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BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 187)

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(COMPANION TO HF 769 BY

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS)

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).