

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0205

Motor vehicle weight restrictions-exceptions.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Northrup, Larsen and
Paxton and Senator(s) Hicks and Meier

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; expanding weight limits
2 for specified load types; providing rulemaking authority as
3 specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-18-804(b), (p) and by creating a
8 new subsection (u) is amended to read:

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10 **31-18-804. Permits for and certain highways to carry,**
11 **overweight and oversize vehicles; government vehicles.**

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13 (b) The director or his authorized representative may
14 issue a permit ~~exclusive of interstate highways~~ for hauling
15 of forest products, ~~sugar beets,~~ or gravel, ~~livestock and~~
16 ~~agricultural products~~ hauled in ~~trucks~~ vehicles that cannot

1 be weighed at point of loading at a weight which is not
2 more than ten percent (10%) in excess of allowable axle
3 weights and not more than five thousand (5,000) pounds in
4 excess of gross weights allowed under gross weight Table I.
5 The permit fee is fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for a single
6 trip permit not to exceed ninety-six (96) continuous hours.
7 The permit fee is fifty dollars (\$50.00) for any ninety
8 (90) continuous days. If a ~~truck~~vehicle hauling forest
9 products, ~~sugar beets, or~~ gravel, ~~livestock or agricultural~~
10 ~~products~~ exceeds the legal weight limitations, the ~~truck~~
11 vehicle shall be allowed to unload at its point of
12 destination in this state if the point of destination is
13 within one (1) mile of the ~~truck's~~vehicle's location when
14 the illegal weight limitation was determined, unless an
15 immediate threat to public safety exists. No penalty for
16 the first violation shall be imposed, but any subsequent
17 violation shall be subject to the penalty provisions of
18 W.S. 31-18-805. Vehicles utilizing the allowances of this
19 subsection shall be operated exclusive of interstate
20 highways and loads shall either originate or end within
21 Wyoming.

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23 (p) In determining ~~permit~~ weights of vehicles or
24 combinations of vehicles, a variable load suspension axle

1 may be counted as load bearing, provided that the variable
2 load suspension axle that is capable of producing a
3 distribution of weight to prevent an axle or axle group
4 from exceeding maximum allowable weights in accordance with
5 department rules and regulations.

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7 (u) The director or his authorized representative may
8 allow by rule for not more than ninety (90) continuous days
9 the axle weight and gross weight restrictions in this
10 article to be increased without a fee for persons hauling
11 livestock to a change of pasture or for other reasons, or
12 hauling agricultural products while engaged in the process
13 of harvesting, in vehicles that cannot be weighed at the
14 point of loading and which weigh not more than ten percent
15 (10%) in excess of otherwise allowable axle weight and not
16 more than five thousand (5,000) pounds in excess of gross
17 weights allowed under gross weight Table I. If a vehicle
18 hauling livestock or agricultural products directly from
19 the point of loading exceeds the weight limitations allowed
20 by this subsection, the vehicle shall be allowed to unload
21 at its point of destination in this state if the point of
22 destination is within ten (10) miles of the vehicle's
23 location when the illegal weight limitation was determined,
24 unless an immediate threat to public safety exists. No

1 penalty for the first violation shall be imposed, but any
2 subsequent violation shall be subject to the penalty
3 provisions of W.S. 31-18-805. Vehicles utilizing the
4 allowances of this subsection shall be operated exclusive
5 of interstate highways and loads shall either originate or
6 end within Wyoming.

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8 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2013.

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