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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 69

BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1	AN ACT
2	RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING SECTION 49-102, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE
3	THE TERM "AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS"; AMENDING SECTION 49-1001, IDAHO
4	CODE, TO REMOVE LANGUAGE RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF REFUSE OR SANI-
5	TATION TRUCKS; AND AMENDING SECTION 49-1011, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE AN
6	EXCEPTION TO SIZE AND WEIGHT LIMITATIONS FOR REFUSE/SANITATION TRUCKS
7	WHEN OWNED BY, UNDER CONTRACT TO OR UNDER AUTHORITY OF A CITY, COUNTY OR
8	STATE AGENCY TRANSPORTING REFUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 49-102, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 49-102. DEFINITIONS -- A. (1) "Abandon" means to leave a vehicle on private property without the permission of the person having rights to the possession of the property, or on a highway or other property open to the public for the purposes of vehicular traffic or parking, or upon or within the right-of-way of any highway, for twenty-four (24) hours or longer.
- (2) "Abandoned vehicle" means any vehicle observed by an authorized officer or reported by a member of the public to have been left within the limits of any highway or upon the property of another without the consent of the property owner for a period of twenty-four (24) hours or longer, except that a vehicle shall not be considered abandoned if its owner-operator is unable to remove it from the place where it is located and has notified a law enforcement agency and requested assistance.
- (3) "Accident" means any event that results in an unintended injury or property damage attributable directly or indirectly to the motion of a motor vehicle or its load, a snowmobile or special mobile equipment.
- (4) "Actual physical control" means being in the driver's position of a motor vehicle with the motor running or the vehicle moving.
- (5) "Administrator" means the federal highway administrator, the chief executive of the federal highway administration, an agency within the U.S. department of transportation.
- (6) "Age of a motor vehicle" means the age determined by subtracting the manufacturer's year designation of the vehicle from the year in which the designated registration fee is paid. If the vehicle has the same manufacturer's year designation as the year in which the fee is paid, or if a vehicle has a manufacturer's year designation later than the year in which the fee is paid, the vehicle shall be deemed to be one (1) year old.
- (7) "Agricultural products" means the activities related to and necessary for: the farming of crops, including soil preparation; livestock and livestock products including, but not limited to, field crops, fruits, vegetables, horticultural specialties, cattle, sheep, hogs, goats, horses,

poultry, furbearing animals, bees, milk, eggs and furs; and forestry and forest products, including logging of timber and timber harvesting.

- (8) "Air-conditioning equipment" means mechanical vapor compression refrigeration equipment which is used to cool the driver's or passenger compartment of any motor vehicle.
 - (89) "Alcohol or alcoholic beverage" means:

- (a) Beer as defined in 26 U.S.C. section 5052(a), of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (b) Wine of not less than one-half of one percent (.005%) of alcohol by volume; or
- (c) Distilled spirits as defined in section 5002(a)(8), of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (910) "Alley" means a public way of limited use intended only to provide access to the rear or side of lots or buildings in urban districts.
- (101) "All-terrain vehicle" or "ATV" means an all-terrain vehicle or ATV as defined in section 67-7101, Idaho Code.
- (1 ± 2) "Amateur radio operator." (See "Radio operator, amateur," section 49-119, Idaho Code)
- (123) "Ambulance" means a motor vehicle designed and used primarily for the transportation of injured, sick, or deceased persons, on stretchers, cots, beds, or other devices for carrying persons in a prone position.
- (134) "Applicant" means an individual who applies to obtain, transfer, upgrade, or renew a driver's license.
- (145) "Approved driver training course" means a training course from a school licensed under the provisions of chapter 21 of this title or a driver training course approved by another United States jurisdiction provided the course was taken while an individual was a resident of that United States jurisdiction.
- $(15\underline{6})$ "Approved testing agency" means a person, firm, association, partnership or corporation approved by the director of the Idaho state police which is:
 - (a) In the business of testing equipment and systems;
 - (b) Recognized by the director as being qualified and equipped to do experimental testing; and
 - (c) Not under the jurisdiction or control of any single manufacturer or supplier for an affected industry.
- (167) "Armed forces" means the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard and the air force of the United States.
- (178) "Authorized emergency vehicle." (See "Vehicle," section 49-123, Idaho Code)
- (189) "Authorized officer" means any member of the Idaho state police, or any regularly employed and salaried deputy sheriff, or other county employee designated to perform the function of removing abandoned vehicles or junk vehicles by the board of county commissioners of the county in which a vehicle is located, or any regularly employed and salaried city peace officer or other city employee designated to perform the function of removing abandoned vehicles or junk vehicles by the city council, or a qualified person deputized or appointed by the proper authority as reserve deputy sheriff or city policeman, authorized within the jurisdiction in which the abandoned vehicle or junk vehicle is located.

