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**CHAPTER 60**  
**HOUSE BILL 2430**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 28-1095, 28-1103, 28-1105 AND 28-1144, ARIZONA REVISED  
STATUTES; RELATING TO VEHICLE SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD.

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 G. Notwithstanding subsections B and C of this section:

37 1. A motor vehicle may draw one single axle tow dolly on which a motor  
38 vehicle may be transported. A person shall secure the raised end of any  
39 motor vehicle being transported pursuant to this paragraph to the tow dolly  
40 by two separate chains, cables or equivalent devices adequate to prevent  
41 shifting or separation of the drawn vehicle and the tow dolly. For the  
42 purposes of this paragraph, "single axle tow dolly" means a vehicle drawn by  
43 a motor vehicle and designed and used exclusively to transport another motor  
44 vehicle by which the front or rear wheels of the drawn motor vehicle are  
45 mounted on the tow dolly while the other wheels of the drawn motor vehicle  
46 remain in contact with the ground.

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

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

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

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

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

16           H. For the purposes of this section:

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

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

22           Sec. 2. Section 28-1103, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:  
23 28-1103. Excess size and weight special permits; definition

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

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

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

43           1. A special permit authorizing the applicant to transport a load by  
44 means of a ~~truck or truck tractor, a semitrailer and one full trailer~~  
45 **TRUCK-SEMITRAILER, TRUCK-TRAILER, TRUCK TRACTOR-SEMITRAILER-SEMITRAILER OR**

1 TRUCK TRACTOR-SEMITRAILER-TRAILER combination, if all of the following  
2 conditions are met:

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

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

7 (b) The axle weight limitations are subject to sections 28-1099 and  
8 28-1100.

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

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

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

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

22 (b) The axle weight limitations conform to sections 28-1099 and  
23 28-1100.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 (b) Contains the watercraft registration number.

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

6 1. The load exceeds the width limitation prescribed in ~~this~~ section  
7 28-1093.

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

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

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

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

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

33 Sec. 3. Section 28-1105, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:  
34 28-1105. Special permit fees

35 A. Except as otherwise provided by law, the following fees are  
36 required:

37 1. Fifteen dollars for each special permit issued pursuant to section  
38 28-1103 for excess size, except that a thirty dollar fee is required for each  
39 thirty day permit and a three hundred sixty dollar fee is required for each  
40 annual permit.

41 2. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF THIS SUBSECTION, seventy-five  
42 dollars for each permit and each thirty day permit issued pursuant to section  
43 28-1103 for excess weight, except that a six hundred dollar fee is required  
44 for each annual permit. For commercial vehicles traveling through an  
45 international port of entry on a special single trip excess weight permit  
46 issued pursuant to section 28-1103, notwithstanding section 28-6538, each

1 month the department shall allocate and the state treasurer shall distribute  
2 the seventy-five dollar special single trip permit fee collected pursuant to  
3 this paragraph as follows:

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

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

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

14 3. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF THIS SUBSECTION, for a permit  
15 requested for a motor vehicle or combination of vehicles that is in excess of  
16 both the size and weight permitted by this chapter, the amount of fees  
17 applicable for an excess weight permit.

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

20 4. FOR A VEHICLE COMBINATION DESCRIBED IN SECTION 28-1103,  
21 SUBSECTION C:

22 (a) SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR EACH SINGLE TRIP OR THIRTY-DAY PERMIT  
23 ISSUED FOR EXCESS SIZE AND WEIGHT.

24 (b) THREE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS FOR EACH ANNUAL PERMIT ISSUED FOR  
25 EXCESS SIZE AND WEIGHT UP TO ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED  
26 POUNDS.

27 (c) SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH ANNUAL PERMIT ISSUED FOR EXCESS SIZE  
28 AND WEIGHT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS  
29 AND UP TO ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND POUNDS.

30 B. A fee is not required for a permit issued pursuant to section  
31 28-1103 for the movement of vehicles or combinations of vehicles owned by the  
32 United States government, this state or a county, city or town.

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

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

42 Sec. 4. Section 28-1144, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
43 read:

44 28-1144. Issuing envelope permits; restrictions; requirements

45 A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION, on approval of  
46 the application, the director may issue an envelope permit. The envelope

1 permit for a nonspecific and nonreducible vehicle or cargo shall not  
2 authorize a vehicle or a vehicle transporting cargo on a highway to exceed  
3 two hundred fifty thousand pounds gross weight, fourteen feet in width,  
4 sixteen feet in height and one hundred twenty feet in length.

5 B. The director may issue an envelope permit for a vehicle hauling a  
6 houseboat within a ten mile radius of a lake that is located in this state  
7 and the state of Utah and whose tributary is the Colorado River if the  
8 vehicle or load does not exceed one hundred fifty thousand pounds gross  
9 weight, sixteen and one-half feet in width, twenty-five feet in height and  
10 one hundred twenty feet in length. A person who operates a vehicle on a  
11 highway transporting a houseboat for which an envelope permit has been issued  
12 pursuant to this subsection must notify the department as prescribed by the  
13 director each time a vehicle hauls a houseboat as authorized by the envelope  
14 permit. A person who violates the notification requirement of this  
15 subsection subjects the envelope permit to immediate revocation by the  
16 department and must apply for a special permit prescribed in section 28-1103  
17 in order to comply with ~~the provisions of~~ article 18 of this chapter relating  
18 to vehicle size, weight and load. The director shall adopt rules, including  
19 establishing fees, for envelope permits for vehicles hauling houseboats  
20 pursuant to this subsection.

21 C. ~~EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION,~~ a vehicle for  
22 which an envelope permit is issued shall have at least three axles. Except  
23 for excess gross weight, excess width or length authorized by the envelope  
24 permit, a vehicle and cargo shall meet the requirements of statutes, rules  
25 and ordinances governing the movement of vehicles on highways and rules of  
26 local authorities.

27 D. ~~ON APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION, THE DIRECTOR MAY ISSUE AN ENVELOPE~~  
28 ~~PERMIT FOR A VEHICLE WITH TWO AXLES THAT IS TRANSPORTING A NONSPECIFIC AND~~  
29 ~~NONREDUCIBLE VEHICLE OR CARGO ON A HIGHWAY IF THE VEHICLE OR VEHICLE~~  
30 ~~TRANSPORTING CARGO DOES NOT EXCEED THE APPLICABLE MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT LIMITS~~  
31 ~~AS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 28-1100, FOURTEEN FEET IN WIDTH, SIXTEEN FEET IN~~  
32 ~~HEIGHT AND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FEET IN LENGTH.~~

33 ~~D.~~ E. A person who operates a vehicle on a highway transporting cargo  
34 for which an envelope permit has been issued and is required shall have a  
35 legible envelope permit in the person's immediate possession. The envelope  
36 permit is valid only if the power unit towing or transporting the cargo is  
37 listed on the permit. The operator shall display the envelope permit on  
38 demand of a peace officer.

39 ~~E.~~ F. A photocopy or facsimile of the envelope permit is not valid.

40 ~~F.~~ G. An envelope permit shall provide for the listing of any number  
41 of power units on the permit. A permit may be duplicated and modified to  
42 include the listing of additional power units at the time of initial  
43 application or later.

44 ~~G.~~ H. The director shall not issue an envelope permit for a vehicle  
45 or vehicle combination that transports cargo commonly known as a mobile or  
46 modular home.

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