



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1012

HOUSE BILL NO. 1776

By Representatives Marsh, Kevin Brooks

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1964

By Senator Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 7, relative to overweight and overdimensional loads that are permitted and nondivisible.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-203(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(c) For nondivisible overweight loads exceeding the maximum gross vehicle weight established in this section, the commissioner may issue a special permit in accordance with § 55-7-205 allowing axle weights in excess of the axle weight limits established in subsection (b) as follows:

(1) The maximum width of the vehicle, including the truck and semi-trailer or trailer combination, shall not exceed ten feet (10'); provided, however, that the load may exceed ten feet (10') in width if properly permitted;

(2) No single axle shall carry a load in excess of twenty-three thousand pounds (23,000 lbs.);

(3) No tandem axle group shall carry a load in excess of forty-six thousand pounds (46,000 lbs.); and

(4) No axle group of three (3) axles (tridem) shall carry a load in excess of sixty thousand pounds (60,000 lbs.).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-205(h)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(4) Evaluation of bridges and similar structures: The department shall, as it deems necessary, evaluate the capacity of bridges or similar structures to carry the proposed movement of an overweight or overdimensional load along a particular route, and the department shall charge the requestor for this evaluation each time a different route is proposed, as follows:

(A) Movements weighing over one hundred sixty-five thousand pounds (165,000 lbs.) but not more than two hundred fifty thousand pounds (250,000 lbs.), one hundred dollars (\$100);

(B) Movements weighing over two hundred fifty thousand pounds (250,000 lbs.) but not more than five hundred thousand pounds (500,000 lbs.), three hundred dollars (\$300); and

(C) Movements weighing over five hundred thousand pounds (500,000 lbs.), actual cost;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-205(h)(5), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(5) A permit shall be available from the department of transportation on an annual basis for each specific vehicle to be used for transporting overdimensional or

overweight loads, or both, except for those vehicles specifically permitted and used to transport cotton seed modules as provided in subsection (b), overdimensional boats used for noncommercial purposes as provided in subdivision (h)(6), and mobile homes as provided in § 55-4-406, as follows:

(A) For vehicles transporting loads up to but not exceeding thirteen feet ten inches (13'10") in height, ninety feet (90') in length, or twelve feet six inches (12'6") in width, one hundred dollars (\$100); provided, however, that vehicles transporting loads up to but not exceeding thirteen feet six inches (13'6") in width may obtain an annual permit upon the condition that such overwidth movements shall be accompanied by an escort vehicle as required in the rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner in accordance with this section;

(B) For vehicles transporting loads with excess weights up to but not exceeding one hundred thousand pounds (100,000 lbs.), seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750);

(C) For vehicles transporting loads with excess weights over one hundred thousand pounds (100,000 lbs.) but not exceeding one hundred twenty thousand pounds (120,000 lbs.), one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500);

(D) For vehicles transporting loads with excess weights over one hundred twenty thousand pounds (120,000 lbs.) but not exceeding one hundred forty thousand pounds (140,000 lbs.), two thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$2,250);

(E) For vehicles transporting loads with excess weights over one hundred forty thousand pounds (140,000 lbs.) but not exceeding one hundred fifty-five thousand pounds (155,000 lbs.), three thousand dollars (\$3,000);

(F) For vehicles transporting loads over one hundred fifty-five thousand pounds (155,000 lbs.) but not exceeding one hundred sixty-five thousand pounds (165,000 lbs.), three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500);

(G) Vehicles transporting loads that are both overdimensional and overweight shall be charged a separate annual fee for both overdimensional loads and overweight loads as provided in subdivisions (h)(5)(A)–(F);

(H) No annual permit shall be available for any vehicle transporting loads with weights exceeding one hundred sixty-five thousand pounds (165,000 lbs.) or dimensions exceeding thirteen feet ten inches (13'10") in height, ninety feet (90') in length, or thirteen feet six inches (13'6") in width, and any such vehicle shall be required to obtain a special permit for the fee or fees otherwise established in this subsection (h) for excessive width, height, length, or weight; and

(I) Notwithstanding any vehicle movement authorized under an annual permit as provided in this subdivision (h)(5), no such vehicle shall be authorized to exceed any vehicle weight limit or limits posted on any bridge or highway by the public official having jurisdiction over such bridge or highway; and

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 18, 2016



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 28th day of April 2016



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR