



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2251

commercial motor vehicles

Prime Sponsor: Representative Gray, LD 21

DP Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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OVERVIEW

HB 2251 changes the single axel load limit for an over-the-road bus and modifies the disqualification standards for commercial driver license holders.

PROVISIONS

1. Authorizes the Department of Public Safety to regulate interstate movement of household goods as prescribed by federal law ([49 U.S.C. § 14710](#)).
2. States a vehicle transporter and the semitrailer it pulls may not exceed 80 feet, rather than 75 feet, in length and limits the front overhang to four feet and the rear overhang to six feet.
3. Allows a vehicle transporter to carry compliant cargo or general freight on a backhaul.
4. Exempts an over-the-road bus from the 20,000 pound single axel load limit, but requires the vehicle not to exceed 24,000 pounds.
5. Permits the gross weight of a vehicle operated by an engine fueled mainly by natural gas, and the gross weight imposed on the highway by the wheels of any axel group of the vehicle to exceed the weight limitations prescribed by law.
 - a. Prohibits a vehicle to exceed 82,000 pounds or an amount that equals the difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable to the natural gas tank and fueling system and the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system, whichever is less.
6. Changes the timeframe for which a temporary international proportional registration and a temporary alternative proportional registration is valid from 90 days to 60 days.
7. Specifies that a commercial instruction permit holder is subject to the disqualification standards prescribed by statute.
8. Requires a commercial driver license or instruction permit be disqualified for at least 60 consecutive days if the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) determines that the driver falsified information or documentation during the licensing process.
 - a. Mandates a commercial driver license or instruction permit be disqualified for at least one year if the driver is convicted of fraud related to the issuance of the license or permit.
 - b. States that a commercial driver license or instruction permit must be disqualified 10 days after ADOT receives a report of conviction or finding of responsibility.
9. Defines *over-the-road bus* and *backhaul*
10. Makes conforming changes.

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CURRENT LAW

A.R.S. § 28-1099 states that the gross weight imposed on the highway by the wheels of any one axle of a vehicle must not exceed 20,000 pounds. The director of ADOT may issue a special permit for the purpose of moving road machinery that exceeds this limit. The move must be from job-to-job within the state and from job-to-place of servicing and return within the state.

Currently, the cost of a temporary international proportional registration (A.R.S. § 28-2239) and a temporary alternative proportional registration (A.R.S. § 28-2267) is \$1 and is valid for 90 days.

A.R.S. § 28-3312 outlines the disqualification standards regarding a commercial driver license. Specifically, section I requires the beginning date of the disqualification of a commercial license or permit to be the date ADOT receives a report of conviction or finding of responsibility.