

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 150

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5 By: Senator Wilkinson
6 By: Representatives McMellon, Altes

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 27-35-203(c) TO INCREASE
11 THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE WEIGHT ON FRONT OR STEERING
12 AXLES OF VEHICLES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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15 TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 27-35-203(c) TO
16 INCREASE THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE WEIGHT ON
17 FRONT OR STEERING AXLES OF VEHICLES.

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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 27-35-203(c) is amended to read as follows:

23 (c) Maximum Weight on Front or Steering Axle. (1)(A) The maximum weight
24 imposed on the highway by the front or steering axle of a vehicle shall not
25 exceed ~~twelve thousand pounds (12,000 lbs.)~~ eighteen thousand pounds (18,000
26 lbs.).

27 (B) A "front or steering axle", for the purposes of this
28 subsection, shall be defined as an axle attached to the front of the vehicle
29 and which is utilized to steer the vehicle on a given path or direction.

30 (2)(A) The Director of State Highways and Transportation may
31 issue special permits for ~~a maximum single front steering axle weight not to~~
32 ~~exceed eighteen thousand pounds (18,000 lbs.)~~ and a maximum tandem front
33 steering axle weight of not to exceed thirty-two thousand pounds (32,000 lbs.)
34 for vehicles of special design, equipment, or construction, engaged in
35 occasional or specialized heavy hauling, such as, but not limited to, hauling
36 of heavy machinery, commodities which require specialized equipment, oil or

1 gas field equipment, or similar equipment, for a period of not more than one
2 (1) year, upon application containing satisfactory proof that the vehicles are
3 used solely for the above purposes.

4 (B) Permits may contain such limitations as the director
5 may deem necessary for safety, including, but not limited to, speed of
6 operation.

7 (3) The permits authorized under this subsection shall apply only
8 to the front steering axle and shall not affect the requirement of § 27-35-210
9 that special permits be obtained for vehicles exceeding other maximum size or
10 weight limitations imposed in this subchapter.

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