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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for permit for movement during  
3 course of manufacture.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4968(a) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 4968. Permit for movement during course of manufacture.

9 (a) Annual permit.--An annual permit may be issued  
10 authorizing movement on highways of boats, trailers, mobile  
11 homes, modular housing units and undercarriages, helicopters,  
12 hot ingots, railway equipment and rails or other articles,  
13 vehicles or combinations which exceed the maximum height, width  
14 or length specified in Subchapter B (relating to width, height  
15 and length) or combinations carrying raw milk or, flat-rolled  
16 steel coils or, hot ingots which exceed the maximum weight  
17 specified in Subchapter C (relating to maximum weights of  
18 vehicles) while they are in the course of manufacture and

entirely within the control of the manufacturer, subject to the following provisions:

(1) [Except for articles and vehicles not exceeding 102 inches in width, no] No permit shall be issued under this section for movement of articles or vehicles while they are in transit from the manufacturer to a purchaser or dealer or, except for articles not exceeding 102 inches in width, for the movement of articles or vehicles upon a freeway.

(2) Articles and vehicles not wider than 102 inches may be moved any distance on a permit. Articles and vehicles wider than 102 inches but not in excess of ten feet in width may be moved up to 50 miles on a permit. Wider articles and vehicles may be moved no farther than ten miles on a permit.

(3) A combination of vehicles having at least six axles which is hauling flat-rolled steel coils may be permitted by the department and local authorities to move upon specified highways within their respective jurisdiction a distance not exceeding 25 miles if the gross weight does not exceed 100,000 pounds [and], the weight [of] on any nonsteering axle does not exceed [21,000 pounds] 18,000 pounds and the weight on the steering axle does not exceed 12,000 pounds. No permit may be issued for this type of movement upon an interstate highway.

(3.1) A combination of vehicles having at least six axles which is hauling raw milk to a manufacturer in this Commonwealth may be permitted by the department and local authorities to move upon specified highways within their respective jurisdiction if the gross weight does not exceed 95,000 pounds [and if], the weight [of] on any nonsteering axle does not exceed [21,000 pounds] 18,000 pounds and the

1 weight on the steering axle does not exceed 12,000 pounds. No  
2 permit may be issued for this type of movement upon an  
3 interstate highway.

4 (3.2) A combination of vehicles having at least seven  
5 axles which is hauling a hot ingot may be permitted by the  
6 department and local authorities to move upon specified  
7 highways within their respective jurisdiction a distance not  
8 exceeding 25 miles if the gross weight does not exceed  
9 150,000 pounds [and], the weight [of] on any nonsteering axle  
10 does not exceed [21,000 pounds] 23,000 pounds and the weight  
11 on the steering axle does not exceed 12,000 pounds.

12 (4) A permit may be denied or revoked in order to  
13 preserve the safety of highway users or to protect the  
14 structural integrity of highways or bridges or as otherwise  
15 authorized by department regulations.

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