

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for maximum weights of vehicles.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Section 4943 of Title 75, act of November 25,
6 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 § 4943. Maximum axle weight of vehicles.

9 (a) General rule.--[No] Except those vehicles listed in
10 subsection (c), no motor vehicle or combination shall, when
11 operated upon a highway, have a weight upon each of two adjacent
12 axles in excess of the following:

13 Maximum Axle Weight in Pounds Upon:

14 If the Center-to-Center

15 Distance Between Two	One of Two	Other of Two
16 Adjacent Axles is:	Adjacent Axles	Adjacent Axles
17 Under 6 feet	18,000	18,000

1	6 to 8 feet	18,000	22,400
2	Over 8 feet	22,400	22,400

3 (b) Location of front axle of semitrailer.--No semitrailer,
4 originally in this Commonwealth on or after September 1, 1973,
5 and having two or more axles, shall be operated upon a highway
6 unless the foremost axle of the semitrailer is at least 12 feet
7 from the rearmost axle of the towing vehicle.

8 (c) Excluded vehicles.--Subsections (a) and (b) shall not
9 apply to:

10 (1) Vehicles engaged in construction work and in the
11 transportation of loose commodities such as sand, stone,
12 gravel, asphalt materials for road building and excavation
13 materials.

14 (2) Concrete mixers.

15 (3) Agricultural vehicles transporting bulk feed,
16 fertilizer and similar loose products.

17 (4) Vehicles engaged in hauling garbage and refuse.

18 (5) Vehicles carrying materials from demolition work.

19 The vehicles listed in this subsection shall be subject to gross
20 weight violations but shall not be subject to wheel weight
21 violations.

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