

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 218

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR KAWASAKI BY REQUEST

Introduced: 4/19/24

Referred:

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to vehicle weight limits; and providing for an effective date."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 19.10.060 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

4 (d) Except as provided in AS 19.10.065 and (e) of this section, the loaded
5 gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles on a highway under the
6 department's jurisdiction may not exceed 140,000 pounds without a permit issued in
7 accordance with this section.

8 (e) A vehicle or combination of vehicles is not subject to (d) of this section if
9 the only cargo being transported by the vehicle or combination of vehicles is

10 (1) food for human consumption; or

11 (2) refined fuel.

12 (f) The department shall charge a fee for a permit to exceed the weight in (d)
13 of this section to offset the costs to the state to keep the roadway surface and other
14 roadway structures, including bridges, in a condition to accommodate heavy loads and
15 the administrative costs related to issuing the permits and conducting enforcement.

1 The department shall calculate the permit fee based on the criteria in this subsection,
 2 the vehicle's equivalent single axle load, and the distance traveled. In this subsection,
 3 "equivalent single axle load" means the amount of damage to highway pavement
 4 structures equivalent to one pass of a single 18,000-pound dual-tire axle with all four
 5 tires on the axle inflated to 110 pounds per square inch.

6 * **Sec. 2.** AS 19.10.065(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) Implements of husbandry, as defined by regulation under AS 28.05.011,
 8 are not subject to restrictions adopted under AS 19.10.060(a)(1) **or the weight limit in**
 9 **AS 19.10.060(d)** unless the implement is the load of another vehicle. Implements of
 10 husbandry may be operated on highways subject to the department's jurisdiction
 11 without obtaining a permit, as provided in this section.

12 * **Sec. 3.** AS 45.75.131(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) A peace officer or an employee of the Department of Transportation and
 14 Public Facilities who is authorized by the commissioner of transportation and public
 15 facilities to enforce this chapter may issue a citation to a person who

16 (1) violates a weight, size, or load limitation adopted by the
 17 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities under AS 19.10.060;

18 (2) violates the terms of an overweight or oversize vehicle permit
 19 issued under **AS 19.10.060** [AS 19.10.060(b)];

20 (3) violates a regulation adopted under AS 19.10.060(b) or (c),
 21 AS 28.05.011(a)(2), or AS 45.75.050(b)(5);

22 **(4) violates the weight limit in AS 19.10.060(d);** or

23 **(5)** [(4)] commits a violation identified under AS 45.75.380.

24 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect June 30, 2024.