not later than July 1, 2015.**
 42 SECTION 4. IC 9-29-6-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE

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1 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
2 1, 2013]: **Sec. 0.5.** As used in this chapter, "equivalent single axle
3 load mile" is a unit used to quantify various types of axle loadings
4 into a single number. The number of equivalent single axle load
5 miles that apply to a trip is the amount determined under STEP
6 TEN of the following formula:

7 **STEP ONE: Determine the result of:**

8 (A) the first or next single axle weight in pounds of the
9 vehicle; divided by

10 (B) eighteen thousand (18,000).

11 **STEP TWO: Determine the result of the STEP ONE amount**
12 **raised to the fourth power.**

13 **STEP THREE: Repeat STEP ONE and STEP TWO for each**
14 **additional single axle on the vehicle.**

15 **STEP FOUR: Determine the sum of the resulting amounts**
16 **from STEP TWO and STEP THREE of all single axles on the**
17 **vehicle.**

18 **STEP FIVE: Determine the result of:**

19 (A) the first or next tandem axle group weight in pounds;
20 divided by

21 (B) thirty-three thousand two hundred (33,200).

22 **STEP SIX: Determine the result of the STEP FIVE amount**
23 **raised to the fourth power.**

24 **STEP SEVEN: Repeat STEP FIVE and STEP SIX for each**
25 **additional tandem axle group on the vehicle.**

26 **STEP EIGHT: Determine the sum of the resulting amounts**
27 **from STEP SIX and STEP SEVEN of all tandem axle groups**
28 **on the vehicle.**

29 **STEP NINE: Determine the sum of the STEP FOUR amount**
30 **and the STEP EIGHT amount.**

31 **STEP TEN: Determine the result of**

32 (A) the STEP NINE amount; multiplied by

33 (B) the number of miles in the trip.

34 SECTION 5. IC 9-29-6-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.125-2012,
35 SECTION 321, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
36 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 10. (a) Except as provided in**
37 **subsection (b),** whenever a permit is issued by the Indiana department
38 of transportation under IC 9-20-6, the Indiana department of
39 transportation shall fix the fee to be paid. Upon payment of the fee, the
40 Indiana department of transportation shall validate the permit. The
41 revenue from the fee shall be credited to the state highway fund.

42 (b) **The fee for a permit issued under IC 9-20-6-2.5 for an**

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- 1 **overweight divisible load is as follows:**
- 2 **(1) A trip permit, twenty dollars (\$20).**
- 3 **(2) A fee of five cents (\$0.05) per equivalent single axle load**
- 4 **mile, which is in addition to the trip permit fee in subdivision**
- 5 **(1).**
- 6 **Upon payment of the fee, the Indiana department of transportation**
- 7 **shall validate the permit. The revenue from the fee shall be**
- 8 **credited to the state highway fund.**
- 9 **(c) Subsection (b) and this subsection expire on the earlier of the**
- 10 **following dates:**
- 11 **(1) The date rules are adopted under IC 9-20-6-2.5(b).**
- 12 **(2) July 1, 2015.**

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