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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING PERMITS FOR NONCONFORMING LOADS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 14-270 of the general statutes is repealed and the following  
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The Commissioner of Transportation or other authority having  
4 charge of the repair or maintenance of any highway or bridge is  
5 authorized to grant permits for transporting vehicles or combinations  
6 of vehicles or vehicles and load, or other objects not conforming to the  
7 provisions of sections 14-98, 14-262, 14-264, 14-267a and 14-269 but, in  
8 the case of motor vehicles, only the Commissioner of Transportation  
9 shall be authorized to issue such permits. Such permits shall be  
10 written, and may limit the highways or bridges which may be used,  
11 the time of such use, except that a permit shall not be denied solely  
12 because a vehicle will transport a load on a Saturday, and the  
13 maximum rate of speed at which such vehicles or objects may be  
14 operated, and may contain any other condition considered necessary  
15 by the authority granting the same, provided the Department of  
16 Transportation shall not suffer any loss of revenue granted or to be  
17 granted from any agency or department of the federal government for

18 the federal interstate highway system or any other highway system.

19 (b) Any permit issued in respect to any vehicle or combination of  
20 vehicles or vehicle and trailer on account of its excessive weight shall  
21 be limited to the gross weight shown or to be shown on the  
22 registration certificate.

23 (c) Any permit issued under this section or a legible copy or  
24 facsimile shall be retained in the possession of the operator of the  
25 vehicle or combination of vehicles or vehicle and trailer for which such  
26 permit was issued, except that a telegraphic confirmation of the  
27 existence of such permit or the use of the special number plates  
28 described in section 14-24 and any regulations adopted thereunder  
29 shall be sufficient to fulfill the requirements of this section.

30 (d) (1) The owner or lessee of any vehicle may pay either a fee of  
31 twenty-three dollars for each permit issued for such vehicle under this  
32 section or a fee as described in subdivision (3) for such vehicle, payable  
33 to the Department of Transportation. [(2) An additional transmittal fee  
34 of three dollars shall be charged for each permit issued under this  
35 section and transmitted via transceiver or facsimile equipment. (3)] (2)  
36 The commissioner may issue an annual permit for any vehicle  
37 transporting (A) a divisible load, (B) an overweight or oversized-  
38 overweight indivisible load, or (C) an oversize indivisible load. The  
39 owner or lessee shall pay an annual fee of seven dollars per thousand  
40 pounds or fraction thereof for each such vehicle. A permit may be  
41 issued in any increment up to one year, provided the owner or lessee  
42 shall pay a fee of one-tenth of the annual fee for such vehicle for each  
43 month or fraction thereof. [(4)] (3) The annual permit fee for any  
44 vehicle transporting an oversize indivisible load shall not be less than  
45 five hundred dollars.

46 (e) The Commissioner of Transportation shall adopt regulations in  
47 accordance with chapter 54 prescribing standards for issuance of  
48 permits for vehicles with divisible or indivisible loads not conforming  
49 to the provisions of section 14-267a.

50 (f) The provisions of subsection (d) of this section shall not apply to  
51 the federal government, the state, municipalities or fire departments.

52 (g) Any person who violates the provisions of any permit issued  
53 under this section or fails to obtain such a permit, when operating a  
54 commercial motor vehicle under the provisions of section 14-163c,  
55 shall be subject to the following penalties:

56 (1) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this  
57 section that exceeds the weight specified in such permit shall be subject  
58 to a penalty calculated by subtracting the permitted weight from the  
59 actual vehicle weight and the rate of the fine shall be fifteen dollars per  
60 one hundred pounds or fraction thereof of such excess weight;

61 (2) A person who fails to obtain a permit issued under section 14-  
62 262 or 14-264 and who is operating a vehicle at a weight that exceeds  
63 the statutory limit for weight shall be subject to a penalty calculated by  
64 subtracting the statutory limit for weight from the actual vehicle  
65 weight and the rate of the fine shall be fifteen dollars per one hundred  
66 pounds or fraction thereof of such excess weight;

67 (3) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this  
68 section that exceeds the length specified in such permit shall be subject  
69 to a minimum fine of three hundred dollars;

70 (4) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this  
71 section that exceeds the width specified in such permit shall be subject  
72 to a minimum fine of three hundred dollars;

73 (5) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this  
74 section that exceeds the height specified in such permit shall be subject  
75 to a minimum fine of one thousand dollars;

76 (6) A person operating a vehicle with a permit issued under this  
77 section on routes not specified in such permit, shall be fined (A) one  
78 thousand five hundred dollars for each violation of the statutory limit  
79 for length, width, height or weight, and (B) shall be subject to a penalty

80 calculated by subtracting the statutory weight limit of subsection (b) of  
81 section 14-267a from the actual vehicle weight and such weight  
82 difference shall be fined at the rate provided for in subparagraph (G)  
83 of subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section 14-267a; or

84 (7) A person (A) operating a vehicle with an indivisible load and  
85 violating one or more of the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (6),  
86 inclusive, of this subsection shall be required to obtain a permit, or (B)  
87 operating a vehicle with a divisible load and violating one or more of  
88 the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of this subsection  
89 shall be required to be off loaded to the permit limit.

90 (h) (1) If the origin, destination, load description, tractor  
91 registration, trailer registration, hours of travel, number of escorts,  
92 signs or flags of a vehicle with a permit issued under this section differ  
93 from those stated on such permit or required by regulations adopted  
94 pursuant to this section, a minimum fine of two hundred dollars shall  
95 be assessed for each such violation.

96 (2) If the days of travel of a vehicle with a permit issued under this  
97 section differ from those stated on such permit or the vehicle is  
98 operated under a false or fraudulent permit, a minimum fine of one  
99 thousand five hundred dollars shall be assessed for such violation in  
100 addition to any other penalties assessed.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide that if a vehicle otherwise meets the requirements for the issuance of a permit as a nonconforming vehicle, the commissioner may not deny the permit because travel will occur on Saturday, and to eliminate the additional fee when the permit is issued by transceiver or facsimile machine.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*