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A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the allowable maximum gross weight for special
2 trucks.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.1, subsection 76, Code 1997, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 76. "Special truck" means a motor truck or truck tractor
4 not used for hire with a gross weight registration of six
5 through ~~thirty-two~~ forty tons used by a person engaged in
6 farming to transport commodities produced only by the owner,
7 or to transport commodities purchased by the owner for use in
8 the owner's own farming operation, or for occasional use for
9 charitable purposes:--~~"Special truck" also means a motor truck~~
10 ~~or truck tractor not used for hire with a gross weight~~
11 ~~registration of six through thirty-two tons used by a person~~
12 ~~engaged in farming who assists, or to assist another person~~
13 engaged in farming through an exchange of services. A
14 "special truck" does not include a truck tractor operated more
15 than seventy-five hundred miles annually.

16 Sec. 2. Section 321.121, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
17 1997, is amended to read as follows:

18 The registration fee for a special truck shall be eighty
19 dollars for a gross weight of six tons, one hundred dollars
20 for a gross weight of seven tons, one hundred twenty dollars
21 for a gross weight of eight tons, and in addition, fifteen
22 dollars for each ton over eight tons and not exceeding
23 eighteen tons. The registration fee for a special truck with
24 a gross weight registration exceeding eighteen tons but not
25 exceeding nineteen tons shall be three hundred twenty-five
26 dollars and for a gross weight registration exceeding nineteen
27 tons but not exceeding twenty tons the registration fee shall
28 be three hundred seventy-five dollars. The additional
29 registration fee for a special truck for a gross weight
30 registration in excess of twenty tons is twenty-five dollars
31 for each ton over twenty tons and not exceeding ~~thirty-two~~
32 forty tons.

33 Sec. 3. Section 321.466, subsection 5, Code 1997, is
34 amended to read as follows:

35 5. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor

1 truck, trailer, truck tractor, road tractor, semitrailer or
2 combination thereof, or any such vehicle equipped with a
3 transferable auxiliary axle or axles, on the public highways
4 with a gross weight exceeding that for which it is registered
5 by more than five percent of the gross weight for which it is
6 registered, provided, however, that any vehicle or vehicle
7 combination referred to herein, while carrying a load of raw
8 farm products, soil fertilizers, including ground limestone,
9 raw dairy products or livestock, live poultry, eggs, may be
10 operated with a gross weight of twenty-five percent in excess
11 of the gross weight for which it is registered but not to
12 exceed a maximum gross weight of eighty thousand pounds.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill increases the gross weight for special trucks
15 from a maximum of 32 tons to a maximum of 40 tons. A special
16 truck is a motor truck or truck tractor not used for hire by a
17 person engaged in farming to transport commodities produced
18 only by the owner, or to transport commodities purchased by
19 the owner for use in the owner's own farming operation or
20 occasional use for charitable purposes, or to assist another
21 person engaged in farming through an exchange of services.
22 The registration fee for special trucks in excess of 20 tons
23 is \$375 plus \$25 for each ton over 20 tons up to the maximum
24 of 40 tons.

25 Current law provides that a truck, trailer, or tractor, or
26 combination thereof, carrying a load of raw farm products,
27 soil fertilizers, including ground limestone, raw dairy
28 products or livestock, live poultry, and eggs, may be operated
29 with a gross weight of 25 percent in excess of the gross
30 weight for which it is registered. This bill caps the gross
31 weight allowance at 80,000 pounds.

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