

SENATE BILL No. 271

By Committee on Assessment and Taxation

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1 AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning size limitations of certain vehicles;
2 exceptions, forage cutter and custom harvester; amending K.S.A. 2014
3 Supp. 8-1904 and repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-1904 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 8-1904. (a) No vehicle including any load thereon shall exceed a
8 height of 14 feet, except that a vehicle transporting cylindrically shaped
9 bales of hay as authorized by ~~subsection (e) of K.S.A. 8-1902(e)~~, and
10 amendments thereto, may be loaded with such bales secured to a height
11 not exceeding 14½ feet. Should a vehicle so loaded with bales strike any
12 overpass or other obstacle, the operator of the vehicle shall be liable for all
13 damages resulting therefrom. The secretary of transportation may adopt
14 rules and regulations for the movement of such loads of cylindrically
15 shaped bales of hay.

16 (b) No motor vehicle including the load thereon shall exceed a length
17 of 45 feet extreme overall dimension, excluding the front and rear
18 bumpers, except as provided in subsection (d).

19 (c) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 8-1914 and 8-1915, and
20 amendments thereto, and subsections (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h), no
21 combination of vehicles coupled together shall exceed a total length of 65
22 feet.

23 (d) The length limitations in subsection (b) shall not apply to a truck
24 tractor. No semitrailer which is being operated in combination with a truck
25 tractor shall exceed 59½ feet in length. No semitrailer or trailer which is
26 being operated in a combination consisting of a truck tractor, semitrailer
27 and trailer shall exceed 28½ feet in length.

28 (e) The limitations in this section governing maximum length of a
29 semitrailer or trailer shall not apply to vehicles operating in the daytime
30 when transporting poles, pipe, machinery or other objects of a structural
31 nature which cannot readily be dismembered, except that it shall be
32 unlawful to operate any such vehicle or combination of vehicles which
33 exceeds a total length of 85 feet unless a special permit for such operation
34 has been issued by the secretary of transportation or by an agent or
35 designee of the secretary pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1911, and amendments
36 thereto. For the purpose of authorizing the issuance of such special permits

1 at motor carrier inspection stations, the secretary of transportation may
2 contract with the superintendent of the Kansas highway patrol for such
3 purpose, and in such event, the superintendent or any designee of the
4 superintendent may issue such special permit pursuant to the terms and
5 conditions of the contract. The limitations in this section shall not apply to
6 vehicles transporting such objects operated at nighttime by a public utility
7 when required for emergency repair of public service facilities or
8 properties or when operated under special permit as provided in K.S.A. 8-
9 1911, and amendments thereto, but in respect to such night transportation
10 every such vehicle and the load thereon shall be equipped with a sufficient
11 number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker lamps upon the
12 extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of
13 such load.

14 (f) The limitations of this section governing the maximum length of
15 combinations of vehicles shall not apply to a combination of vehicles
16 consisting of a truck tractor towing a house trailer, if such combination of
17 vehicles does not exceed an overall length of 97 feet.

18 (g) The length limitations of this section shall not apply to stinger-
19 steered automobile or boat transporters or one truck and one trailer vehicle
20 combination, loaded or unloaded, used in transporting a combine, *forage*
21 *cutter or combine header* to be engaged in farm custom harvesting
22 operations, as defined in ~~subsection (d) of~~ K.S.A. 8-143j(d), and
23 amendments thereto. A stinger-steered automobile or boat transporter or
24 one truck and one trailer vehicle combination, loaded or unloaded, used in
25 transporting a combine to be engaged in farm custom harvesting
26 operations, as defined in ~~subsection (d) of~~ K.S.A. 8-143j(d), and
27 amendments thereto, shall not exceed an overall length limit of 75 feet,
28 exclusive of front and rear overhang.

29 (h) The length limitations of this section shall not apply to drive-away
30 saddlemount or drive-away saddlemount with fullmount vehicle
31 transporter combination. A drive-away saddlemount or drive-away
32 saddlemount with fullmount vehicle transporter combination shall not
33 exceed an extreme overall dimension of 97 feet.

34 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 8-1904 is hereby repealed.

35 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
36 publication in the Kansas register.