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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 1072

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SINGLE AND TANDEM  
10 AXLE LOAD LIMITS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING SINGLE AND  
15 TANDEM AXLE LOAD LIMITS.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-35-203(g)(1), concerning weight and  
21 dimensions of single and tandem axle vehicles, is amended to read as follows:

22 (A) Vehicles, or combinations of vehicles, which vehicles  
23 or combinations of vehicles have a total outside width in excess of one  
24 hundred two inches (102<sup>2</sup>) but not exceeding one hundred eight inches (108<sup>2</sup>)  
25 used for hauling compacted seed cotton from the farm to the first point at  
26 which such seed cotton shall first undergo any processing, preparation for  
27 processing, or transformation from its compacted state shall be permitted an  
28 eight thousand pounds (8,000 lbs.) per axle variance above the maximum  
29 allowable gross axle weight for single and tandem axles set forth in  
30 subsections (a) and (b) and subdivision (c)(1) of this section; provided, no  
31 such variance for such vehicles from the formula prescribed in subsection (e)  
32 of this section, nor from the axle weight nor overall maximum gross weight  
33 shall be allowable on federal interstate highways. Provided, further, no  
34 vehicle or combination of vehicles permitted the above axle variance, which  
35 vehicle or combination of vehicles has only three (3) axles, shall exceed a  
36 maximum overall gross weight of seventy thousand pounds (70,000 lbs.) and no



1 such vehicle or combination of vehicles permitted the above axle variance,  
 2 which vehicle or combination of vehicles has four (4) or more axles, shall  
 3 exceed a maximum overall gross weight of eighty thousand pounds (80,000  
 4 lbs.).

5 ~~(B) Vehicles, or combinations of vehicles, with five (5)~~  
 6 ~~axles and used exclusively by the owner of livestock or poultry for hauling~~  
 7 ~~animal feed to the owner's livestock or poultry for consumption in this state~~  
 8 ~~shall be permitted an eight percent (8%) variance above the allowable gross~~  
 9 ~~weight whenever the formula in subsection (e) of this section is applied to~~  
 10 ~~the vehicle or combination of vehicles. A maximum gross weight, including any~~  
 11 ~~allowable variance or tolerance, shall not exceed eighty thousand pounds~~  
 12 ~~(80,000 lbs.).~~

13 ~~(C)~~(B) Vehicles, or combinations of vehicles, used  
 14 exclusively for hauling solid waste, as defined by regulations promulgated by  
 15 the commission, shall be permitted an eight percent (8%) variance above the  
 16 allowable gross weight whenever the formula in subsection (e) of this section  
 17 is applied to the vehicle or combination of vehicles. However, the maximum  
 18 gross weight, including any allowable variance or tolerance, shall not exceed  
 19 eighty thousand pounds (80,000 lbs.).

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 21 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-35-203(i)(2), concerning maximum weight  
 22 of single and tandem axle vehicle load limits, is amended to read as follows:

23 (2)(A) A truck tractor and single semi-trailer combination with  
 24 five (5) axles hauling sand, gravel, rock, or crushed stone shall comply with  
 25 a tandem axle limit of thirty-four thousand pounds (34,000 lbs.) and a single  
 26 axle limit of twenty thousand pounds (20,000 lbs.) provided that the total  
 27 gross weight shall not exceed eighty thousand pounds (80,000 lbs.).

28 (B) Vehicles, or combinations of vehicles, with five (5)  
 29 axles hauling unfinished and unprocessed farm products, forest products, or  
 30 other products of the soil shall comply with a tandem axle limit of thirty-  
 31 six thousand five hundred pounds (36,500 lbs.) and a single axle limit of  
 32 twenty thousand pounds (20,000 lbs.) provided that the total gross weight  
 33 shall not exceed eighty-five thousand pounds (85,000 lbs.).

34 (C) Vehicles or combinations of vehicles with five (5)  
 35 axles hauling animal feed to livestock or poultry shall comply with a tandem  
 36 axle limit of thirty-eight thousand pounds (38,000 lbs) and a single axle

1 limit of twenty thousand pounds (20,000 lbs.), provided that the total gross  
2 weight shall not exceed eighty-eight thousand pounds (88,000 lbs.).

3 (D) Provided, no tandem axle shall exceed thirty-four  
4 thousand pounds (34,000 lbs.) while operated on the federal interstate  
5 highways of this state.

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