

PORT OF ENTRY AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to port-of-entry weight limits and agreements between states at certain ports-of-entry.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

provides an exception to the typical vehicle weight standards at a port-of-entry to allow the Department of Transportation to apply the lowest applicable gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight applicable at certain ports-of-entry where the Department of Transportation has entered into an agreement regarding operation of the port-of-entry; and

makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

72-9-502, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 296

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section 72-9-502 is amended to read:

72-9-502 . Motor vehicles to stop at ports-of-entry -- Signs -- Exceptions --

Rulemaking -- By-pass permits.

(1) Except [under Subsection (3)] as provided in Subsections (3) and (5), a motor carrier operating a motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight of 26,001 or more pounds, whichever is greater, shall stop at a port-of-entry as required

- 29 under this section.
- 30 (2) The department may erect and maintain signs directing motor vehicles to a port-of-entry  
31 as provided in this section.
- 32 (3) A motor vehicle required to stop at a port-of-entry under Subsection (1) is exempt from  
33 this section if:
- 34 (a) the total one-way trip distance for the motor vehicle would be increased by more  
35 than 5% or three miles, whichever is greater if diverted to a port-of-entry;
- 36 (b) the motor vehicle is operating under a temporary port-of-entry by-pass permit issued  
37 under Subsection (4); or
- 38 (c) the motor vehicle is an implement of husbandry as defined in Section 41-1a-102  
39 being operated only incidentally on a highway as described in Section 41-1a-202.
- 40 (4) (a) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,  
41 the department shall make rules for the issuance of a temporary port-of-entry by-pass  
42 permit exempting a motor vehicle from the provisions of Subsection (1) if the  
43 department determines that the permit is needed to accommodate highway  
44 transportation needs due to multiple daily or weekly trips in the proximity of a  
45 port-of-entry.
- 46 (b) The rules under Subsection (4)(a) shall provide that one permit may be issued to a  
47 motor carrier for multiple motor vehicles.
- 48 (5) If a port-of-entry is subject to an agreement entered into pursuant to Section 72-9-503,  
49 the department may apply the lowest gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight  
50 applicable to the relevant port-of-entry.

51 Section 2. **Effective date.**

52 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.