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Committee Bill No. 340

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE WEIGHT LIMITS FOR TRANSPORTING
ETHANOL-BLENDED GASOLINE IN COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 14-267a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2005*):

4 (e) No person shall operate any commercial motor vehicle, nor shall
5 the owner or lessee of any commercial motor vehicle allow such motor
6 vehicle to be operated, on any public highway or bridge, when the
7 combined weight of the vehicle and load exceeds the gross weight, as
8 registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles, of the tire capacity
9 or the axle load, except that (1) the gross vehicle weight shall not
10 exceed eighty thousand pounds, or as provided by statute, or, in the
11 case of a vehicle registered in any other state or country, as so
12 registered or provided in such state or country or as designated as
13 legal for a like motor vehicle of Connecticut registration, whichever is
14 the lesser, without a written permit from the Commissioner of
15 Transportation, which shall prescribe the condition under which such
16 vehicle shall be operated, and (2) a commercial motor vehicle

17 transporting ethanol-blended gasoline may exceed such weight limit
18 by not more than three per cent of such weight limit, provided the
19 weight of the commercial motor vehicle is permitted under 23 USC
20 127.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	14-267a(e)

Statement of Purpose:

To make Connecticut's commercial vehicle weight limits consistent with those of other states, which were grandfathered under federal law, at such time as federal law permits such higher weight limits.

[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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