

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 126

BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO OVERHANGING LOADS AND FLAG SIZE; AMENDING SECTION 49-913, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING FLAG SIZE; AND AMENDING SECTION 49-1010, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING FLAG SIZE AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 49-913, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

49-913. LAMP OR FLAG ON PROJECTING LOAD. Whenever the load upon any vehicle extends to the rear four (4) feet or more beyond the bed or body of the vehicle, there shall be displayed at the extreme rear end of the load, at the times specified in section 49-903, Idaho Code, a red light or lantern plainly visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the sides and rear. The red light or lantern required under this section shall be in addition to the red rear light required upon every vehicle. At any other time there shall be displayed at the extreme rear end of the load a red or fluorescent orange flag a minimum of ~~twelve~~ eighteen (12~~8~~) inches by ~~twelve~~ eighteen (12~~8~~) inches and hung so that the flag is visible to the driver of a vehicle approaching from the rear.

SECTION 2. That Section 49-1010, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

49-1010. SIZE OF VEHICLES AND LOADS. No vehicle shall exceed the dimensions specified below, except that certain devices determined by the board as necessary for the safe and efficient operation of motor vehicles, including energy conservation devices, shall be excluded from the calculation of width or length.

(1) The width of a vehicle, including any load thereon, except as noted below, shall not exceed ..... 8 1/2 feet.

(a) The limitations as to size of vehicles stated in this section shall not apply to farm tractors or to implements of husbandry, including any load thereon, or any trailer not wider than the implement of husbandry used in the transportation of implements of husbandry for agricultural operations, and including all equipment used in land leveling operations, when being incidentally operated upon the highway from one ~~(1)~~ farm operation to another during daylight hours.

(b) The limitations as to size of vehicles shall not apply to farmers or their designated agents, or equipment dealers transporting implements of husbandry and equipment listed in paragraph (a) of this subsection for the purpose of:

1 (i) The repair or maintenance of such implements of husbandry and  
2 equipment when traveling to or from a farm to a repair or mainte-  
3 nance facility during daylight hours; or

4 (ii) The purchase, sale, lease or rental of such implements of  
5 husbandry and equipment when traveling to or from a farm to a deal-  
6 ership, auction house or other facility during daylight hours.

7 (c) Notwithstanding the exemption from width limitation for farm trac-  
8 tors included in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the total outside  
9 width of any farm tractor being transported on the interstate system in  
10 this state, except as permitted by section 49-1004, Idaho Code, shall  
11 not exceed ..... 9 feet.

12 (d) A farm tractor or implement of husbandry, when being incidentally  
13 transported upon the highway with a width in excess of the limits of  
14 paragraphs (a) and (c) of this subsection, must display one (1) red or  
15 fluorescent orange flag a minimum of ~~twelve~~ eighteen (128) by ~~twelve~~  
16 eighteen (128) inches on the outermost left projection of the tractor or  
17 implement being transported.

18 (2) The height of a vehicle, including the load thereon, shall not ex-  
19 ceed ..... 14 feet.

20 (3) The length of a vehicle, or vehicle combination, except as noted be-  
21 low shall not exceed:

22 (a) When a single motor vehicle ..... 45 feet.

23 (b) When a trailer or semitrailer, except as noted ~~below~~ in this subsec-  
24 tion ..... 48 feet.

25 1. Semitrailers operating on routes determined by the board to  
26 have severe curvature, deficient width and/or heavy traffic con-  
27 ditions shall be limited to an overall combination length not to  
28 exceed ..... 65 feet.

29 2. The length of a trailer tongue, or the length of the tongue of a  
30 converter gear used to convert a semitrailer to a trailer, shall be  
31 excluded from the calculation of a trailer length.

32 3. Semitrailers operating on routes which are a part of the na-  
33 tional network as set forth in 23 CFR 658, on routes providing ac-  
34 cess between the national network and terminals and facilities for  
35 food, fuel, repairs and rest which are located within one (1) road  
36 mile of the national network and state highways as set forth by  
37 policy and approved by the transportation board, shall not exceed  
38 a length of ..... 53 feet.

39 (c) When a motor vehicle and one (1) or more trailers, except as noted in  
40 subsection (3) (b), (3) (d) and (3) (e) of this section ..... 75 feet.