 $(\frac{1920}{20})$ "Authorized transportation department employee" means any employee appointed by the board to perform duties relating to enforcement of vehicle laws as have been specifically defined and approved by order of the board (see section 40-510, Idaho Code).

- $(2\theta\underline{1})$ "Auto transporter" means a vehicle combination constructed for the purpose of transporting vehicles.
- SECTION 2. That Section 49-1001, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 49-1001. ALLOWABLE GROSS LOADS. The gross load imposed on the highway by any vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not exceed the limits in this section. The maximum single axle gross weight shall be twenty thousand (20,000) pounds, the maximum single wheel gross weight shall be ten thousand (10,000) pounds and the maximum gross vehicle or combination weight shall be one hundred five thousand five hundred (105,500) pounds, provided that maximum gross vehicle or combination weight on United States federal interstate and defense highways of this state shall not exceed eighty thousand (80,000) pounds, except as permitted under the provisions of section 49-1004, Idaho Code.
- (1) The total gross weight imposed on the highway by any group of consecutive axles shall be determined by the following formula:

W=500((LN/N-1)+12N+36)

Where W is the maximum weight in pounds (to the nearest 500 pounds) carried on any group of two (2) or more consecutive axles. L is the distance in feet between the extremes of any group of two (2) or more consecutive axles, and N is the number of axles under consideration.

The formula is modified as illustrated in the following table:

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- (a) A public highway agency may limit the application of the weights authorized in this section as to certain highways within its jurisdiction which it determines have limited structural capacity of pavements, bridges, or other appurtenances. In designating such highways, it may specify a minimum wheelbase for combinations to be operated thereon. It may also designate specific highways or portions on which operation of a combination of vehicles with seven (7) through thirteen (13) axles will be subject to specified lesser allowable gross weights.
- (b) Notwithstanding the figures shown in the table in this subsection (1), two (2) consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of thirty-four thousand (34,000) pounds each, providing the overall distance between the first and last axles of such consecutive sets of tandem axles is thirty-six (36) feet or more.
- (c) Vehicles may operate with reducible loads at gross weights greater than one hundred five thousand five hundred (105,500) pounds but not exceeding one hundred twenty-nine thousand (129,000) pounds on noninterstate highways in accordance with the provisions of section 49-1004, Idaho Code, provided such vehicles are in compliance with the weight formula specified in this subsection (1) of this section, have registered and have paid the registration fees as specified in section 49-434, Idaho Code, and are in compliance with the length restrictions set forth in section 49-1010 (7), Idaho Code.
- (2) The weight limitations set forth in the table in subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to any vehicle, or combination of vehicles when a greater allowed weight in pounds would be permitted such vehicles under the table provided in this subsection, except that with regard to transportation on the United States federal interstate and defense highways of this state, the following table of allowable weights shall apply only to vehicles engaged in the transportation of logs, pulp wood, stull, rough lumber, poles or piling; or to any such vehicle engaged in the transportation of ores, concentrates, sand and gravel and aggregates thereof, in bulk; or to any such vehicle engaged in the transportation of agricultural commodities, including livestock:

34	Distance in feet between	Allowed Load in Pounds	
35	the extremes of any group	Vehicles with	Vehicles with
36	of 2 or more consecutive	Three or Four	Five or more
37	axles	axles	axles
38	3 through 12	37,800	37,800
39	13	56,470	56,470
40	14	57 , 940	57,940
41	15	59,400	59,400
42	16	60,610	60,610
43	17	61,820	61,820
44	18	63,140	63,140
45	19	64,350	64,350
46	20	65 , 450	65 , 450

1	Distance in feet between	Allowed Lo	ad in Pounds
2	the extremes of any group	Vehicles with	Vehicles with
3	of 2 or more consecutive	Three or Four	Five or more
4	axles	axles	axles
5	21	66,000	66,330
6	22	66,000	67 , 250
7	23	66,000	67 , 880
8	24	66,000	68,510
9	25	66,000	69,150
10	26	66,000	69 , 770
11	27	66,000	70,400
12	28	66,000	70 , 950
13	29	66,000	71,500
14	30	66,000	72 , 050
15	31		72 , 600
16	32		73,150
17	33		73,700
18	34		74,250
19	35		74,800
20	36		75 , 350
21	37		75 , 900
22	38		76,450
23	39		77,000
24	40		77 , 550
25	41		78,100
26	42		78 , 650
27	43 and over		79 , 000

The weight allowances provided in this subsection do not apply if the total gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles is intended to exceed seventy-nine thousand (79,000) pounds as declared by the operator. When the provisions of this subsection are applicable to a vehicle or combination of vehicles, it shall be a violation of the provisions of this subsection if that vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeds the weights specified in this table.

