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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING OVERSIZED, OVERWEIGHT AND
NONCONFORMING VEHICLES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-24 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

3 The commissioner may, if in his opinion it is equitable, grant a
4 special registration and furnish a special set of number plates or
5 markers, limited or unlimited as he deems advisable, for the operation
6 of heavy duty trailers for the transportation of heavy construction
7 equipment, of cranes or other heavy construction equipment upon the
8 streets and highways of this state from the railroad station or the
9 storage yard to the construction job, or from one construction job to
10 another. Each movement of such trailer, when loaded, crane or other
11 heavy construction equipment shall require a limited or unlimited
12 written permit from the Commissioner of Transportation, [, unless it is
13 operating with an oversize-overweight account code number, and a
14 confirmation number furnished by said commissioner. The
15 Commissioner of Transportation shall issue for each such vehicle
16 operating with such an account code number a document which

17 identifies the vehicle and states the date of issue and date of expiration.
18 The original document, as furnished by the Commissioner of
19 Transportation, shall be carried in the vehicle.]. The markers or
20 number plates furnished by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall
21 be displayed in a prominent place on the vehicle. Such registration
22 may be revoked or suspended at the discretion of the commissioner.
23 Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the commissioner
24 from issuing temporary registrations for vehicles of this class. The
25 commissioner may, upon receipt of a certified copy of a permit granted
26 under the provisions of section 13a-117, grant to the person named in
27 the permit a special registration and furnish a special set of number
28 plates or markers, limited or unlimited, as specified in the permit,
29 which permit shall be a part of such registration. The registered gross
30 weight of any tractor-trailer unit, where the trailer is registered as a
31 heavy duty trailer, shall be the light weight of the tractor plus the gross
32 weight of the heavy duty trailer.

33 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 14-262 of the general statutes is
34 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
35 *October 1, 2004*):

36 (a) The following vehicles shall not be operated upon any highway
37 or bridge without a special written permit from the Commissioner of
38 Transportation, as provided in section 14-270, as amended by this act,
39 specifying the conditions under which they may be so operated:

40 (1) A vehicle, combination of vehicle and trailer or commercial
41 vehicle combination, including each such vehicle's load, which is
42 wider than one hundred two inches or its approximate metric
43 equivalent of two and six-tenths meters or one hundred two and
44 thirty-six-hundredths inches, including its load, but not including the
45 following safety devices: Reasonably sized rear view mirrors, turn
46 signals, steps and handholds for entry and egress, spray and splash
47 suppressant devices, load-induced tire bulge and any other state-
48 approved safety device which the Commissioner of Transportation

49 determines is necessary for the safe and efficient operation of such a
50 vehicle or combination, provided no such state-approved safety device
51 protrudes more than three inches from each side of the vehicle or
52 provided no such device has by its design or use the capability to carry
53 cargo. Such permit shall not be required in the case of (A) farm
54 equipment, (B) a vehicle or combination of vehicle and trailer loaded
55 with hay or straw, (C) a school bus equipped with a folding stop sign
56 or exterior mirror, as approved by the Commissioner of Motor
57 Vehicles, which results in a combined width of bus and sign or bus
58 and mirror in excess of that established by this subsection, or (D) a
59 trailer designed and used exclusively for transporting boats when the
60 gross weight of such boats does not exceed four thousand pounds; and

61 (2) A combination of truck and trailer which is longer than [sixty]
62 sixty-five feet except (A) a combination of truck and trailer or tractor
63 and semitrailer loaded with utility poles, both trailer and semitrailer
64 having a maximum length of forty-eight feet, utility poles having a
65 maximum length of fifty feet and the overall length not to exceed
66 eighty feet, (B) a trailer designed and used exclusively for transporting
67 boats when the gross weight of such boats does not exceed four
68 thousand pounds, (C) a tractor-trailer unit, (D) a commercial vehicle
69 combination, (E) combinations of vehicles considered as specialized
70 equipment in [the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 23, Part 658.13(d)]
71 23 CFR 658.13(e), as amended, or (F) a tractor equipped with a
72 dromedary box operated in combination with a semitrailer which
73 tractor and semitrailer do not exceed seventy-five feet in overall
74 length.

75 Sec. 3. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 14-270 of the general
76 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
77 (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

78 (c) Any permit issued under this section or a legible copy [or
79 facsimile] of such permit shall be retained in the possession of the
80 operator of the vehicle or combination of vehicles or vehicle and trailer

81 for which such permit was issued, [except that a telegraphic
82 confirmation of the existence of such permit or the use of the special
83 number plates described in section 14-24 and any regulations adopted
84 thereunder shall be sufficient to fulfill the requirements of this section.]

85 (d) (1) The owner or lessee of any vehicle [may pay either] shall pay
86 a fee of twenty-three dollars [for each permit issued for such vehicle
87 under this section or a fee as described in subdivision (3) for such
88 vehicle, payable to the Department of Transportation] for single trip
89 permits and an additional transmittal fee of three dollars for each
90 permit issued under this section. (2) [An additional transmittal fee of
91 three dollars shall be charged for each permit issued under this section
92 and transmitted via transceiver or facsimile equipment. (3)] The
93 commissioner may issue an annual permit for any vehicle transporting
94 [(A)] a divisible load, [(B) an overweight or oversized-overweight
95 indivisible load, or (C) an oversize indivisible load. The owner or
96 lessee shall pay an] Divisible load permits will be assessed an annual
97 fee of seven dollars per thousand pounds or fraction thereof for each
98 such vehicle. A permit may be issued in any increment up to one year,
99 provided the owner or lessee shall pay a fee of one-tenth of the annual
100 fee for such vehicle for each month or fraction thereof. [(4) The annual
101 permit fee for any vehicle transporting an oversize indivisible load
102 shall not be less than five hundred dollars.]

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To revise certain transportation laws pertaining to oversized, overweight or nonconforming vehicles.

[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.]

