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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 28-1095, 28-1103 AND 28-1105, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES;  
RELATING TO VEHICLE SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-1095, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 28-1095. Vehicle length: exceptions: permits: rules:  
5 definitions

6 A. A vehicle, including any load on the vehicle, shall not exceed a  
7 length of forty feet extreme overall dimension, including front and rear  
8 bumpers. This subsection does not apply to any of the following:

9 1. A semitrailer when used in combination with a truck or a truck  
10 tractor.

11 2. A truck that is equipped with a conveyor bed, that is used solely  
12 as a fiber and forage module mover and that does not exceed forty-eight feet  
13 in length.

14 3. An articulated bus or articulated trolley coach that does not  
15 exceed a length of sixty feet.

16 4. A bus that is not articulated and that does not exceed a length of  
17 forty-five feet.

18 5. A recreational vehicle, a power unit, a farm vehicle, a horse  
19 trailer or wheeled equipment as defined in section 28-2153 if used in  
20 combination with two units and if the combination does not exceed sixty-five  
21 feet in length.

22 6. A recreational vehicle as defined in section 41-2142, paragraph 30,  
23 subdivision (b) that does not exceed a length of forty-five feet.

24 B. A vehicle transporter may draw only one semitrailer. A combination  
25 of vehicles, excluding a vehicle transporter and the semitrailer it draws,  
26 that is coupled together shall not consist of more than two units, except  
27 that a truck or a truck tractor and semitrailer may draw either one trailer  
28 or a forklift.

29 C. The following restrictions apply:

30 1. The length of a semitrailer operating in a truck  
31 tractor-semitrailer combination or a truck tractor-semitrailer-forklift  
32 combination shall not exceed fifty-seven feet six inches.

33 2. The length of a semitrailer or trailer operating in a truck  
34 tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination shall not exceed twenty-eight feet  
35 six inches.

36 3. The length of a trailer operating in a truck-trailer combination  
37 shall not exceed twenty-eight feet six inches.

38 4. If the length of a semitrailer is more than fifty-three feet, the  
39 overall length of a truck tractor-semitrailer combination shall not exceed  
40 sixty-five feet on all highways, except for the national intercity truck  
41 route network designated by the United States secretary of transportation as  
42 required by the surface transportation assistance act of 1982 or on a system  
43 of highways that is designated by a local authority. In designating the  
44 streets, the local authority shall consider any reasonable restriction  
45 including such safety restrictions as structural hazards and street width and

any other safety factors identified by the local authority as a hazard to the motoring public.

5. A vehicle transporter and the semitrailer it draws shall not exceed a length of seventy-five feet.

6. A truck-semitrailer combination shall not exceed an overall length of sixty-five feet.

D. Subsection B and subsection C, paragraphs 1 through ~~4~~ 6 of this section do not apply to damaged, disabled or abandoned vehicles or combinations of vehicles while being towed by a tow truck in compliance with section 28-1108.

E. Notwithstanding subsections B and C of this section, extensions of not more than three feet beyond the foremost part and six feet beyond the rear bed or body of a vehicle or combination of vehicles used to transport manufactured vehicles or fiber and forage shall not be included in measuring the length of the vehicle or combination of vehicles when loaded.

F. Pursuant to a permit issued pursuant to section 28-1103, a truck or a truck ~~tractor and semitrailer~~ TRACTOR-SEMITRAILER may draw not more than two ADDITIONAL trailers or semitrailers. The department shall adopt rules governing the movement and safety of a combination of vehicles under this subsection and authorizing the issuance in advance of prepaid permits. The rules shall include the adoption of minimum speeds on grades, lighting, signing, identification and braking requirements and any other rules the department deems necessary. The permit issued pursuant to this subsection is limited to the following highways:

1. An interstate highway that connects with two states if both states allow ~~two~~ SUCH COMBINATIONS OF trailers or semitrailers and if the interstate highway does not exceed forty miles between the connecting states.

2. ~~Portions of an alternate~~ A state route OR HIGHWAY that ~~are~~ IS located within four miles of and ~~extend~~ EXTENDS to the border of this state and an adjacent state that allows ~~two~~ SUCH COMBINATIONS OF trailers or semitrailers.

3. A state route that extends at least ten miles through an Indian reservation, that does not cross the Colorado river and that is located within twenty miles of and extends to the border of this state and an adjacent state that allows ~~two~~ SUCH COMBINATIONS OF trailers or semitrailers.

G. Notwithstanding subsections B and C of this section:

1. A motor vehicle may draw one single axle tow dolly on which a motor vehicle may be transported. A person shall secure the raised end of any motor vehicle being transported pursuant to this paragraph to the tow dolly by two separate chains, cables or equivalent devices adequate to prevent shifting or separation of the drawn vehicle and the tow dolly. For the purposes of this paragraph, "single axle tow dolly" means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle and designed and used exclusively to transport another motor vehicle by which the front or rear wheels of the drawn motor vehicle are

1 mounted on the tow dolly while the other wheels of the drawn motor vehicle  
2 remain in contact with the ground.

