

CHAPTER 1054

VEHICLES OF EXCESSIVE SIZE — TRANSPORT OF HAY, STRAW, STOVER, OR BAGGED LIVESTOCK BEDDING

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AN ACT removing the requirement to obtain a permit for vehicles or combinations of vehicles of excessive size transporting divisible loads of hay, straw, stover, or bagged livestock bedding that meet certain width, height, and length requirements.

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

Section 1. [Section 321.454](#), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

321.454 Width of vehicles.

1. The total outside width of a vehicle or the load on the vehicle shall not exceed eight feet six inches. This limitation on the total outside width of a vehicle or the load on the vehicle does not include safety equipment on a vehicle or incidental appurtenances or retracted awnings on motor homes, motorsports recreational vehicles, travel trailers, or fifth-wheel travel trailers if the incidental appurtenance or retracted awning is less than six inches in width.

2. Notwithstanding [subsection 1](#), the total outside width of a vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting a divisible load of hay, straw, stover, or bagged livestock bedding shall not exceed twelve feet five inches. However, if hay, straw, or stover, or bagged livestock bedding is moved on an implement of husbandry and the total width of load of the implement of husbandry exceeds ~~eight feet six inches~~ twelve feet five inches, the implement of husbandry is not subject to the permit requirements of [chapter 321E](#). If a divisible load of hay, straw, or stover, or bagged livestock bedding is moved on any other vehicle or combination of vehicles subject to registration, the moves are subject to the permit requirements for transporting loads exceeding ~~eight feet six inches~~ twelve feet five inches in width as required under [chapter 321E](#).

3. The limitations on the total outside width of a vehicle, the load on the vehicle, or a combination of vehicles set forth in [this section](#) do not include safety equipment on a vehicle or incidental appurtenances or retracted awnings on motor homes, motorsports recreational vehicles, travel trailers, or fifth-wheel travel trailers if the incidental appurtenance or retracted awning is less than six inches in width.

Sec. 2. [Section 321.456](#), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

321.456 Height of vehicles.

1. A vehicle unladen or with load shall not exceed a height of thirteen feet, six inches, except that.

2. Notwithstanding [subsection 1](#), a vehicle or combination of vehicles coupled together and used exclusively for the transportation of passenger vehicles, light delivery trucks, panel delivery trucks, pickup trucks, or recreational vehicle chassis may operate with a height not to exceed fourteen feet.

3. Notwithstanding [subsection 1](#), a vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting a divisible load of hay, straw, stover, or bagged livestock bedding may operate with a height not to exceed fourteen feet six inches.

4. [This section](#) shall not be construed to require any railroad or public authorities to provide sufficient vertical clearance to permit the operation of such vehicle upon the highways of this state. Any damage to highways, highway or railroad structures, or underpasses caused by the height of any vehicle provided for by [this section](#) shall be borne by the operator or owner of the vehicle.

Sec. 3. [Section 321.457, subsection 2](#), Code 2020, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. p. Notwithstanding any other provision of [this chapter](#), and to the extent allowed under federal law, a vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting a divisible

load of hay, straw, stover, or bagged livestock bedding shall not have an overall length in excess of seventy-five feet.

Sec. 4. [Section 321E.29, subsection 2](#), Code 2020, is amended by striking the subsection.

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