

**Senate File 187 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 187  
BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 83)

(COMPANION TO HF 75 BY SEXTON)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the gross weight of special trucks, and  
2 providing fees.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.1, subsection 75, Code 2019, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

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

16 Sec. 2. Section 321.121, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code  
17 2019, is amended to read as follows:

18 d. The additional annual registration fee for a special  
19 truck for a gross weight registration in excess of twenty tons  
20 is twenty-five dollars for each ton over twenty tons and not  
21 exceeding ~~thirty-two~~ thirty-eight tons, and an additional  
22 ten dollars for a gross weight registration in excess of  
23 thirty-eight tons and not exceeding thirty-nine tons.

24 Sec. 3. Section 321.463, subsection 6, paragraph c,  
25 subparagraph (1), unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2019, is amended  
26 to read as follows:

27 The maximum gross weight allowed to be carried on a  
28 commercial motor vehicle, ~~other than a special truck,~~ on  
29 noninterstate highways, provided the vehicle is operated by a  
30 person with a commercial driver's license valid for the vehicle  
31 operated unless [section 321.176A](#) applies, is as follows:

32 Sec. 4. Section 321.466, subsection 4, Code 2019, is amended  
33 to read as follows:

34 4. A person shall not operate a motor truck, trailer, truck  
35 tractor, road tractor, semitrailer, or combination thereof, or

1 any such vehicle equipped with a transferable auxiliary axle  
2 or axles, on the public highways with a gross weight exceeding  
3 the gross weight for which it is registered by more than  
4 five percent; provided, however, that any vehicle or vehicle  
5 combination referred to in this subsection, while carrying a  
6 load of raw farm products, soil fertilizers including ground  
7 limestone, raw dairy products, livestock, live poultry, or  
8 eggs, or a special truck, while carrying a load of distillers  
9 grains, may be operated with a gross weight of twenty-five  
10 percent in excess of the gross weight for which it is  
11 registered. However, this subsection shall not be construed to  
12 allow the operation of a special truck on the public highways  
13 with a gross weight exceeding the maximum gross weight allowed  
14 under section 321.463, subsection 6.

15 EXPLANATION

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

18 Under current law, a "special truck" is a motor truck  
19 or truck tractor used for certain farming and commodity  
20 transportation purposes, but not used for hire, with a gross  
21 weight registration of between 6 and 32 tons. This bill  
22 increases the maximum gross weight registration for special  
23 trucks to 39 tons. The bill provides that the registration fee  
24 for a special truck is an additional \$25 per ton between 32 and  
25 38 tons, and an additional \$10 between 38 and 39 tons.

26 Code section 321.463(6)(c)(1) exempts special trucks from  
27 the maximum gross weight table for commercial motor vehicles  
28 operating on noninterstate highways. The bill strikes this  
29 exemption.

30 Code section 321.466 authorizes a special truck, while  
31 carrying a load of distillers grains, to be operated with a  
32 gross weight of 25 percent in excess of the gross weight for  
33 which the special truck is registered. The bill provides that  
34 this provision shall not be construed to allow the operation  
35 of a special truck on the public highways with a gross weight

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1 exceeding the maximum gross weight allowed under Code section  
2 321.463(6).