

## House Proposal of Amendment

S. 49

An act relating to commercial motor vehicle operation on the interstate system.

The House proposes to the Senate to amend the bill as follows:

In Sec. 2, 23 V.S.A. § 1392, by deleting subdivision (16) and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (16) to read:

(16) ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of law~~ the axle load provisions of section 1391 of this title and the maximum gross load of subdivision (4) of this section, a five or more axle truck tractor, semi-trailer combination, or truck trailer combination, when the load consists solely of unprocessed milk products as defined in subdivision 4(55) of this title, may be registered for and operated with a maximum gross weight of 90,000 pounds on state highways without permit, and upon posted state and town highways and on those highways designated as the national system of interstate and defense highways when the vehicle has been issued a permit in compliance with the provisions of section 1400 of this title; however:

(A) Vehicles ~~registered~~ operated pursuant to this subdivision (16) shall be subject to the same axle spacing restrictions as are applied to five or more axle vehicles registered to 80,000 pounds as set forth in subdivision (4) of this section;

(B) ~~The following shall also apply to vehicles registered pursuant to this subdivision (16):~~

~~(i) no single axle load shall be in excess of 22,400 pounds except that a 10 percent tolerance shall be allowed on each single axle;~~

~~(ii) no tandem axle load shall be in excess of 36,000 pounds except that a 10 percent tolerance shall be allowed on each tandem axle;~~

~~(iii) no single axle of a tandem axle unit shall support more than 60 percent of the total rate supported by the tandem axle unit;~~

~~(iv) no tri axle group, as defined in subdivision (6)(D) of this section, shall support a gross weight in excess of that allowed in subdivision (4) of this section and no tolerance shall be allowed on any tri axle group;~~

~~(v) no single axle of a tri axle group shall support more than 40 percent of the total weight supported by the tri axle group;~~

~~(vi) the maximum load on any axle of the vehicle shall not exceed more than 600 pounds per inch of tire width computed in conformity with the manufacturer's designated width;~~

~~(vii) no tolerance shall be allowed on the gross weight of any vehicle registered under the provisions of this subdivision, nor shall the axle tolerance permitted in subdivisions (i) and (ii) of this subdivision apply when the vehicle is being operated upon posted state or town highways pursuant to the provisions of section 1400 of this title. On those highways designated as the national system of interstate and defense highways, the provisions of subsection 1391(c) of this title shall apply unless other axle load limits, tolerances, or both are authorized under federal law.~~

(C) The fee for the annual permit as provided in this subdivision shall be \$7.00 when the fee has been paid to register the vehicle for 90,000 pounds or \$285.00 when the vehicle is registered for 80,000 pounds.