

8-1,100. Apportioned registration of fleet vehicles engaged in interstate commerce; definitions.

As used in this act, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them herein: (a) The words "vehicle," "motor vehicle," "truck," "truck tractor," "trailer," "semitrailer," "pole trailer," "specially constructed vehicle" and "passenger vehicle" shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by K.S.A. 8-126, and amendments thereto;

(b) "division" means the division of vehicles of the department of revenue;

(c) "director" means the director of vehicles of the division of vehicles within the department of revenue;

(d) "commercial vehicle" means any motor vehicle, other than a passenger vehicle, and any trailer, semitrailer or pole trailer drawn by such motor vehicle, which vehicle is designed, used and maintained for the transportation of persons or property for hire, compensation, profit, or in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise;

(e) "fleet" means one or more commercial vehicles, at least one of which is a motor vehicle;

(f) "jurisdiction" means the states and territories of the United States, the District of Columbia, the provinces of Canada, the states and territories of the Federal District of Mexico, and the states, provinces and territories of any foreign country;

(g) "person" means an individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, estate or trust;

(h) "owner" means:

(1) Any person who is lawfully entitled to possession of a commercial vehicle and who has the right to control the operation of such vehicle;

(2) in the event a commercial vehicle is the subject of a lease without a driver, the lessor shall be deemed the owner;

(3) in the event a commercial vehicle is the subject of a lease with a driver, the lessee or the lessor shall be deemed the owner;

(i) "preceding year" means a period of 12 consecutive months authorized by any bilateral or multijurisdictional agreement lawfully entered into by the director of vehicles, which 12 consecutive months shall end on a date of the year immediately preceding the commencement of the registration or license year for which apportioned registration is sought. In the absence of an agreement, such 12 consecutive months shall coincide with the definition for preceding year as provided by any multijurisdictional agreement to which this state is a member jurisdiction and such multijurisdictional agreement has the greater number of member jurisdictions;

(j) "based, base point and base jurisdiction" means the jurisdiction where an owner has an established place of business where operational records of the owner's fleet are maintained or can be made available, and where mileage is accrued by such fleet, and the vehicles of such fleet are most frequently dispatched, garaged, serviced, maintained, operated or otherwise controlled;

(k) "place of business" means the place or location where an owner has a terminal, warehouse, office, garage or some permanent bona fide address at which one or more employees report and perform regular and continuing service for the owner;

(l) "base plate" means a registration or license plate issued by this state to a commercial vehicle based in and registered on an apportioned basis in this state;

(m) "total fleet miles" means the total number of miles operated during the preceding year in this state and in each and all other jurisdictions by the motor vehicles of a fleet, which motor vehicles were registered on an apportioned basis in this state during such preceding year by the owner operating such motor vehicles such total number of miles. Total fleet miles shall include miles operated upon a toll road;

(n) "in-state miles" means the total number of miles operated in this state during the preceding year by motor vehicles of a fleet which were registered on an apportioned basis in this state during such preceding year by the owner operating such total number of miles in this state. In the case of a fleet based in this state, in-state miles operated in jurisdictions other than Kansas shall be considered as Kansas in-state miles when such jurisdictions, by virtue of law or an agreement made with this state extends interstate reciprocity to the vehicles of such fleet;

(o) "utility trailer" means any trailer of a rental fleet of 250 or more trailers, each having an empty weight of 2,000 pounds or less and a gross weight of not more than 8,000 pounds; and

(p) "converter gear" means an auxiliary axle assembly having a fifth wheel used for the purpose of converting a semi-trailer to a full trailer. The axle assembly can be used to haul multiple trailers behind a single power unit, also referred to as dollies or bogie.

History: L. 1978, ch. 30, § 6; L. 1982, ch. 39, § 1; L. 1994, ch. 76, § 4; L. 2001, ch. 104, § 1; L. 2003, ch. 18, § 2; Apr. 3.