

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2567** Session of  
1978

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INTRODUCED BY PRATT, JUNE 13, 1978

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, providing certain exceptions from limitations on  
3 weight.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4902 of Title 75, act of November 25,  
7 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 § 4902. Restrictions on use of highways and bridges.

10 (a) General rule.--The department and local authorities with  
11 respect to highways and bridges under their jurisdictions may  
12 prohibit the operation of vehicles and may impose restrictions  
13 as to the weight or size of vehicles operated upon a highway or  
14 bridge whenever the highway or bridge, by reason of  
15 deterioration or rain, snow or other climatic conditions, may be  
16 damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles is prohibited or  
17 the permissible weights reduced.

18 (b) Permit with bond.--The department and local authorities  
19 may issue permits for movement of vehicles of size and weight in

1 excess of the restrictions promulgated under subsection (a) with  
2 respect to highways and bridges under their jurisdiction,  
3 conditioned upon the execution of a surety bond by the user in  
4 favor of the department or local authorities to cover the cost  
5 of repairs necessitated by the movement.

6 (c) Restrictions from traffic conditions.--The department  
7 and local authorities with respect to highways and bridges under  
8 their jurisdictions may prohibit the operation of vehicles and  
9 may impose restrictions as to the weight or size of vehicles  
10 operated upon a highway or bridge by reason of hazardous traffic  
11 conditions or other safety factors.

12 (d) Erection of signs.--The department and the local  
13 authorities shall erect or cause to be erected and maintained  
14 signs designating the restrictions at each end of that portion  
15 of any highway or bridge restricted as provided in subsections  
16 (a) and (c). The restrictions shall not be effective unless  
17 signs are erected and maintained in accordance with this  
18 subsection.

19 (d.1) Local delivery exception.--Any restrictions imposed by  
20 the department or local authorities regarding maximum weights on  
21 certain highways or bridges pursuant to subsection (a) or (c)  
22 shall not apply to the following vehicles where alternate routes  
23 are not feasible:

24 (1) Vehicles making local deliveries to established  
25 permanent places of business and residences.

26 (2) Vehicles making local pickups from established  
27 permanent places of business.

28 (3) Vehicles transporting agricultural produce supplies,  
29 livestock or equipment from and to farms.

30 (4) School buses.

1           (5) Emergency vehicles.

2           (e) Penalty.--Any person operating a vehicle or combination  
3 upon a highway or bridge in violation of a prohibition or  
4 restriction imposed under subsection (a) is guilty of a summary  
5 offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine  
6 of \$75 for each 500 pounds, or part thereof, in excess of 3,000  
7 pounds over the maximum allowable weight.

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