

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY D. S. HAYES, SHELHAMER, LEHR, HOPKINS, YAHNER AND  
DOMBROWSKI, MARCH 18, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 19, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), entitled "An  
2 act consolidating and revising the Vehicle Code, the Tractor  
3 Code, the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act and  
4 other acts relating to the ownership, possession and use of  
5 vehicles and tractors," increasing certain widths and  
6 increasing hours of operation.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 905, act of April 29,  
10 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended  
11 November 27, 1968 (P.L.1128, No.350), is amended to read:

12 Section 905. Permits for Excessive Size and Weight.--

13 (a) The Secretary of Highways of this Commonwealth, and  
14 local authorities in their respective jurisdictions, may, at  
15 their discretion, upon application in writing accompanied by the  
16 fee provided in this act, and good cause being shown therefor,  
17 issue special permits, in writing, authorizing the applicant to  
18 operate or move upon any highway under the jurisdiction of and  
19 for the maintenance of which the authorities granting the permit  
20 are responsible; (When a permit has been issued by the Secretary

1 of Highways, no other authorities shall require any further or  
2 additional permit for any portion of the route specified  
3 therein.) (1) a vehicle or a tractor, or combination thereof, of  
4 sizes and weights exceeding the maximum specified in this act;  
5 every such permit shall be issued for a single trip, or  
6 continuous round trip, and shall designate the route to be  
7 traversed; (2) any heavy piece of quarry equipment or machinery  
8 of a size and weight exceeding the maximum specified by this act  
9 across any highway from one part of a quarry to another, or upon  
10 the highways connecting by the most direct route any quarries or  
11 portion of quarries under the single ownership or operation of  
12 such person, this permit to be issued for the license year as  
13 provided by this act; no such permit shall be issued for the  
14 movement of such equipment or machinery for a distance greater  
15 than one-half (1/2) mile; (3) any oversized self-propelled farm  
16 machine up to one hundred seventy-five (175) inches in width;  
17 every such permit shall be issued (i) for the period between the  
18 fifteenth day of June and the fifteenth day of December, both  
19 inclusive, for the movement of such equipment [during the  
20 daylight hours within a radius of twenty (20) miles from the  
21 dealer's place of business or owner's home or farm] equipped  
22 with appropriate safety lights and covered by insurance, or (ii)  
23 for an entire year, for the movement of such equipment, [during  
24 the daylight hours, within a radius of twenty (20) miles]  
25 equipped with appropriate safety lights and covered by insurance  
26 from the dealer's place of business or owner's home or farm. At  
27 other times a permit for the movement of such equipment shall be  
28 granted as otherwise herein provided. Any of the above permits  
29 shall be subject to such rules and regulations and any other  
30 conditions or restrictions, including the obligation on the part

1 of the permittee to restore or replace any section of highway or  
2 bridge damaged as a result of such movement, whether or not the  
3 same was attributable to negligence on the part of the  
4 permittee, as shall be deemed necessary by the authorities  
5 granting such permit. Every such permit shall be carried in the  
6 vehicle or tractor to which it refers, shall be open to  
7 inspection by any peace officer or person having collision with  
8 such vehicle or tractor, and shall be revocable at any time, at  
9 the discretion of the official who issued the same.

10 No such permit shall be issued for the movement of any self-  
11 propelled farm machine with a width in excess of [ninety-six  
12 (96) inches,] one hundred ten (110) inches, other than an  
13 oversized self-propelled combine. [upon the Pennsylvania  
14 Turnpike or the National System of Interstate and Defense  
15 Highway.]

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17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.