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Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

***AN ACT INCREASING THE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF VEHICLES
HAULING AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.***

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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, 2013*):

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 lesser of the
7 manufacturer's axle weight rating, the manufacturer's gross vehicle
8 weight rating or the following axle and gross weight limits: (1) The
9 weight on any single axle shall not exceed twenty-two thousand four
10 hundred pounds or, in the case of axles spaced less than six feet apart,
11 eighteen thousand pounds on each axle; (2) a two-axle vehicle shall
12 comply with the axle requirements specified in subdivision (1) of this
13 subsection, and shall not exceed a maximum gross vehicle weight of

14 thirty-six thousand pounds; (3) a three-axle vehicle shall comply with
15 the axle requirements specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection
16 and shall not exceed a maximum gross vehicle weight of fifty-three
17 thousand eight hundred pounds; (4) a three-axle combination of
18 vehicle and trailer or vehicle and semitrailer shall comply with the axle
19 requirements specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection and shall
20 not exceed a maximum gross vehicle weight of fifty-eight thousand
21 four hundred pounds; (5) a four-or-more-axle vehicle or combination
22 of vehicle and trailer or vehicle and semitrailer shall comply with the
23 axle requirements specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection and
24 shall not exceed a maximum gross vehicle weight of sixty-seven
25 thousand four hundred pounds; (6) a four-or-more-axle vehicle or
26 combination of vehicle and trailer or vehicle and semitrailer where the
27 distance between the first and last axle is not less than twenty-eight
28 feet shall comply with the axle requirements specified in subdivision
29 (1) of this subsection and shall not exceed a maximum gross vehicle
30 weight of seventy-three thousand pounds; (7) the gross vehicle weight
31 of (A) a bulk milk pickup tanker, or (B) a vehicle or combination of
32 vehicle and trailer or vehicle and semitrailer hauling agricultural
33 commodities shall not exceed [~~ninety-nine~~] one hundred thousand
34 pounds, provided the weight of the bulk milk pickup tanker or such
35 vehicle or combination is permitted under the federal-aid highway
36 amendments of 1974, 88 Stat. 2281, 23 USC 101 et seq., as amended
37 from time to time; and (8) notwithstanding the provisions of this
38 subsection and subsection (e) of this section, a vehicle or combination
39 of vehicle and semitrailer may be operated on any highway or bridge
40 without a written permit, provided it is in compliance with the axle
41 requirements specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection, and
42 provided such vehicle or combination is in compliance with the
43 federal-aid highway amendments of 1974, 88 Stat. 2281, 23 USC 101 et
44 seq., as amended from time to time, including the gross vehicle weight
45 limit of eighty thousand pounds and the following weight distribution
46 formula:

T1
T2
T3

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	14-267a(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the allowable gross vehicle weight of vehicles carrying agricultural commodities to one hundred thousand pounds.

[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.]