

House File 531 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE 531
BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 170)

(COMPANION TO SF 258 BY COMMITTEE
ON TRANSPORTATION)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the combined gross weight limit for vehicles
2 operating under a fluid milk products annual permit, and
3 including applicability provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321E.29B, subsection 1, Code 2025, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Notwithstanding section 321E.8, the department may issue
4 annual permits for the operation of vehicles or combinations
5 of vehicles transporting fluid milk products to or from a milk
6 plant, receiving station, or transfer station, exceeding the
7 weight limitation of section 321.463 but not exceeding a gross
8 weight of ~~ninety-six~~ one hundred thirty thousand pounds, on
9 primary roads and primary road extensions in cities.

10 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies on and after the
11 effective date of this Act to fluid milk products annual permits
12 issued on or after that date and to such permits issued prior to
13 that date that are in effect on that date.

14 EXPLANATION

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

17 Under current law, the department of transportation (DOT) is
18 authorized to issue annual permits for the operation of vehicles
19 or combinations of vehicles transporting fluid milk products to
20 or from a milk plant, receiving station, or transfer station
21 while exceeding the weight limitation of Code section 321.463
22 but not exceeding 20,000 pounds per axle, and not exceeding a
23 gross weight of 96,000 pounds, on primary roads and primary road
24 extensions in cities. The fee for a fluid milk products annual
25 permit is \$400.

26 This bill authorizes the DOT to issue fluid milk products
27 annual permits for vehicles not exceeding a gross weight of
28 130,000 pounds. The bill applies to fluid milk products annual
29 permits issued on or after the effective date of the bill and to
30 such permits issued prior to that date that are in effect on that
31 date. The bill does not amend the 20,000-pounds-per-axle weight
32 limit under Code section 321.463.