41 (d) When a combination of semitrailer and trailer, or of two (2) semi-  
42 trailers the length in such combination, including the connecting  
43 tongue and excluding the truck tractor except as noted ~~below~~ in this  
44 subsection ..... 61 feet.

45 When the combination of semitrailer and trailer or of two (2) semi-  
46 trailers including the connecting tongues exceeds sixty-one (61) feet,  
47 the length of such combination including the truck tractor .... 75 feet.

48 (e) When a combination of a semitrailer and trailer, or of two (2) semi-  
49 trailers operating on routes on the national network as set forth in 23  
50 CFR 658, and on routes providing access between the national network and

1 terminals and facilities for food, fuel, repairs and rest which are lo-  
2 cated within one (1) road mile of the national network, the length, in-  
3 cluding the connecting tongue and excluding the truck tractor, shall  
4 not exceed ..... 68 feet.

5 (f) When a dromedary tractor with semitrailer, stinger-steered by hav-  
6 ing the kingpin located five (5) feet to the rear of the centroid of the  
7 rear axle(s) ..... 75 feet.

8 (g) When a dromedary combination transporting class 1 explosive mate-  
9 rials and/or any munitions-related security material as specified by  
10 the U.S. department of defense in compliance with 49 CFR 177.835, not  
11 meeting the stinger-steer requirement as defined in subsection (3) (f)  
12 of this section, up to ..... 75 feet.

13 (h) When a dromedary tractor with semitrailer, not meeting the  
14 stinger-steer requirement as defined in ~~subsection (3) paragraph~~ (f) of  
15 this subsection ..... 65 feet.

16 (i) When a boat transporter, stinger-steered as defined in subsec-  
17 tion (3) (f) of this section, excluding front and rear overhang of load .  
18 75 feet.

19 (j) When an auto transporter, stinger-steered as defined in subsection  
20 (3) (f) of this section, excluding front and rear overhang of load .....  
21 ..... 80 feet.

22 (k) When an auto transporter or boat transporter, not meeting the  
23 stinger-steer requirement as defined in ~~subsection (3) paragraph~~ (f) of  
24 this subsection, excluding front and rear overhang of load .... 65 feet.

25 (l) When a truck tractor with stinger-steered pole trailer or log  
26 dolly, connected by a reach or pole, or a combination used for trans-  
27 porting long loads such as poles, pipes, logs or structural members  
28 generally capable of sustaining themselves as beams between supporting  
29 bunks or connections ..... 75 feet.

30 (4) The overhang or extension of a load shall not extend:

31 (a) Beyond the front of a vehicle, more than ..... 4 feet.  
32 (b) Beyond the end of a vehicle, more than ..... 10 feet.  
33 (c) Beyond the left fender of a passenger vehicle, more than ... 0 feet.  
34 (d) Beyond the right fender of a passenger vehicle, more than .....  
35 ..... 6 inches.

36 (e) To the front of a boat transporter, more than ..... 3 feet.  
37 (f) To the rear of a boat transporter, more than ..... 4 feet.  
38 (g) To the front of an auto transporter, more than ..... 4 feet.  
39 (h) To the rear of an auto transporter, more than ..... 6 feet.

40 (5) Noncargo-carrying devices necessary for the safe and efficient op-  
41 eration of the vehicle, as determined by the board, shall not be included in  
42 measurement for length.

43 (6) No combination shall include more than three (3) units except when a  
44 saddlemount combination and the overall length allowed is:

45 (a) On the national network ..... 97 feet.  
46 (b) Other than the national network ..... 75 feet.

47 (7) Vehicle combinations consisting of not more than four (4) vehicle  
48 units with an overall length in excess of the limits of subsection (3) of this  
49 section and with an overall combination length not to exceed one hundred fif-  
50 teen (115) feet, may be operated by permit on routes designated for such op-

- 1 erations by the public highway agency having jurisdiction over that highway  
2 system, subject to the following restrictions as to lengths of cargo-carry-  
3 ing units:
- 4 (a) Truck tractor and two (2) trailing units ..... 95 feet.
  - 5 (b) Truck tractor and three (3) trailing units ..... 95 feet.
  - 6 (c) Truck and two (2) trailing units ..... 98 feet.