

# House File 2512 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning weight limits for certain commercial motor  
2 vehicles on noninterstate highways.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.463, subsection 5, paragraph c, Code  
2 Supplement 2009, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. (1) The maximum gross weight allowed to be carried on  
4 ~~a livestock or construction~~ commercial motor vehicle, other  
5 than a special truck, on noninterstate highways, provided the  
6 vehicle is operated by a person with a commercial driver's  
7 license valid for the vehicle operated unless section 321.176A  
8 applies, is as follows:

9 NONINTERSTATE HIGHWAYS  
10 MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT TABLE  
11 ~~LIVESTOCK OR CONSTRUCTION~~ COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE

12 Distance

13 in feet                      6 Axles                      7 Axles

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15	44	80,500	80,500
16	45	81,000	81,500
17	46	81,500	82,500
18	47	82,000	83,500
19	48	83,000	84,000
20	49	83,500	85,000
21	50	84,000	86,000
22	51	84,500	87,000
23	52	85,000	88,000
24	53	86,000	88,500
25	54	86,500	89,500
26	55	87,000	90,500
27	56	87,500	91,500
28	57	88,000	92,000
29	58	89,000	93,000
30	59	89,500	94,000
31	60	90,000	95,000
32	61		95,500
33	62		96,000

34 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the  
35 contrary, the maximum gross weight allowed to be carried on a

1 noninterstate highway by a livestock vehicle with five axles, a  
2 minimum distance in feet between the centers of the first and  
3 fifth axles of sixty-one feet, and a minimum distance between  
4 the two rear axles of at least eight feet and one inch is  
5 eighty-six thousand pounds.

6 EXPLANATION

7 This bill provides an exception to existing weight  
8 restrictions for certain six and seven axle commercial motor  
9 vehicles traveling on noninterstate highways. Currently, most  
10 vehicles or combinations of vehicles are subject to a gross  
11 weight limit of up to 80,000 pounds; however, the gross weight  
12 limit for a livestock or construction vehicle with six or seven  
13 axles ranges from 80,500 pounds to 90,000 pounds for six axles,  
14 and up to 96,000 pounds for seven axles. The bill extends the  
15 same weight limits that apply to livestock and construction  
16 vehicles to all commercial vehicles of similar size.

17 The bill requires that a commercial motor vehicle traveling  
18 under the relaxed weight restrictions must be operated by a  
19 person with a commercial driver's license valid for the vehicle  
20 operated, unless the operator is exempt from commercial driver  
21 licensing requirements under existing law.

22 The provisions of the bill do not apply to vehicles operated  
23 on interstate highways.