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**HOUSE BILL 11-1163**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
102             **TRANSPORTATION OF PERMITS FOR THE MOVEMENT OF SUPER**  
103             **LOADS ON THE HIGHWAYS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill authorizes the department of transportation to issue super-load permits to vehicles that weigh over 500,000 pounds or that occupy 2 lanes. Safety and documentation standards are set. The department is directed to establish a system for tracking noncompliance

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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and to deny permits based on the level of noncompliance. A violation of the terms of a permit is a class 1 misdemeanor traffic offense.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 42-4-510, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
3 BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

4 **42-4-510. Permits for excess size and weight and for**  
5 **manufactured homes - rules - repeal.** (1.7) (a) THE DEPARTMENT OF  
6 TRANSPORTATION MAY ISSUE SUPER-LOAD PERMITS FOR:

7 (I) A COMBINATION VEHICLE WITH A WEIGHT OF FIVE HUNDRED  
8 THOUSAND POUNDS OR MORE THAT OCCUPIES TWO LANES TO HAUL THE  
9 LOAD; OR

10 (II) AN UNLADEN COMBINATION VEHICLE WITH AN EXPANDABLE  
11 DUAL-LANE TRANSPORT TRAILER THAT OCCUPIES TWO LANES.

12 (b) (I) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAY PLACE  
13 RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF A PERMIT. A PERSON SHALL OBEY THE  
14 RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN A PERMIT.

15 (II) (A) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAY REFUSE TO  
16 ISSUE A PERMIT TO A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN HELD BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE  
17 LAW JUDGE TO HAVE DISOBEYED PERMIT RESTRICTIONS OR TO HAVE  
18 VIOLATED THIS SECTION OR RULES PROMULGATED UNDER THIS SECTION IN  
19 A HEARING HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24, C.R.S.

20 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE A SYSTEM THAT TRACKS THE  
21 COMPLIANCE OF PERMIT HOLDERS AND USE THE SYSTEM TO DETERMINE IF  
22 A PERMIT HOLDER HAS A PATTERN OF NONCOMPLIANCE. THE DEPARTMENT  
23 SHALL PROMULGATE RULES ESTABLISHING STANDARDS TO DENY PERMITS  
24 TO PERSONS WHO SHOW A PATTERN OF NONCOMPLIANCE, WHICH  
25 STANDARDS INCLUDE THE LENGTH OF TIME A PERMIT IS DENIED BASED

1 UPON THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF NONCOMPLYING EVENTS.

2 (III) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL INCLUDE IN A  
3 SUPER-LOAD PERMIT A SPEED RESTRICTION, NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE  
4 MILES PER HOUR ON THE HIGHWAY AND TEN MILES PER HOUR ON  
5 STRUCTURES; EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAY  
6 MODIFY THE SPEED RESTRICTION WHEN NECESSARY FOR SAFETY OR TO  
7 PREVENT STRUCTURAL DAMAGE.

8 (c) WHEN FILING AN APPLICATION, AN APPLICANT FOR A  
9 SUPER-LOAD PERMIT SHALL PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF  
10 TRANSPORTATION WITH DOCUMENTATION, ACCEPTABLE TO THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FROM A THIRD PARTY ESTABLISHING  
12 THE GROSS WEIGHT OF THE LOAD. THE DRIVER SHALL CARRY THE  
13 DOCUMENTATION IN THE VEHICLE DURING THE PERMITTED MOVE AND  
14 PRODUCE, UPON REQUEST, THE DOCUMENTATION FOR ANY STATE AGENCY  
15 OR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.

16 (d) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAY REFUSE TO ISSUE  
17 A SUPER-LOAD PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION FOR AN UNLADEN  
18 COMBINATION VEHICLE UNLESS THE APPLICANT BREAKS THE LOAD DOWN  
19 TO THE SMALLEST DIMENSIONS POSSIBLE. THE DEPARTMENT OF  
20 TRANSPORTATION MAY REFUSE TO ISSUE A SUPER-LOAD PERMIT UNDER  
21 THIS SECTION FOR AN UNLADEN VEHICLE UNLESS THE APPLICANT RENDERS  
22 THE DUAL LANE TRAILER INTO LEGAL LOADS.

23 (e) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, COLORADO STATE  
24 PATROL, OR PORT OF ENTRY SHALL INSPECT THE LOAD OF A SUPER-LOAD  
25 PERMIT HOLDER, AT THE PERMIT HOLDER'S EXPENSE, AT THE NEAREST  
26 POINT WHERE THE SHIPMENT ENTERS THE STATE, AT A LOCATION SPECIFIED  
27 BY THE COLORADO STATE PATROL, OR AT THE LOAD'S POINT OF ORIGIN

1 TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND SAFETY  
2 STATUTES AND RULES, INCLUDING:

- 3 (I) HEIGHT, WIDTH, AND LENGTH;
- 4 (II) NUMBER OF AXLES;
- 5 (III) DATE OF MOVE;
- 6 (IV) CORRECT ROUTE;
- 7 (V) DOCUMENTATION OF LOAD WEIGHT;
- 8 (VI) USE OF SIGNS AND PILOT CARS; AND
- 9 (VII) WEIGHT, IF THE VEHICLE CAN BE WEIGHED WITHIN TWO  
10 HOURS.

11 (f) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL NOTIFY THE  
12 PORT OF ENTRY OF THE PERMIT'S ISSUANCE AND THE LOCATION AND DATE  
13 OF THE MOVE.

14 (g) UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROMULGATES  
15 RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBSECTION (1.7), THE DEPARTMENT MAY  
16 ISSUE PERMITS CONFORMING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION  
17 UNDER EXISTING RULES. THIS PARAGRAPH (g) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE  
18 JULY 1, 2012.

19 **SECTION 2.** 42-4-510 (11) (a) (IV), Colorado Revised Statutes,  
20 is amended to read:

21 **42-4-510. Permits for excess size and weight and for**  
22 **manufactured homes - rules - repeal.** (11) (a) The department of  
23 transportation, the motor carrier services division of the department of  
24 revenue, or the Colorado state patrol may charge permit applicants permit  
25 fees as follows:

26 (IV) Special permits for structural, oversize, or overweight moves  
27 requiring extraordinary action or moves involving weight in excess of two

1 hundred thousand pounds, one hundred twenty-five dollars for a permit  
2 for a single trip, INCLUDING A SUPER-LOAD PERMIT ISSUED UNDER  
3 SUBSECTION (1.7) OF THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT A SUPER-LOAD PERMIT  
4 FEE IS FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS;

5 **SECTION 3.** 42-4-510 (12), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

7 **42-4-510. Permits for excess size and weight and for**  
8 **manufactured homes - rules - repeal.** (12) (d) A DRIVER OR HOLDER OF  
9 A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION (1.7) OF THIS SECTION WHO FAILS TO  
10 COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF THE PERMIT OR SUBSECTION (1.7) OF THIS  
11 SECTION COMMITS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR TRAFFIC OFFENSE AND SHALL  
12 BE PUNISHED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 42-4-1701 (3) (a) (II).

13 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
14 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
15 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
16 10, 2011, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2011); except that, if a  
17 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
18 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
19 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect  
20 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
21 November 2012 and shall take effect on the date of the official  
22 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.