

# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 982

By: Stanislawski of the Senate

and

Leewright of the House

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 14-101, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 294, O.S.L. 2015 (47 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 14-101), which relates to issuance of overweight permits; permitting issuance of night time travel permit under certain terms and restrictions; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 14-116, as last amended by Section 10, Chapter 283, O.S.L. 2012 (47 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 14-116), which relates to permit fees; deleting certain language; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Motor vehicle permits

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 14-101, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 294, O.S.L. 2015 (47 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 14-101), is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-101. A. It is a misdemeanor for any person to drive or move or for the owner to cause or knowingly permit to be driven or moved on any highway any vehicle or vehicles of a size or weight exceeding the limitations stated in this chapter or otherwise in violation of this chapter, and the maximum size and weight of vehicles herein specified shall be lawful throughout this state and local authorities shall have no power or authority to alter the

limitations except as express authority may be granted in this chapter.

B. The Commissioner of Public Safety is directed to issue annual overweight permits to:

1. Municipalities and rural fire districts for the transportation of firefighting apparatus at no cost to the municipalities or rural fire districts;

2. Owners of implements of husbandry, which includes tractors that are temporarily moved upon a highway at no cost to the owner;

3. Retail implement dealers while hauling implements of husbandry at no cost to the dealer; and

4. Owners of certain vehicles as provided for in Section 14-103G of this title.

C. If a vehicle is issued a license pursuant to Section ~~1~~ 1134.4 of this ~~act~~ title, the license shall also serve as the overweight permit required by this section.

D. All size, weight and load provisions covered by this chapter shall be subject to the limitations imposed by Title 23, United States Code, Section 127, and such other rules and regulations developed herein. Provided further that any size and weight provision authorized by the United States Congress for use on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, including but not limited to height, axle weight, gross weight, combinations of vehicles or load thereon shall be authorized for immediate use on such segments of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and any other highways or portions thereof as designated by the Transportation Commission or their duly authorized representative.

E. All size, weight and load provisions covered by Sections 14-101 through 14-123 of this title shall be subject to a gross vehicle weight limit of ninety thousand (90,000) pounds when applied to a vehicle operating off the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways unless such vehicle is operating in full compliance with an overweight permit issued by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

F. Any vehicle permitted for movement on the highways of this state as provided in Section 14-101 et seq. of this title, other than a vehicle permitted solely for overweight movement, shall be moved only during daylight hours. As used in Section 14-101 et seq. of this title, "daylight hours" shall mean one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. The Commissioner of Public Safety, for good cause and consistent with the safe movement of the vehicle, may endorse a permit for the movement of an oversize vehicle to authorize night time travel under such terms and restrictions as the Commissioner may require.

G. 1. Any vehicle permitted for movement on the highways of this state as provided in Section 14-101 et seq. of this title shall not be moved at any time on the following holidays:

- a. New Year's Day (January 1),
- b. Memorial Day (the last Monday in May),
- c. The Fourth of July (Independence Day),
- d. Labor Day (the first Monday in September),
- e. Thanksgiving Day (the fourth Thursday in November),  
and
- f. Christmas Day (December 25).

2. Any vehicle permitted for movement on the highways of this state as provided in Section 14-101 et seq. of this title shall be allowed to move on the following holidays:

- a. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday (the third Monday in January),
- b. President's Day, also known as Washington's Birthday (the third Monday in February), and
- c. Veteran's Day (November 11).

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 14-116, as last amended by Section 10, Chapter 283, O.S.L. 2012 (47 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 14-116), is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-116. A. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall charge a minimum permit fee of Forty Dollars (\$40.00) for any permit issued pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-101 et seq. of this title. In addition to the permit fee, the Commissioner shall charge a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each thousand pounds in excess of the legal load limit. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall establish any necessary rules for collecting the fees.

B. The Department of Public Safety is authorized to establish an escrow account system for the payment of permit fees. Authorized motor carriers meeting established credit requirements may participate in the escrow account system for permits purchased from all size and weight permit offices in this state. Carriers not choosing to participate in the escrow account system shall be required to make payment of the required fee or fees upon purchase of each permit as required by law. All monies collected through the escrow account system shall be deposited to a special account of the Department of Public Safety and placed in the custody of the State Treasurer. Proceeds from permits purchased using the escrow account system shall be distributed as provided for in subsection H of this section. However, fees collected through such accounts for the electronic transmission, transfer or delivery of permits, as provided for in Section 14-118 of this title, shall be credited to the Department of Public Safety Restricted Revolving Fund.

C. 1. Application for permits shall be made a reasonable time in advance of the expected time of movement of such vehicles. For emergencies affecting the health or safety of persons or a community, permits may be issued for immediate movement.

2. Size and weight permit offices in all districts where applicable shall issue permits to authorize carriers by telephone during weekdays.

~~3. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall develop a system for provisional permits for authorized carriers which may be used in lieu of a regular permit for the movement of oversize and overweight loads when issued an authorization number by the Department of~~

~~Public Safety. Such provisional permits shall include date of movement, general load description, estimated weight, oversize notation, route of travel, truck or truck-tractor license number, and permit authorization number.~~

D. No overweight permit shall be valid until all license taxes due the State of Oklahoma have been paid.

E. No permit violation shall be deemed to have occurred when an oversize or overweight movement is made pursuant to a permit whose stated weight or size exceeds the actual load.

F. Any permit issued for a truck or truck-tractor operating in combination with a trailer or a semitrailer shall contain only the license plate number for the truck or truck-tractor if the permittee provides to the Department a list containing the license plate number, and such other information as the Department may prescribe by rule, for each trailer or semitrailer which may be used for movement with the permit. When the permittee provides the list described in this subsection, the license plate number for any trailer or semitrailer to be moved with the permit shall not be included on the permit; provided, a trailer or semitrailer which is not on the list shall not be authorized to be used for movement with the permit. It shall be the responsibility of the permittee to ensure the list provided to the Department is maintained and updated with any fleet changes. The Department shall adopt any rules deemed necessary to administer the provisions of this subsection.

G. The first deliverer of motor vehicles designated truck carriers or well service carriers manufactured in Oklahoma shall not be required to purchase an overweight permit when being delivered to the first purchaser.

H. Except as provided in Section 14-122 of this title, the first One Million Two Hundred Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$1,216,000.00) of proceeds from both the permit fees and the overweight permit fees imposed pursuant to subsection A of this section collected monthly shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1104 of this title. All proceeds collected from both the permit fees and the overweight permit fees imposed pursuant to subsection A of this section in excess of One Million Two Hundred Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$1,216,000.00) shall be deposited in the

Weigh Station Improvement Revolving Fund as provided in Section 1167 of this title for the purpose set forth in that section and may be used for motor carrier permitting systems and motor carrier safety and enforcement.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 17th day of February, 2016.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of April, 2016.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this \_\_\_\_\_

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