

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  
2 87th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2009  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1887

5 By: Representative Lowery  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE COSTS FOR MUNICIPALITIES,  
10 COUNTIES, AND THE STATE FOR CONSTRUCTING,  
11 RESURFACING, AND REPAIRING ROADS AND HIGHWAYS;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 COUNTIES, AND THE STATE FOR  
17 CONSTRUCTING, RESURFACING, AND REPAIRING  
18 ROADS AND HIGHWAYS.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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### SECTION 1. Legislative findings.

#### The General Assembly finds that:

25 (1) The national, regional, and state economies have experienced  
26 an economic slowdown that is reducing the operating revenues for all levels  
27 of government;

28 (2) The cost of constructing, resurfacing, and repairing roads  
29 and highways has consistently increased over the years; however, these costs  
30 dramatically increased in the last two (2) years;

31 (3) State, county, and municipal governments are faced with  
32 shrinking revenues and increased costs for the construction, resurfacing, and  
33 repair of roads and highways; and

34 (4) Reducing the costs for the transportation of asphalt will  
35 reduce the costs that state, county, and municipal governments have to pay  
36 for constructing, resurfacing, and repairing roads and highways.



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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-35-203(i), regarding single and tandem axle load limits for certain cargoes, is amended to read as follows:

(i)(1) A truck tractor and single semi-trailer combination with five (5) axles hauling sand, gravel, rock, ~~or~~ crushed stone, or asphalt and vehicles or combinations of vehicles with five (5) axles hauling unfinished and unprocessed farm products, forest products, or other products of the soil shall be exempt from the federal bridge formula found in subsection (e) of this section on noninterstate highways in this state.

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

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

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

(3) ~~No~~ A vehicle, or combination of vehicles, meeting all of the requirements of this subsection, shall not be allowed any variance on overall gross weight or axle weight while operating on the federal interstate highways.