3 2. A truck or a truck tractor may draw a trailer or semitrailer that  
4 does not exceed a length of fifty-seven feet only on an interstate highway or  
5 on a highway that is within ten miles of an interstate highway if the trailer  
6 or semitrailer is manufactured in this state and is traveling with or without  
7 a load from its place of manufacture to be delivered for use outside this  
8 state.

9 3. A recreational vehicle may pull two units if all of the following  
10 conditions are met:

11 (a) The middle unit is equipped with a fifth wheel and brakes. The  
12 middle unit may be a farm vehicle or a horse trailer and shall have a weight  
13 equal to or greater than the rear unit.

14 (b) If the rear unit has a gross weight of three thousand pounds or  
15 more, it is equipped with brakes.

16 (c) The total combined gross weight of the towed units does not exceed  
17 the manufacturer's stated gross vehicle weight of the towing unit.

18 H. For the purposes of this section:

19 1. "Farm vehicle" has the same meaning prescribed in section 28-2514.

20 2. "Recreational vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is designed and  
21 customarily used for private pleasure, including vehicles commonly called  
22 motor homes, pickup trucks with campers and pickup trucks with a fifth wheel  
23 trailing device.

24 Sec. 2. Section 28-1103, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

25 28-1103. Excess size and weight special permits: definition

26 A. Subject to section 28-1104, subsection E, on application in writing  
27 and for good cause, the director with respect to highways under the  
28 jurisdiction of the department and a local authority with respect to highways  
29 under its jurisdiction may issue a special permit in writing authorizing the  
30 applicant to operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size  
31 or weight of vehicle or load exceeding the maximum specified in this article  
32 or otherwise not in conformity with this chapter on any highway under the  
33 jurisdiction of the party granting the permit and for the maintenance of  
34 which the party is responsible.

35 B. A special permit may be issued for the movement of overdimensional  
36 and overweight loads that is subject to department rules for overdimensional  
37 and overweight loads. The director shall adopt rules for overdimensional and  
38 overweight loads. The director may establish fees to cover all or part of  
39 the cost of review and analysis of requests for overdimensional and  
40 overweight load permits. The department shall collect the fees, in addition  
41 to the special permit fee provided by this section OR SECTION 28-1105.

42 C. Subject to this section, the director or local authority may issue  
43 the following special permits that are valid for THIRTY DAYS OR one year and  
44 that may be limited by the director or local authority:

1 1. A special permit authorizing the applicant to transport a load by  
2 means of a ~~truck or truck tractor, a semitrailer and one full trailer~~  
3 TRUCK-SEMITRAILER, TRUCK-TRAILER, TRUCK TRACTOR-SEMITRAILER-SEMITRAILER OR  
4 TRUCK TRACTOR-SEMITRAILER-TRAILER combination, if all of the following  
5 conditions are met:

6 ~~(a) The combination does not exceed one hundred eleven thousand pounds~~  
7 ~~of gross vehicle weight.~~

8 (a) THE OVERALL LENGTH OF THE CARGO CARRYING UNIT OF THE VEHICLE  
9 COMBINATION DOES NOT EXCEED NINETY-FIVE FEET.

10 (b) The axle weight limitations are subject to sections 28-1099 and  
11 28-1100.

12 (c) THE OVERALL GROSS WEIGHT OF THE VEHICLE COMBINATION DOES NOT  
13 EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND POUNDS OF GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT.

14 ~~(e)~~ (d) The vehicle combination is traveling within twenty miles of  
15 the borders of this state and an adjacent state that allows such combinations  
16 of length and gross vehicle weight.

17 2. Except on the national intercity truck route network ~~as~~ designated  
18 by the United States secretary of transportation as required by the surface  
19 transportation assistance act of 1982, a special permit authorizing the  
20 applicant to transport a load by means of a truck AND TWO TRAILING UNITS or A  
21 truck tractor, a semitrailer and ~~not more than two trailers~~ TRAILING UNITS if  
22 all of the following conditions are met:

23 (a) The overall length of the cargo carrying unit of the vehicle  
24 combination does not exceed ninety-five feet.

25 (b) The axle weight limitations conform to sections 28-1099 and  
26 28-1100.

27 (c) The overall gross weight of the vehicle combination does not  
28 exceed ~~one hundred twenty one thousand pounds for nine axles or~~ one hundred  
29 twenty-three thousand five hundred pounds ~~for ten axles~~.

30 (d) The vehicle combination is traveling on either:

31 (i) ~~Portions of an alternate~~ A state route OR HIGHWAY that is located  
32 within four miles of and extends to the border of this state and an adjacent  
33 state that allows vehicle combinations of a truck or a truck ~~tractor, a~~  
34 ~~semitrailer~~ TRACTOR-SEMITRAILER and NOT MORE THAN two ADDITIONAL trailers or  
35 semitrailers.

36 (ii) A state route that extends at least ten miles through an Indian  
37 reservation, does not cross the Colorado river and is located within twenty  
38 miles of and extends to the border of this state and an adjacent state that  
39 allows ~~two~~ SUCH COMBINATIONS OF trailers or semitrailers.

