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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to oversize and overweight permits for cranes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321E.7, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
2 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. Cranes being ~~temporarily~~ moved on streets, roads, or
4 highways may have a gross weight of twenty-four thousand pounds
5 on any single axle. Cranes being moved under a permit issued
6 in accordance with this chapter shall obtain route approval
7 from the permit-issuing authority.

8 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 Under current law, the gross weight on any one axle of a
12 vehicle or combination of vehicles, including such vehicles
13 traveling under any permit issued under Code chapter 321E
14 (vehicles of excessive size and weight), is generally limited
15 to 20,000 pounds. There are a wide variety of permits issued
16 under Code chapter 321E, including single-trip, multi-trip,
17 and annual permits. One of the exceptions to the single axle
18 load limitation provided under current law allows cranes being
19 temporarily moved on streets, roads, or highways to have
20 a gross weight of up to 24,000 pounds on any single axle.
21 Based on this provision, the department of transportation's
22 administrative rules provide for single trip permits for cranes
23 with a single axle load not exceeding 24,000 pounds, but do not
24 provide for annual permits or other permits for such cranes.

25 This bill strikes the word "temporarily" from the exception,
26 thereby allowing cranes with a single axle load not exceeding
27 24,000 pounds to be eligible for any type of permit issued
28 under Code chapter 321E, including annual permits, provided the
29 crane conforms to the vehicle dimension and other requirements
30 set forth under current law for that permit. The bill
31 specifies that a crane must obtain route approval from the
32 permit-issuing authority.