

**HOUSE BILL No. 2644**

By Representatives Peck, Doll, Garber, Hibbard, Read and Thompson

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1 AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning weight limitations; amending  
2 K.S.A. 8-1909 and repealing the existing section.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1909 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-  
6 1909. (a) No vehicle or combination of vehicles shall be moved or  
7 operated on any highway when the gross weight on two or more  
8 consecutive axles exceeds the limitations prescribed in the following table:

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	Distance in feet between the extremes of any group of 2 or more consecutive axles		Maximum load in pounds carried on any group of 2 or more consecutive axles				
	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles	7 axles	8 axles
4.....	34,000						
5.....	34,000						
6.....	34,000						
7.....	34,000						
8 and less	34,000	34,000					
More than	38,000	42,000					
8							
9.....	39,000	42,500					
10.....	40,000	43,500					
11.....		44,000					
12.....		45,000	50,000				
13.....		45,500	50,500				
14.....		46,500	51,500				
15.....		47,000	52,000				
16.....		48,000	52,500	58,000			
17.....		48,500	53,500	58,500			
18.....		49,500	54,000	59,000			
19.....		50,000	54,500	60,000			
20.....		51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000		
21.....		51,500	56,000	61,000	66,500		
22.....		52,500	56,500	61,500	67,000		
23.....		53,000	57,500	62,500	68,000		
24.....		54,000	58,000	63,000	68,500	74,000	
25.....		54,500	58,500	63,500	69,000	74,500	
26.....		55,500	59,500	64,000	69,500	75,000	
27.....		56,000	60,000	65,000	70,000	75,500	
28.....		57,000	60,500	65,500	71,000	76,500	82,000
29.....		57,500	61,500	66,000	71,500	77,000	82,500
30.....		58,500	62,000	66,500	72,000	77,500	83,000
31.....		59,000	62,500	67,500	72,500	78,000	83,500
32.....		60,000	63,500	68,000	73,000	78,500	84,500

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	Distance in feet between the extremes of any group of 2 or more consecutive axles		Maximum load in pounds carried on any group of 2 or more consecutive axles				
	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles	7 axles	8 axles
33.....			64,000	68,500	74,000	79,000	85,000
34.....			64,500	69,000	74,500	80,000	85,500
35.....			65,500	70,000	75,000	80,500	
36.....			66,000	70,500	75,500	81,000	
37.....			66,500	71,000	76,000	81,500	
38.....			67,500	72,000	77,000	82,000	
39.....			68,000	72,500	77,500	82,500	
40.....			68,500	73,000	78,000	83,500	
41.....			69,500	73,500	78,500	84,000	
42.....			70,000	74,000	79,000	84,500	
43.....			70,500	75,000	80,000	85,000	
44.....			71,500	75,500	80,500	85,500	
45.....			72,000	76,000	81,000		
46.....			72,500	76,500	81,500		
47.....			73,500	77,500	82,000		
48.....			74,000	78,000	83,000		
49.....			74,500	78,500	83,500		
50.....			75,500	79,000	84,000		
51.....			76,000	80,000	84,500		
52.....			76,500	80,500	85,000		
53.....			77,500	81,000	85,500		
54.....			78,000	81,500			
55.....			78,500	82,500			
56.....			79,500	83,000			
57.....			80,000	83,500			
58.....				84,000			
59.....				85,000			
60.....				85,500			

2 except that two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load  
3 of 34,000 pounds each if the overall distance between the first and last  
4 axles is 36 feet or more.

5 (1) The gross weight on any one axle of a vehicle shall not exceed the  
6 limits prescribed in K.S.A. 8-1908, and amendments thereto.

7 (2) For vehicles and combinations of vehicles on the interstate system  
8 the table in this section shall not authorize a maximum gross weight of  
9 more than 80,000 pounds.

10 (3) The table in this section shall not apply to truck tractor and dump  
11 semitrailer or truck trailer combination when such are used as a  
12 combination unit exclusively for the transportation of sand, salt for  
13 highway maintenance operations, gravel, slag stone, limestone, crushed  
14 stone, cinders, coal, blacktop, dirt or fill material, when such vehicles are  
15 used for transportation to a construction site, highway maintenance or  
16 construction project or other storage facility, except that such vehicles or  
17 combination of vehicles shall not be exempted from any application of the

1 table as may be required to determine applicable axle weights for triple  
2 and quad axles as defined in K.S.A. 8-1908, and amendments thereto. As  
3 used in this ~~subpart~~ *paragraph* (3), the term "dump semitrailer" means any  
4 semitrailer designed in such a way as to divest itself of the load carried  
5 thereon.

6 (4) *In the case of a vehicle or combination of vehicles exclusively*  
7 *carrying grain or other seasonally harvested products during the normal*  
8 *harvest season from the field where they are harvested to storage, market*  
9 *or stockpile or from stockpile to market or factory up to 50 miles, the load*  
10 *may be up to: (A) 10% greater than the maximum weight shown in the*  
11 *table in this section for vehicles with tandem, triple or quad axles; or (B)*  
12 *12.5% greater than the maximum weight shown in the table in this section*  
13 *for vehicles with a single rear axle. The provisions of this subsection (a)*  
14 *(4) does not apply to the national system of interstate and defense*  
15 *highways. For vehicles and combinations of vehicles, the maximum gross*  
16 *weight under this subsection (a)(4) shall not be more than 90,000 pounds.*

17 (b) Any vehicle registered under the laws of this state which vehicle  
18 is designed and used primarily for the transportation of property or for the  
19 transportation of 10 or more persons may, at the time of its registration, be  
20 subjected by the director of vehicles to investigation or test as may be  
21 necessary to enable such director to determine whether such vehicle may  
22 safely be operated upon the highways in compliance with all provisions of  
23 this act. Every such vehicle shall meet the following requirements:

24 (1) It shall be equipped with brakes as required in K.S.A. 8-1734, and  
25 amendments thereto.

26 (2) Every motor vehicle to be operated outside of business and  
27 residence districts shall have motive power adequate to propel such  
28 vehicle and any load thereon or to be drawn thereby, at a speed which will  
29 not impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic.  
30 Exception to this requirement shall be recognized when reduced speed is  
31 necessary for safe operation or when a vehicle or combination of vehicles  
32 is necessarily or in compliance with law or police direction proceeding at  
33 reduced speed.

34 (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle or  
35 combination of vehicles with a gross weight in excess of the limitations set  
36 forth in article 19 of chapter 8 of Kansas Statutes Annotated, *and*  
37 *amendments thereto*, except as provided in K.S.A. 8-1911, and  
38 amendments thereto.

39 (d) As used in this section, "interstate system" means the national  
40 system of interstate and defense highways.

41 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1909 is hereby repealed.

42 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
43 publication in the statute book.