40 3. On application in writing by an owner of a watercraft as defined in  
41 section 5-301 and on good cause shown, a special excess width permit for a  
42 fee of forty-five dollars for each watercraft covered by the permit that:

43 (a) Authorizes the owner to move a vehicle loaded with the watercraft  
44 on a highway under the jurisdiction of the issuer if all of the following  
45 conditions exist:

1 (i) The total outside width of the vehicle and watercraft does not  
2 exceed ten feet.

3 (ii) The vehicle loaded with the watercraft is otherwise in conformity  
4 with the limitations prescribed by this chapter.

5 (iii) The watercraft is properly registered with the Arizona game and  
6 fish department.

7 (b) Contains the watercraft registration number.

8 D. The director may issue a special excess width permit for the  
9 operation of a vehicle with a reducible load only if both:

10 1. The load exceeds the width limitation prescribed in ~~this~~ section  
11 28-1093.

12 2. The load does not exceed ten feet in width.

13 E. Subject to this section and on receipt of an application, the  
14 director or local authority shall issue a permit that is valid for THIRTY  
15 DAYS OR one year and that authorizes the commercial movement of recreational  
16 vehicles as defined in section 41-2142 that exceed the size restrictions  
17 prescribed in this article. There is no limit on the number of movements  
18 generated or the number of vehicles moved by the permittee under a permit  
19 issued pursuant to this subsection. Notwithstanding section 28-1104,  
20 additional permit requirements shall not be imposed on the commercial  
21 movement of these recreational vehicles if the recreational vehicles comply  
22 with section 28-1093, subsection D.

23 F. If a local authority issues permits pursuant to this section, the  
24 local authority shall provide to the department in a timely manner in an  
25 electronic format prescribed by the director all current ordinances and rules  
26 of the local authority relating to the permits. The department shall make  
27 the ordinances and rules available to the public in an electronic format.

28 G. The department is immune from liability for providing to the public  
29 a local authority's ordinances or rules relating to permits issued by the  
30 local authority pursuant to this section if the department relies on the  
31 information submitted by the local authority in good faith.

32 H. For the purposes of this section, "cargo carrying unit" means any  
33 portion of a commercial motor vehicle combination used for the carrying of  
34 cargo, including a trailer, a semitrailer or the cargo carrying section of a  
35 single unit truck. Cargo carrying unit does not include the CAB PORTION OF A  
36 truck or truck tractor.

37 Sec. 3. Section 28-1105, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:  
38 28-1105. Special permit fees

39 A. Except as otherwise provided by law, the following fees are  
40 required:

41 1. Fifteen dollars for each special permit issued pursuant to section  
42 28-1103 for excess size, except that a thirty dollar fee is required for each  
43 thirty day permit and a three hundred sixty dollar fee is required for each  
44 annual permit.

2. Seventy-five dollars for each permit and each thirty day permit issued pursuant to section 28-1103 for excess weight, except that a six hundred dollar fee is required for each annual permit. For commercial vehicles traveling through an international port of entry on a special single trip excess weight permit issued pursuant to section 28-1103, notwithstanding section 28-6538, each month the department shall allocate and the state treasurer shall distribute the seventy-five dollar special single trip permit fee collected pursuant to this paragraph as follows:

(a) To the state highway fund established by section 28-6991, fifty per cent.

(b) To counties located in the twenty-five mile commercial border zone identified on the permit, twenty-five per cent.

(c) To incorporated cities and towns located in the twenty-five mile commercial border zone identified on the permit, twenty-five per cent. Revenues allocated to incorporated cities and towns pursuant to this subdivision shall be apportioned to each city or town on the basis that the population of each bears to the population of all cities and towns located in the twenty-five mile commercial border zone identified on the permit.

3. For a permit requested for a motor vehicle or combination of vehicles that is in excess of both the size and weight permitted by this chapter, the amount of fees applicable for an excess weight permit. ~~THE EXCESS WEIGHT PERMIT FEE IS APPLICABLE FOR AN ANNUAL PERMIT REQUESTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 28-1103, SUBSECTION C, FOR A VEHICLE COMBINATION THAT EXCEEDS ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS BUT DOES NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND POUNDS OF GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT.~~

~~4. Three hundred sixty dollars for each permit issued pursuant to section 28-1103, subsection C.~~

B. A fee is not required for a permit issued pursuant to section 28-1103 for the movement of vehicles or combinations of vehicles owned by the United States government, this state or a county, city or town.

C. If a special permit is required by the director and by one or more authorities to move a vehicle or combination of vehicles, the applicant for the permit or permits shall pay a permit fee only to the director and is not required to pay a permit fee to a local authority.

D. If a special permit is required by more than one local authority to move a vehicle or combination of vehicles and if the permit is not required by the director, the applicant shall pay a permit fee only to the local authority that has jurisdiction of the streets and highways where the movements of the vehicle or combination of vehicles originate.