

House Study Bill 688 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON MERTZ)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning weight limits for vehicles carrying grain,
2 fertilizer, or agricultural chemicals on noninterstate
3 highways.
4 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. The maximum gross weight allowed to be carried on a
 4 livestock ~~or~~ vehicle, construction vehicle, or a vehicle
 5 carrying grain, fertilizer, or agricultural chemicals on
 6 noninterstate highways is as follows:

7 NONINTERSTATE HIGHWAYS
 8 MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT TABLE
 9 ~~LIVESTOCK OR CONSTRUCTION VEHICLE~~ OR VEHICLE
 10 CARRYING LIVESTOCK, GRAIN, FERTILIZER,
 11 OR AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS

12 Distance			
13 in feet	6 Axles	7 Axles	
14			
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 Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the
 35 contrary, the maximum gross weight allowed to be carried

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

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EXPLANATION

8 This bill provides weight limitations for vehicles carrying
9 grain, fertilizer, or agricultural chemicals that currently
10 apply to livestock and construction vehicles. The new weight
11 limitations apply to vehicles with six or seven axles traveling
12 on noninterstate highways.

13 In addition, current law allows a livestock vehicle with
14 five axles, a minimum distance of 61 feet between the centers
15 of the first and fifth axles, and a minimum distance of eight
16 feet, one inch between the two rear axles to carry a maximum
17 gross weight of 86,000 pounds. The bill extends the weight
18 allowance to similar vehicles carrying grain, fertilizer, or
19 agricultural chemicals.