

SENATE FILE NO. SF0030

Waiver-vehicle height and weight restrictions.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Barton

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; allowing the director of
 2 the department of transportation to give permission for
 3 operators of oversized vehicles to obtain permits using
 4 specified procedures during drought or emergency conditions
 5 as declared by the governor; and providing for an effective
 6 date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-18-804(e) is amended to read:

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12 **31-18-804. Permits for and certain highways to carry,**
 13 **overweight and oversize vehicles; government vehicles.**

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15 (e) The application for any permit under this section
 16 shall specifically describe the applicant, individual or
 17 company, the vehicle or load to be operated or moved, and

1 the particular highway to be used and whether the permit is
2 requested for a single trip or for extended period
3 operation. Each permit shall contain the following
4 provisions: duration of permit, description of load or
5 loads to be moved, section standards which are to be
6 exceeded and the amount of excess authorized, description
7 of equipment, route to be traveled and required operating
8 procedures. Every permit issued under this act shall be
9 carried with the vehicles or combination of vehicles to
10 which it refers and shall be open to inspection by any
11 authorized agent of the state of Wyoming. Permission may be
12 verbally issued by telephone or otherwise, granting the
13 applicant authorization to proceed to the nearest permit
14 issuing facility to be weighed and measured and to obtain
15 the permit. Unless otherwise authorized by the director or
16 his authorized representative, permits shall be obtained
17 prior to operating any oversize or overweight vehicles on
18 the highways of this state. Nothing herein contained shall
19 be construed to permit a vehicle that is overweight or
20 oversize and has not obtained a permit or permission in
21 advance to be operated on the highways of this state.
22 Except as provided in W.S. 31-18-805(b) and this
23 subsection, the operator shall be required to unload the
24 excess weight, reduce the excess size or otherwise bring

1 the load within permissible limits and pay all fees for
2 overweight or oversize under this act for distance traveled
3 in addition to penalties provided by law. Notwithstanding
4 any other provision of this article, if the governor
5 declares a drought or other emergency, vehicles hauling hay
6 or other oversize or overweight products that are in permit
7 limits may proceed, without permit or permission, to the
8 nearest permit issuing facility to obtain the appropriate
9 oversize or overweight permit.

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11 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
12 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
13 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
14 Constitution.

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