

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 23, 2021

3 SENATE BILL NO. 531

By: Bergstrom of the Senate

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8 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.  
9 2011, Section 14-120.1, which relates to escort  
10 vehicle requirements; exempting certain vehicles; and  
11 declaring an emergency.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 14-120.1, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 14-120.1. A. 1. Any vehicle or combination of  
16 vehicles with an outside width that exceeds twelve (12) feet  
17 operating on highways in the state, including the National System of  
18 Interstate and Defense Highways, shall, in addition to being in  
19 compliance with provisions of Section 14-101 et seq. of this title,  
20 be accompanied by an escort vehicle or vehicles, as prescribed by  
21 the Department of Public Safety.

22 2. The provisions of subsection 1 of this section shall not  
23 apply to retail implement dealers, as defined in Section 581 of this  
24 title.

1 B. No person shall operate an escort vehicle for hire, as  
2 required by this section, unless the person has been certified by  
3 the Department of Public Safety as an escort vehicle operator.

4 C. Any person not required to be certified by the Department of  
5 Public Safety as an escort vehicle operator may tow a trailer when  
6 escorting a manufactured home. Such trailer shall not exceed eight  
7 and one-half (8 1/2) feet in width and twenty (20) feet in length  
8 with siding not to exceed four (4) feet in height measured from the  
9 bed of the trailer.

10 The trailer may only be used to transport supplies and equipment  
11 necessary to carry out the mission of escort vehicle operators.

12 D. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall promulgate rules for  
13 the certification of operators of escort vehicles and the use of  
14 escort vehicles, as required by this section.

15 E. The Commissioner of Public Safety is hereby authorized to  
16 enter into reciprocal compacts and agreements with other states for  
17 the purpose of recognizing escort vehicle operator certifications  
18 issued by those states.

19 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
20 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
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