

CHAPTER 186**VEHICLE SIZE, WEIGHT, LOAD, AND EQUIPMENT REGULATION***S.F. 359*

AN ACT relating to movement of vehicles of excess size, weight, and load and providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 321.1, subsection 16, paragraph b, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

b. Any vehicle which is principally designed for agricultural purposes and which is moved during daylight hours for a distance not to exceed one hundred miles by a person either:

(1) From a place at which the vehicles are manufactured, fabricated, repaired, or sold to a farm site or a retail seller or from a retail seller to a farm site;

(2) To a place at which the vehicles are manufactured, fabricated, repaired, or sold to from a farm site or a retail seller or ~~from~~ to a retail seller from a farm site; or

(3) From one farm site to another farm site.

PARAGRAPH DIVIDED. For the purpose of this subsection ~~the term~~ and sections 321.383 and 321.453, "farm site" means a place or location at which vehicles principally designed for agricultural purposes are used or intended to be used in agricultural operations or for the purpose of exhibiting, demonstrating, testing, or experimenting with the same, ~~provided, however, that said place or location shall not be deemed a "farm site" if the movement of said vehicle, from or to the place at which vehicles principally designed for agricultural purposes are manufactured, fabricated, repaired, or sold at retail, exceeds a distance of fifty miles~~ the vehicles.

Sec. 2. Section 321.1, subsection 69, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

69. "Tandem axle" means any two or more consecutive axles whose centers are more than forty inches but not more than ~~eighty-four~~ ninety-six inches apart.

Sec. 3. Section 321.383, subsection 1, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

1. This chapter with respect to equipment on vehicles does not apply to implements of husbandry, road machinery, bulk spreaders and other fertilizer and chemical equipment defined as special mobile equipment, road rollers, or farm tractors except as made applicable in this section. However, the movement of implements of husbandry between the retail seller and a farm purchaser or from farm site to farm site or the movement of indivisible implements of husbandry between the place of manufacture and a retail seller or farm purchaser under section 321.453 is subject to safety rules adopted by the department. The safety rules shall prohibit the movement of any power unit towing more than one implement of husbandry from the manufacturer to the retail seller, from the retail seller to the farm purchaser, or from the manufacturer to the farm purchaser.

Sec. 4. Section 321.453, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

321.453 EXCEPTIONS.

The provisions of this chapter governing size, weight, and load do not apply to fire apparatus, to road maintenance equipment owned by or under lease to any state or local authority, or to implements of husbandry temporarily moved upon a highway, or to implements moved from farm site to farm site or between the retail seller and a farm purchaser within a fifty one hundred mile radius from the retail seller's place of business, or to indivisible implements of husbandry temporarily moved between the place of manufacture and a retail seller or a farm purchaser, or implements received and moved by a retail seller of implements of husbandry in exchange for an implement purchased, or implements of husbandry moved for repairs, except on any part of the interstate highway system, or to a vehicle operating under the terms of a special permit issued as provided in chapter 321E.

Sec. 5. Section 321.454, subsection 2, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

2. The total outside width of any vehicle and load shall not exceed eight feet six inches, exclusive of safety equipment determined necessary for safe and efficient operation by the secretary of the United States department of transportation, on highways designated by the transportation commission. ~~The department commission shall adopt rules to designate the highways, in compliance with the highways designated by the secretary of the United States department of transportation as a part of the national system of interstate and defense highways and any other qualifying highways.~~ The rules adopted under this subsection are exempt from chapter 17A.

Sec. 6. Section 321.457, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

c. Except for combinations of vehicles, provisions for which are otherwise made in this chapter, ~~no combination of a truck tractor and a semitrailer coupled together or a motor truck and a trailer or semitrailer coupled together~~ unladen or with load, shall have an overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in excess of sixty feet.

Sec. 7. Section 321.457, subsection 2, paragraph e, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

e. Combinations of vehicles coupled together which are used exclusively for the transportation of passenger vehicles, light delivery trucks, panel delivery trucks, pickup trucks, recreational vehicle chassis, and boats shall not exceed sixty-five feet in overall length. However, the load carried on a truck-semitrailer combination may extend up to ~~two~~ three feet beyond the front bumper and up to ~~three~~ four feet beyond the rear bumper.

Sec. 8. Section 321.457, subsection 3, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

The maximum length of any motor vehicle or combination of vehicles operated on the highways of this state which are designated by the ~~secretary of the United States department of transportation and the transportation commission as a part of the national system of interstate and defense highways and the federal-aid primary system~~ shall be as follows:

Sec. 9. Section 321.457, subsection 3, paragraph d, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

d. ~~The department commission shall adopt rules to designate those the highways designated by the secretary of the United States department of transportation as a part of the national system of interstate and defense highways and the federal-aid primary system.~~ The rules adopted by the department under this paragraph are exempt from chapter 17A.

Sec. 10. Section 321.457, subsection 5, Code 1987, is amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 11. Section 321E.14, unnumbered paragraph 3, Code 1987, is amended to read as follows:

The annual fee for an all-system permit is ~~two~~ one hundred ~~fifty~~ twenty dollars which shall be deposited in the road use tax fund.

Sec. 12. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon its enactment. Section 2 of this Act applies to motor vehicles registered on or after the effective date of this Act.

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