

House File 2313 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 54)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act permitting the transportation of raw forest products on
2 motor vehicles exceeding certain weight limitations.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.463, subsection 3, Code 2018, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. Notwithstanding other provisions of **this chapter** to
4 the contrary, indivisible loads operating under the permit
5 requirements of **sections 321E.7, 321E.8, 321E.9, and 321E.29A,**
6 and divisible loads operating under the permit requirements of
7 section 321E.26, shall be allowed a maximum of twenty thousand
8 pounds per axle.

9 Sec. 2. Section 321E.7, subsection 1, Code 2018, is amended
10 by adding the following new paragraph:

11 NEW PARAGRAPH. *f.* Raw forest product transporters operating
12 under a permit issued pursuant to section 321E.26 shall not
13 exceed the axle and gross weights specified in that section.

14 Sec. 3. Section 321E.14, subsection 1, Code 2018, is amended
15 by adding the following new paragraph:

16 NEW PARAGRAPH. *j.* One hundred seventy-five dollars for a
17 permit issued pursuant to section 321E.26.

18 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **321E.26 Transportation of raw forest**
19 **products.**

20 1. A permit-issuing authority may issue annual permits
21 for the operation of a vehicle or combination of vehicles
22 transporting raw forest products from fields to storage or
23 processing facilities. The combined gross weight or gross
24 weight on any one axle or group of axles on a vehicle or
25 combination of vehicles issued a permit under this section may
26 exceed the maximum weights specified in section 321.463, if all
27 of the following apply:

28 *a.* The combined gross weight of the vehicle does not exceed
29 one hundred thousand pounds.

30 *b.* The gross weight on any one axle does not exceed twenty
31 thousand pounds.

32 2. A vehicle or combination of vehicles for which a permit
33 is issued under this section shall not exceed the maximum
34 dimensions specified in sections 321.454 through 321.457.

35 3. A vehicle or combination of vehicles for which a permit

1 is issued under this section shall not travel on any portion of
2 the interstate highway system.

3 4. For the purposes of this section, "*raw forest products*"
4 means logs, pilings, posts, poles, cordwood products, wood
5 chips, sawdust, pulpwood, intermediary lumber, fuel wood, and
6 Christmas trees not altered by a manufacturing process off the
7 land, sawmill, or factory from which the products were taken.

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EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 This bill allows the department of transportation and local
12 authorities to issue annual permits authorizing a vehicle
13 or combination of vehicles to transport raw forest products
14 from fields to storage or processing facilities. A vehicle
15 or combination of vehicles for which a permit is issued under
16 the bill may exceed the maximum gross weight limitations set
17 forth under Code section 321.463 if the combined gross weight
18 of the vehicle does not exceed 100,000 pounds and the gross
19 weight on any one axle does not exceed 20,000 pounds. The bill
20 prohibits a vehicle issued such a permit from exceeding the
21 size limitations set forth in Code sections 321.454 through
22 321.457. The bill provides that the annual permit fee is \$175.

23 The bill prohibits a vehicle or combination of vehicles for
24 which a permit is issued under the bill from traveling on any
25 portion of the interstate highway system.

26 The bill defines "*raw forest products*" to mean logs,
27 pilings, posts, poles, cordwood products, wood chips, sawdust,
28 pulpwood, intermediary lumber, fuel wood, and Christmas trees
29 not altered by a manufacturing process off the land, sawmill,
30 or factory from which the products were taken.