



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5685

LCO No. 4367

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT INCREASING THE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF BULK MILK PICKUP TANKERS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 14-267a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2003*):

4 (b) The axle weight on any axle and the gross weight of any vehicle
5 or combination of vehicle and trailer or vehicle and semitrailer or any
6 other object, including its load, may not exceed the manufacturer's axle
7 weight rating, the gross vehicle weight rating or the following gross
8 weight limits: (1) A two-axle vehicle equipped with pneumatic tires, a
9 gross weight of thirty-two thousand pounds; (2) a two-axle vehicle
10 equipped with solid or pneumatic tires, the weight on any single axle
11 not to exceed eighteen thousand pounds, a gross weight of thirty-six
12 thousand pounds; (3) a three-axle vehicle equipped with pneumatic
13 tires, the weight on any single axle not to exceed twenty-two thousand
14 four hundred pounds or, in the case of axles spaced less than six feet
15 apart, eighteen thousand pounds, gross vehicle weight of fifty-three
16 thousand eight hundred pounds; (4) a three-axle combination of

17 vehicle and trailer or vehicle and semitrailer, the weight on any single
18 axle not to exceed twenty-two thousand four hundred pounds or, in
19 the case of axles spaced less than six feet apart, eighteen thousand
20 pounds, a gross vehicle weight of fifty-eight thousand four hundred
21 pounds; (5) a four-or-more-axle vehicle or combination of vehicle and
22 trailer or vehicle and semitrailer equipped with pneumatic tires, the
23 weight on any single axle not to exceed twenty-two thousand four
24 hundred pounds or, in the case of axles spaced less than six feet apart,
25 eighteen thousand pounds, a gross vehicle weight of sixty-seven
26 thousand four hundred pounds; (6) a four-or-more-axle vehicle or
27 combination of vehicle and trailer or vehicle and semitrailer where the
28 distance between the first and last axle is not less than twenty-eight
29 feet, the weight on any single axle not to exceed twenty-two thousand
30 four hundred pounds or, in the case of axles spaced less than six feet
31 apart, eighteen thousand pounds, a gross vehicle weight of seventy-
32 three thousand pounds, provided in no event shall the gross vehicle
33 weight exceed seventy-three thousand pounds; (7) the gross vehicle
34 weight of a bulk milk pickup tanker shall not exceed ninety-nine
35 thousand pounds, provided the weight of the bulk milk pickup tanker
36 is permitted under the federal-aid highway amendments of 1974, 88
37 Stat. 2281, 23 USC 101 et seq., as amended from time to time, and (8)
38 notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection and subsection (e) of
39 this section, a vehicle or combination of vehicle and semitrailer
40 equipped with pneumatic tires may be operated on any highway or
41 bridge without a written permit, provided the weight on any single
42 axle does not exceed twenty-two thousand four hundred pounds or, in
43 the case of axles spaced less than six feet apart, eighteen thousand
44 pounds, and provided such vehicle or combination is in compliance
45 with the federal-aid highway amendments of 1974, 88 Stat. 2281, 23
46 USC 101 et seq., as amended from time to time, including the gross
47 vehicle weight limit of eighty thousand pounds and the following
48 weight distribution formula:

T1
T2
T3

$$W = 500 \left(\left(\frac{LN}{N-1} \right) + 12N + 36 \right)$$

49 Where W = overall gross weight on any group of two or more
50 consecutive axles to the nearest five hundred pounds, L = distance in
51 feet between the extreme of any group of two or more consecutive
52 axles, and N = number of axles in group under consideration, except
53 that two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of
54 sixty-eight thousand pounds, provided the overall distance between
55 the first and last axles of such consecutive sets of tandem axles is
56 thirty-six feet or more.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the gross vehicle weight of bulk milk pickup tankers.

[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.]

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