

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; and providing for an effective
3 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 that cannot be

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

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19 (p) In determining ~~permit~~ weights of vehicles or
20 combinations of vehicles, a variable load suspension axle
21 may be counted as load bearing, provided that the variable
22 load suspension axle that is capable of producing a
23 distribution of weight to prevent an axle or axle group

1 from exceeding maximum allowable weights in accordance with
2 department rules and regulations.

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4 (u) Except on interstate highways and subject to all
5 applicable size limitations, the axle weight and gross
6 weight restrictions in this article shall be increased
7 without a permit for persons hauling livestock, or hauling
8 agricultural products while engaged in the process of
9 harvesting, in trucks that cannot be weighed at the point
10 of loading and which weigh not more than ten percent (10%)
11 in excess of otherwise allowable axle weight and gross
12 weight limitations. If a truck hauling livestock or
13 agricultural products directly from the point of loading
14 exceeds the weight limitations allowed by this subsection,
15 the truck shall be allowed to unload at its point of
16 destination in this state if the point of destination is
17 within one hundred (100) miles of the truck's location when
18 the illegal weight limitation was determined, unless an
19 immediate threat to public safety exists. No penalty for
20 the first violation shall be imposed, but any subsequent
21 violation shall be subject to the penalty provisions of
22 W.S. 31-18-805.

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

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