

CHAPTER 213

SIZE AND WEIGHT OF VEHICLES

H. F. 542

AN ACT relating to the size, weight, and load of vehicles operated on Iowa's roads.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point two hundred
2 thirty-three (321.233), Code 1973, as amended by House File twenty-
3 two (22), Acts of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, First Session,
4 is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
5 following:

6 321.233 **Road workers exempted.** The provisions of this chapter,
7 except the provisions of sections three hundred twenty-one point two
8 hundred eighty (321.280) through three hundred twenty-one point two
9 hundred eighty-three (321.283) of the Code, shall not apply to per-
10 sons, teams, motor vehicles and other equipment while actually en-
11 gaged in work upon the surface of a highway officially closed to traffic
12 but shall apply to such persons and vehicles when traveling to or from
13 such work. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to mainte-
14 nance equipment operated by or under lease to any state or local
15 authority while engaged in road maintenance work, including to or
16 from such work.

1 SEC. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point four hundred
2 fifty-three (321.453), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

3 321.453 **Exceptions.** The provisions of this chapter governing
4 size, weight, and load shall not apply to fire apparatus, ~~road machinery,~~
5 or to implements of husbandry temporarily moved upon a highway,
6 or to implements moved between the retail seller and farm purchaser
7 within a fifty-mile radius from corporate limits wherein his place of
8 business is located, or implements received and moved by a retail seller
9 of implements of husbandry in exchange for an implement purchased,
10 except on any part of the interstate highway system, or to a vehicle
11 operating under the terms of a special permit issued as provided in
12 chapter 321E.

1 SEC. 3. Section three hundred twenty-one E point one (321E.1),
2 Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

3 321E.1 **Permits by highway commission.** The state highway com-
4 mission and local authorities may in their discretion and upon appli-
5 cation and with good cause being shown therefor issue permits for
6 the movement of *construction machinery being temporarily moved on*
7 *streets, roads, or highways and for vehicles with indivisible loads*
8 *carried thereon which exceed the maximum dimensions and weights*
9 *specified in sections 321.452 through 321.466, but not to exceed the*
10 *limitations imposed in sections 321E.1 through 321E.15. Permits*
11 *so issued may be single-trip permits or annual permits. All permits*
12 *shall be in writing and shall be carried in the cab of the vehicle for*
13 *which the permit has been issued and shall be available for inspection*
14 *at all times. The vehicle and load for which the permit has been*
15 *issued shall be open to inspection by any peace officer or to any*
16 *authorized agent of any permit granting authority. When in the*
17 *judgment of the issuing local authority in cities, towns, and counties*

18 the movement of a vehicle with an indivisible load *or construction*
 19 *machinery* which exceeds the maximum dimensions and weights will
 20 be unduly hazardous to public safety or will cause undue damage to
 21 streets, avenues, boulevards, thoroughfares, highways, curbs, side-
 22 walks, trees, or other public or private property, the permit shall be
 23 denied and the reasons therefor endorsed upon the application. Per-
 24 mits issued by local authorities shall designate the days when and
 25 routes upon which loads *and construction machinery* may be moved
 26 within the county on other than primary roads.

1 SEC. 4. Section three hundred twenty-one E point three (321E.3),
 2 unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1973, is amended to read as
 3 follows:

4 All movements of mobile homes and other vehicles the width of
 5 which, including any load, exceeds the roadway lane width of the
 6 highway or street being traversed, shall be under escort. Permits
 7 for the movement of indivisible loads *and single-trip permits for con-*
 8 *struction equipment being moved temporarily on highways and streets*
 9 *exceeding twelve thirteen feet five inches* in width or mobile homes of
 10 widths including appurtenances exceeding twelve feet five inches shall
 11 be restricted to maximum trip distances in accordance with the follow-
 12 ing schedule:

1 SEC. 5. Section three hundred twenty-one E point six (321E.6),
 2 Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

3 **321E.6 Variations in road width and traffic.** A movement of an
 4 indivisible load *or construction machinery being temporarily moved*
 5 over a highway or highways having sections carrying varying vol-
 6 umes of traffic and having varying surface widths shall have its
 7 permissible total distance computed on the basis of the lowest volume
 8 of traffic or the greatest highway width, whichever produces the
 9 greater distance by the foregoing schedule. However, no movement
 10 over a section or sections carrying a given shorter permissible maxi-
 11 mum shall be greater than that shorter maximum and, in computing
 12 the distance which would be traveled on a section or sections having
 13 a certain width and traffic volume, distances which would be traveled
 14 on sections carrying shorter permissible move distances shall be in-
 15 cluded.

1 SEC. 6. Section three hundred twenty-one E point seven
 2 (321E.7), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

3 **321E.7 Load limits per axle.** The gross weight on any axle of any
 4 vehicle or combination of vehicles traveling under a permit issued in
 5 accordance with the provisions of this chapter shall not exceed the
 6 maximum axle load prescribed in section 321.463; except that, *con-*
 7 *struction machinery being temporarily moved on streets, roads, or*
 8 *highways may have a gross weight of thirty-six thousand pounds on*
 9 *any single axle equipped with a minimum size twenty-six point five*
 10 *inch by twenty-five inch flotation pneumatic tires and a maximum*
 11 *gross weight of twenty thousand pounds on any single axle equipped*
 12 *with minimum size eighteen inch by twenty-five inch flotation pneu-*
 13 *matic tires, provided that the total gross weight of the vehicle or a*
 14 *combination of vehicles does not exceed a maximum of one hundred*
 15 *twenty-six thousand pounds; and except that a manufacturer of*

16 machinery or equipment manufactured or assembled in Iowa may be
 17 granted a permit for the movement of such machinery or equipment
 18 mounted on pneumatic tires with axle loads exceeding the maximum
 19 axle load prescribed in section 321.463 for distances not to exceed
 20 twenty-five miles at a speed not greater than twenty miles per hour.
 21 The movement of such machinery or equipment shall be over a speci-
 22 fied route between the place of assembly or manufacture and a storage
 23 area, shipping point, proving ground, experimental area, weighing
 24 station, or another manufacturing plant.

1 SEC. 7. Section three hundred twenty-one E point nine (321E.9),
 2 Code 1973, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. Vehicles or combinations of vehicles consisting
 4 of construction machinery being temporarily moved on streets, roads,
 5 and highways with a maximum total gross weight limitation and a
 6 single axle weight limitation prescribed in section three hundred
 7 twenty-one E point seven (321E.7) of the Code, an overall width not
 8 to exceed thirteen feet, an overall length not to exceed eighty feet, may
 9 be moved for unlimited distances over specified routes when accom-
 10 panied by official escort approved by the issuing authority. The height
 11 of the vehicle or combination of vehicles shall be limited only to the
 12 height limitations of underpasses, bridges, power lines, and other es-
 13 tablished height restrictions on the specified route.

1 SEC. 8. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall
 2 take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Mus-
 3 catine Journal, a newspaper published in Muscatine, Iowa, and in The
 4 Correctionville News, a newspaper published in Correctionville, Iowa.

Approved June 29, 1973.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, House File 542, was published in the Muscatine Journal, Muscatine, Iowa, July 6, 1973, and in The Correctionville News, Correctionville, Iowa, July 12, 1973.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 214

ROAD WORKERS EXEMPTIONS

H. F. 22

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