

**Senate File 506 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 506  
BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1109)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to raw farm products for purposes of increased  
2 gross weight for motor vehicles transporting such products on  
3 this state's public highways.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.460, Code 2025, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **321.460 Spilling loads on highways.**

4 A vehicle shall not be driven or moved on any highway by  
5 any person unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded or  
6 the load securely covered as to prevent any of its load from  
7 dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping or its load  
8 covering from dropping from the vehicle, except that sand may  
9 be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or  
10 other substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or  
11 maintaining such roadway. The provisions of this section shall  
12 not apply to vehicles loaded with hay or stover or the products  
13 listed in section 321.466, ~~subsections~~ subsection 4 and 5.

14 Sec. 2. Section 321.466, subsections 4, 5, and 6, Code 2025,  
15 are amended to read as follows:

16 4. a. A Except as otherwise provided in paragraph "b", a  
17 person shall not operate a motor truck, trailer, truck tractor,  
18 road tractor, semitrailer, or combination thereof, or any such  
19 vehicle equipped with a transferable auxiliary axle or axles,  
20 on the public highways with a gross weight exceeding the gross  
21 weight for which it is registered by more than five percent;  
22 ~~provided, however, that any.~~

23 b. A person may operate a vehicle ~~or vehicle combination~~  
24 referred to in ~~this subsection,~~ paragraph "a" while carrying  
25 a load of raw farm products, soil fertilizers including ground  
26 limestone, ~~raw dairy products, livestock, live poultry, or eggs,~~  
27 or soil amendments, or a special truck, ~~while carrying a load of~~  
28 ~~distillers grains, may be operated with a gross weight of up to~~  
29 twenty-five percent in excess of the gross weight for which it  
30 is registered. However, this ~~subsection~~ paragraph shall not be  
31 construed to allow the operation of a special truck on the public  
32 highways with a gross weight exceeding the maximum gross weight  
33 allowed under section 321.463, subsection 6.

34 c. As used in paragraph "b", "raw farm product" includes but  
35 is not limited to any of the following:

- 1     (1) Animals that are dead.
- 2     (2) Blood.
- 3     (3) Corn, including ear corn and hybrids, shelled corn, and  
4 corn cobs.
- 5     (4) Cream that is separated.
- 6     (5) Distillers grain, either dried or wet.
- 7     (6) Eggs, including fresh or frozen in the shell.
- 8     (7) Flax or flax seed.
- 9     (8) Fodder.
- 10    (9) Fruits or berries, that are fresh.
- 11    (10) Grains, either threshed or unthreshed.
- 12    (11) Hair.
- 13    (12) Hay, either baled or loose.
- 14    (13) Hides.
- 15    (14) Honey, either in a comb or extracted.
- 16    (15) Livestock.
- 17    (16) Manure.
- 18    (17) Melons.
- 19    (18) Nursery stock.
- 20    (19) Peat.
- 21    (20) Potatoes.
- 22    (21) Poultry that are alive.
- 23    (22) Raw milk or raw dairy products.
- 24    (23) Saw logs.
- 25    (24) Sod.
- 26    (25) Soybean meal, either dried or wet.
- 27    (26) Soybeans.
- 28    (27) Straw, either baled or loose.
- 29    (28) Vegetables that are fresh.
- 30    (29) Wood, either cord or stove.
- 31    (30) Wool.
- 32    d. The department may adopt rules setting forth additional  
33 raw farm products subject to paragraph "b".
- 34    5. e. For the purposes of this section As used in paragraph  
35 "b", cracked or ground soybeans, sorgo, corn, wheat, rye, oats,

1 or other grain shall be deemed to be a raw farm ~~products~~ product,  
2 provided that such ~~products~~ product is being directly and  
3 immediately delivered to a farm, from the place where the whole  
4 grain had been delivered from a farm for the purpose of cracking  
5 or grinding and ~~immediate delivery to the farm to which such~~  
6 ~~cracked or ground products are being delivered.~~

7 f. As used in paragraph "b", "soil amendment" means any  
8 substance, or a mixture of substances, intended to improve  
9 the physical, chemical, biochemical, biological, or other  
10 characteristic of soil, except a fertilizer, agricultural liming  
11 material, unmanipulated animal manure, unmanipulated vegetable  
12 manure, or pesticide.

13 6. 5. The A truck operator shall have in the truck  
14 operator's possession a receipt showing place of processing on  
15 the return trip.

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 BACKGROUND. Current law prohibits a person from operating a  
20 motor truck, trailer, truck tractor, road tractor, or semitrailer  
21 having a gross weight that exceeds the vehicle's registered  
22 gross weight by 5 percent. An exception allows such a vehicle  
23 transporting certain loads associated with farming to operate on  
24 the public highways so long as the gross weight does not exceed  
25 the vehicle's registered gross weight by 25 percent. Loads  
26 subject to this exemption include raw farm products, fertilizers,  
27 raw dairy products, livestock, live poultry, and eggs. "Raw  
28 farm product" is defined by department of transportation (DOT)  
29 rule to include a list of commodities, including live poultry  
30 and eggs (761 IAC 400.47). Another statutory exemption provides  
31 that cracked or ground grain may be considered a raw farm product  
32 if it is being directly delivered between farms for purposes of  
33 cracking or grinding.

34 BILL'S PROVISIONS. This bill codifies the list of raw farm  
35 products adopted by DOT rule entitled to be transported subject

1 to the additional 25 percent registered gross weight exception.  
2 The bill strikes the statutory terms raw dairy products,  
3 livestock, live poultry, and eggs from the statutory exemptions  
4 and adds them into the codified list of raw farm products.  
5 The bill also adds manure, soybean meal, and wet or dry  
6 distillers grains to that list. DOT may adopt rules setting  
7 forth additional raw farm products subject to the exception. In  
8 addition, the bill adds soil amendments, defined in the bill, to  
9 the list of loads subject to the exception.

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