

**Amendment to Permit Rules
For the Movement of Oversize and Overweight Vehicles
On The Arkansas State Highway System**

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SECTION 1. Rule 2(A)(3) of the Permit Rules for the Movement of Oversize Vehicles on the State Highway System, concerning the legal limits for dimension and weight of vehicles, is amended to read as follows:

- 3. The rules and regulations as described herein are designed to permit, under special conditions, and to ensure the safe movement of vehicles and equipment which exceed any one or more of the following legal limits for dimension or weight:

Table of Legal Dimensions and Weight Limits:

- WIDTH: 8 feet, 6 inches (8 feet for manufactured homes)
- HEIGHT: ~~13 feet, 6 inches~~ 14 feet
- LENGTH: Determined by trailer length as required by law.
- WEIGHT: 80,000 pounds gross weight of vehicle(s) and cargo on 5 or more axles. Must meet the Federal bridge formula for 80,000 pounds
- AXLE WEIGHT: Single Load-Carrying Axle: 20,000 pounds
 - Tandem Axle Group: 34,000 pounds
 - Tri-Axle Group: 50,000 pounds
- STEER AXLE: Single Steer/Front Axle: 12,000 to 20,000 pounds, axle must be rated by the manufacturer for weight.
 - Tandem Steer/Front Axle: 24,000 pounds

SECTION 2. Rule 3(F)(1) of the Permit Rules for the Movement of Oversize Vehicles on the State Highway System, concerning the legal limits for dimension and weight of vehicles, is amended to read as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 27-35-207, no vehicles operated upon the State Highway System laden or unladen, shall exceed a height of ~~thirteen feet and six inches (13'6")~~ fourteen feet (14') except by permit issued by the Permit Section.

SECTION 3. Rule 14(A) of the Permit Rules for the Movement of Oversize Vehicles on the State Highway System, concerning the legal limits for dimension and weight of vehicles, is amended to read as follows:

A. Introduction

Vehicles utilized to transport compacted seed cotton that exceed nine feet (9') in width, fifty-five feet (55') in length, or ~~thirteen feet six inches (13'6")~~ fourteen feet (14') in height shall have a valid oversize permit issued by the AHP Permit Section in order to travel the highways of the State.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 27-35-203, vehicles traveling on non-interstate highways and only having three (3) axles, shall not exceed an overall gross weight of seventy thousand pounds (70,000) and four (4) axles or more shall not exceed an overall gross weight of eighty thousand pounds (80,000).

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1418

5 By: Representative Beck
6 By: Senator M. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT
10 OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE ON A STATE
11 HIGHWAY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE MAXIMUM
16 HEIGHT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AUTHORIZED TO
17 OPERATE ON A STATE HIGHWAY.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-35-109(b), concerning the liability for
23 damage to a highway or structure, is amended to read as follows:

24 (b) ~~Any~~ A person driving ~~any a~~ a vehicle, ~~object, or contrivance~~ upon
25 ~~any a~~ a highway shall be liable for all damages to structures spanning the
26 highway, or a part of the highway, by reason of load heights in excess of
27 that which the structure will permit, when the clearance height of the
28 structure is posted, and in any event where the height of the vehicle and
29 load is in excess of ~~thirteen~~ fourteen feet ~~six inches (13' 6")~~ (14').
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-35-207 is amended to read as follows:
32 27-35-207. Height of vehicles.

33 ~~No~~ A vehicle operated upon the highways of this state, unladen or with
34 load, shall not exceed a height of ~~thirteen~~ fourteen feet, ~~six inches (13'~~
35 ~~6")~~ (14'), unless a greater height is authorized by a special permit issued
36 by competent authority as provided in § 27-35-210 **APPROVED: 4/23/21**

