



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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  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>

**TRA**       *Joint Favorable*

**ENV**       *Joint Favorable*