(3) In determining the gross weight of a vehicle or the gross weight of any two (2) or more consecutive axles under subsection (1) or (2) or (9) of this section, the total gross weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles or the gross weight of any two (2) or more consecutive axles shall be the sum of the axle weights.

For the purposes of this chapter the gross weight of a vehicle or the gross weight of any two (2) or more consecutive axles may be determined by accumulatively adding the separate weights of individual axles and tandem axles or groups of axles to determine gross weight. The results of any weigh-

ing at a temporary or permanent port of entry and the records relating to the calibration and accuracy of any scale at a temporary or permanent port of entry shall be admissible in any proceeding in this state. In order to prove a violation of the provisions of this section the state must show that:

- (a) The sum of the axle weights exceeds what is allowable under the provisions of subsection (1) or (2) or (9) of this section;
- (b) The scale involved in the weighing was at the time of weighing calibrated in conformity with and met the accuracy requirements of the standards for the enforcement of traffic and highway laws as set forth in the latest edition of handbook 44 of the national institute of standards and technology;
- (c) Weights of individual axles or axles within a commonly suspended group of axles supported by a mechanical system designed to distribute equal wheel loads to individual axles in the group were utilized only to determine gross weights of that group of axles, and that any further evaluation of gross weights of combinations of axles considered only the accumulated gross weight of each such commonly suspended group of axles.
- (4) In applying the weight limitations imposed in this section, a vehicle or combination of vehicles must comply exclusively with the weight limitations in either subsection (1) or (2) or (9) of this section.
- (5) In applying the weight limitations imposed in this section, the distance between axles shall be measured to the nearest even foot. When a fraction is exactly one-half (1/2) foot the next larger whole number shall be used.
- (6) The limitations imposed in this section are in addition and supplemental to all other laws imposing limitations upon the size and weight of vehicles. Further, single axles within groups of axles are subject to the provisions and limitations of this chapter. Single axles within groups of axles may be weighed and evaluated separately.
- (7) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this chapter, no vehicle, motor vehicle, trailer and/or semitrailer, or combination thereof, may be operated on the public highways of the state under loads which would result in the withholding of funds by operation of controlling federal law as provided in the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956, as amended.
- (8) Except as provided herein, no vehicle or combination of vehicles may proceed past the place of weighing at temporary or permanent ports of entry or checking stations when: the weight of a single axle exceeds the maximum limitations set forth herein by two thousand (2,000) pounds or more; the weight of a combination of axles, or gross vehicle weight exceeds the maximum allowable weight as set forth herein by seven percent (7%) or more. Vehicles or combinations of vehicles which exceed the weight limitations set forth herein shall be required to be brought into compliance with applicable weight limitations contained within this subsection at the place of weighing prior to continuing, except those vehicles or combinations of vehicles which are transporting loads which, in the determination of the board or other proper authorities in charge of or having jurisdiction over a highway, are deemed unsafe or impractical to bring into compliance at the place of weighing, and except those vehicles which do not exceed fifteen percent (15%) over maximum axle and axle group weights set forth in this section. Vehicles or

combinations of vehicles transporting loads in this latter category shall obtain a travel authorization to the nearest place of safe unloading, load adjustment or other means of legalization.

- (a) Neither the state of Idaho or its employees, nor any authority and its employees in charge of or having jurisdiction over a highway, shall be held liable for personal injury or property damage resulting from the requirements of section 49-1001(8), Idaho Code.
- (b) The fee for a travel authorization as set forth above shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00) and shall be on a form prescribed by the board or other proper authorities, and shall not be construed as contributing to a reduction in the penalties prescribed in section 49-1013, Idaho Code.
- (c) The board or other proper authorities in charge of or having jurisdiction over a highway shall adopt and enforce administrative rules as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.
- (9) For vehicles on all highways except the United States federal interstate and defense highways of this state, the following table shall apply:

