

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 290

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO WEIGHT LIMITATIONS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING SECTION
3 49-1011, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT VEHICLES OWNED AND OPERATED BY
4 A FARMER OR HIS AGENT MAY BE OPERATED ON A HIGHWAY UP TO TWO THOUSAND
5 POUNDS IN EXCESS OF ANY AXLE, BRIDGE OR GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMIT, TO
6 PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

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

8 SECTION 1. That Section 49-1011, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
9 amended to read as follows:

10 49-1011. EXCEPTION TO WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITATIONS. (1) If federal law
11 permits the several states to establish size and weight limits in excess of
12 those prescribed ~~by~~ in sections 49-1001 and 49-1010, Idaho Code, the board,
13 as provided in subsection (2) of this section, may authorize the movement
14 on highways under its jurisdiction of vehicles, motor vehicles, trailers
15 and/or semitrailers, or combinations thereof, of a size or weight in excess
16 of the limits prescribed in sections 49-1001 and 49-1010, Idaho Code, but
17 within the limits necessary to qualify for federal-aid highway funds.

18 (2) The authority granted the board by the provisions of this section
19 shall be exercised by adoption of rules or regulations pursuant to section
20 40-312, Idaho Code, or by issuance of permits pursuant to section 49-1004,
21 Idaho Code, except that the maximum size and weight limits authorized ~~by~~ in
22 this section apply.

23 (3) Vehicles owned and operated by a farmer or designated agents trans-
24 porting agricultural products may be operated on any highway, except a high-
25 way that is part of the federal-aid interstate system, up to two thousand
26 (2,000) pounds in excess of any axle, bridge or gross vehicle weight limit
27 established in section 49-1001, Idaho Code, as determined by the vehicle op-
28 erator. Such extra weight shall not apply to posted bridge weights or other
29 seasonal or temporary weight limit postings.