
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 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 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 specified highways of boats, trailers,
11 mobile homes, modular housing units and undercarriages,
12 helicopters, hot ingots, a hot box, basic oxygen furnace lances,
13 railway equipment and rails or other articles, vehicles or
14 combinations which exceed the maximum height, width or length
15 specified in Subchapter B (relating to width, height and length)
16 or self-propelled cranes or combinations carrying raw milk, raw
17 coal, flat-rolled steel coils, steel slabs, hot ingots, a hot
18 box, pulpwood and wood chips for paper manufacture or raw water

1 which exceed the maximum weight specified in Subchapter C
2 (relating to maximum weights of vehicles) while they are in the
3 course of manufacture and under contract with or under the
4 direct control of the manufacturer, subject to the following
5 provisions:

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

11 (2) Overwidth articles and vehicles:

12 (i) Articles and vehicles not wider than 102 inches
13 may be moved any distance on a permit.

14 (ii) Articles and vehicles wider than 102 inches but
15 not wider than 108 inches may be moved up to seven miles
16 on a permit 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

17 (iii) Articles and vehicles wider than 102 inches
18 but not in excess of 12 feet in width may be moved up to
19 50 miles on a permit.

20 (iv) Wider articles and vehicles may be moved no
21 farther than ten miles on a permit.

22 (3) A combination of vehicles which is hauling flat-
23 rolled steel coils or steel slabs may be permitted by the
24 department and local authorities to move upon highways within
25 their respective jurisdiction a distance not exceeding 50
26 miles if the gross weight does not exceed 100,000 pounds and
27 the weight of any nonsteering axle does not exceed 21,000
28 pounds. No permit may be issued for this type of movement
29 upon an interstate highway.

30 (3.1) A combination of vehicles which is hauling raw

1 milk to or from a manufacturer may be permitted by the
2 department and local authorities to move upon highways within
3 their respective jurisdiction 24 hours a day, seven days a
4 week, except during inclement weather as defined in
5 department regulations, if the gross weight does not exceed
6 95,000 pounds and if the weight of any nonsteering axle does
7 not exceed 21,000 pounds. No permit may be issued for this
8 type of movement upon an interstate highway.

9 (3.2) A combination of vehicles which is hauling a hot
10 ingot or a hot box may be permitted by the department and
11 local authorities to move upon highways within their
12 respective jurisdiction a distance not exceeding 25 miles if
13 the gross weight does not exceed 150,000 pounds and the
14 weight of any nonsteering axle does not exceed 21,000 pounds.
15 No permit may be issued for this type of movement upon an
16 interstate highway.

17 (3.3) A combination of vehicles which is hauling basic
18 oxygen furnace lances may be permitted by the department and
19 local authorities to move upon highways within their
20 respective jurisdictions if the overall length does not
21 exceed 90 feet. A vehicle operating under a permit authorized
22 under this section may be driven 24 hours a day, seven days a
23 week, if the vehicle or combination is operated at prevailing
24 speeds. Movement under this paragraph is not authorized
25 during any of the following:

26 (i) A holiday period specified in department
27 regulations or in the permit.

28 (ii) Inclement weather, as defined in department
29 regulations.

30 (3.4) A self-propelled crane which is being road tested

1 may be permitted by the department and local authorities to
2 move upon highways within their respective jurisdictions a
3 distance not exceeding 15 miles if the gross weight does not
4 exceed 150,000 pounds and the weight on any axle does not
5 exceed 27,000 pounds.

6 (3.5) A combination of vehicles which is hauling raw
7 coal from a mine to a processing or preparation facility may
8 be permitted by the department and local authorities to move
9 upon highways within their respective jurisdictions a
10 distance not exceeding 30 miles if the gross weight does not
11 exceed 95,000 pounds and if the weight of any nonsteering
12 axle does not exceed 21,000 pounds. No permit may be issued
13 for this type of movement upon an interstate highway.

14 (3.6) A combination of vehicles which is hauling raw
15 water from a spring to a bottling facility may be permitted
16 by the department and local authorities to move upon
17 specified highways within their respective jurisdictions
18 subject to the following conditions:

19 (i) The vehicle must be a six axle combination -
20 three axle truck tractor.

21 (ii) Gross vehicular weight must not exceed 96,900
22 pounds.

23 (iii) Maximum weight on steering axles shall be
24 11,000 pounds.

25 (iv) Maximum weight on the truck-tractor tandem
26 (axles two and three) shall be 38,000 pounds, with a
27 maximum of 19,500 pounds on either axle in the group.

28 (v) Maximum weight on the semitrailer tridem (axles
29 four, five and six) shall be 47,700 pounds, with a
30 maximum of 16,400 pounds on any axle in the group.

(vi) Minimum spacing between axle one and axle two shall be 12 feet 11 inches.

(vii) The center-to-center distance between the last drive axle of the truck tractor (axle three) and the first axle of semitrailer (axle 4) must be a minimum of 26 feet 7 inches.

(viii) Minimum spacing between tandem and tridem axles shall be 4 feet 1 inch.

No permit may be issued for this type of movement upon an interstate highway.

(3.7) A combination of vehicles which is hauling pulpwood or wood chips from a specified source to a paper manufacturing site may be permitted by the department and local authorities to move upon specified highways within their respective jurisdictions subject to the following conditions:

(i) The vehicle must be a five axle combination - three axle truck tractor meeting the following characteristics:

(A) Gross vehicular weight must not exceed 95,000 pounds.

(B) Maximum weight on steering axles shall be 11,000 pounds.

(C) Maximum weight on the truck-trailer tandem (axles two and three) shall be 42,000 pounds, with a maximum of 21,000 pounds on either axle in the group.

(D) Maximum weight on the semitrailer tridem (axles four and five) shall be 42,000 pounds, with a maximum of 21,000 pounds on any axle in the group.

(E) Minimum spacing between axle one and axle

two shall be 12 feet 6 inches.

(F) The center-to-center distance between the last drive axle of the truck tractor (axle three) and the first axle of the semitrailer (axle four) must be a minimum of 28 feet 0 inch.

(G) Minimum spacing between tandem and tridem axles shall be 4 feet 0 inch.

(ii) The vehicle must be a six axle combination - three axle truck tractor meeting the following characteristics:

(A) Gross vehicular weight must not exceed 107,000 pounds.

(B) Maximum weight on steering axles shall be 12,000 pounds.

(C) Maximum weight on the truck-tractor tandem (axles two and three) shall be 42,000 pounds, with a maximum of 21,000 pounds on either axle in the group.

(D) Maximum weight on the semitrailer tridem (axles four, five and six) shall be 53,000 pounds, with a maximum of 17,670 pounds on any axle in the group.

(E) Minimum spacing between axle one and axle two shall be 12 feet 6 inches.

(F) The center-to-center distance between the last drive axle of the truck tractor (axle three) and the first axle of the semitrailer (axle four) must be a minimum of 45 feet 0 inch.

(G) Minimum spacing between tandem and tridem axles shall be 4 feet 0 inch.

No permit may be issued for this type of movement upon an

1 interstate highway.

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

6 [(b) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "raw
7 milk" shall have the meaning given to it in the act of July 2,
8 1935 (P.L.589, No.210), referred to as the Milk Sanitation Law.]

9 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
10 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
11 subsection:

12 "Hot box." Consists of an enclosure consisting of welded
13 steel plate chained to a semitrailer with a removable lid lined
14 with refracton for purposes of insulation and retention of
15 heat.

16 "Raw milk." Has the meaning given to it in the act of July
17 2, 1935 (P.L.589, No.210), referred to as the Milk Sanitation
18 Law.

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