18	Distance in feet between	Allowed Load in Pounds	
19	the extremes of any group	Vehicles with	Vehicles with
20	of 2 or more consecutive	Three or Four	Five or more
21	axles	axles	axles
22	3 through 12	37 , 800	37 , 800
23	13	56 , 470	56,470
24	14	57 , 940	57 , 940
25	15	59,400	59,400
26	16	60,610	60,610
27	17	61,820	61,820
28	18	63,140	63,140
29	19	64,350	64,350
30	20	65 , 450	65,450
31	21	66,000	66,330
32	22	66,000	67,250
33	23	66,000	67,880
34	24	66,000	68,510
35	25	66,000	69,150
36	26	66,000	69 , 770
37	27	66,000	70,400
38	28	66,000	70,950
39	29	66,000	71,500
40	30	66,000	72,050
41	31		72,600
42	32		73,150
43	33		73,700

1	Distance in feet between	Allowed Load in Pounds	
2	the extremes of any group	Vehicles with	Vehicles with
3	of 2 or more consecutive	Three or Four	Five or more
4	axles	axles	axles
5	34		74 , 250
6	35		74,800
7	36		75 , 350
8	37		75 , 900
9	38		76,450
10	39		77,000
11	40		77 , 550
12	41		78,100
13	42		78,650
14	43 and over		80,000

The weight allowances provided in this subsection do not apply if the total gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles is intended to exceed eighty thousand (80,000) pounds as declared by the operator. When the provisions of this subsection are applicable to a vehicle or combination of vehicles, it shall be a violation of the provisions of this subsection if that vehicle or combination of vehicles exceeds the weights specified in this table.

- (10) When owned by or under contract to or under authority of a city, county, or state agency, refuse/sanitation trucks transporting refuse may be operated on public highways in accordance with the weights allowed in subsection (9) of this section, except that such trucks equipped with single rear axles are allowed twenty-four thousand (24,000) pounds on that single rear axle when specifically authorized by the public highway agency governing the highways over which the refuse/sanitation truck is operating and provided the following conditions are met:
 - (a) The weight allowances provided for in this subsection shall not apply to the United States federal interstate and defense highways of the state; and
 - (b) The owner or operator has paid an annual operating fee for a permit, not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per refuse/sanitation truck to each public agency governing the public highways over which the refuse/sanitation truck operates. The permit shall be carried in the refuse/sanitation truck. The permit fee may be waived by a public agency for refuse/sanitation trucks operated over public highways under that agency's jurisdiction.
- (11) Variable load suspension axles shall meet the following criteria in order to be included in the computation of gross vehicle or axle weight limits for vehicles under the provisions of this section:
 - (a) The deployment control switch for such axles may be located inside of the driver's compartment but the pressure regulator valve for the operation of pressure on the pavement shall be located outside of and inaccessible to the driver's compartment.

- (b) The manufacturer's gross axle weight rating of each such axle must not be less than the actual loading of the axle.
- (c) All variable load suspension axles shall be designed to be self-steering; provided however, variable load suspension axles that are within sixty (60) inches of a drive axle or are within sixty (60) inches of a trailer axle, need not be self-steering.
- (d) The manufacturer's gross tire weight rating of each tire must not be less than the actual loading of the tire.
- (e) Variable load suspension axles must be fully deployed or fully raised. For applicable definitions, see sections 49-117 and 49-123, Idaho Code.
- $(12\underline{1})$ Any person who operates a motor vehicle with a variable load suspension axle in violation of the provisions of this section shall be subject to the penalties provided in section 49-1013, Idaho Code.
- SECTION 3. That Section 49-1011, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 49-1011. EXCEPTION TO WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITATIONS. (1) If federal law permits the several states to establish size and weight limits in excess of those prescribed in sections 49-1001 and 49-1010, Idaho Code, the board, as provided in subsection (2) of this section, may authorize the movement on highways under its jurisdiction of vehicles, motor vehicles, trailers and/or semitrailers, or combinations thereof, of a size or weight in excess of the limits prescribed in sections 49-1001 and 49-1010, Idaho Code, but within the limits necessary to qualify for federal-aid highway funds.
- (2) The authority granted the board by the provisions of this section shall be exercised by adoption of rules or regulations pursuant to section 40-312, Idaho Code, or by issuance of permits pursuant to section 49-1004, Idaho Code, except that the maximum size and weight limits authorized in this section apply.
- (3) Vehicles owned and operated by a farmer or designated agents transporting agricultural products or refuse/sanitation trucks when owned by, under contract to or under authority of a city, county or state agency transporting refuse may be operated on any highway, except a highway that is part of the federal-aid interstate system, up to two thousand (2,000) pounds in excess of any axle, bridge or gross vehicle weight limit established in section 49-1001, Idaho Code, as determined by the vehicle operator. Such extra weight shall not apply to posted bridge weights or other seasonal or temporary weight limit postings.
- SECTION 4. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval.