

**Default Weight Limits on Town Highways; Signage**

(Language for possible incorporation into H.917 (T Bill))

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Sec. X1. 23 V.S.A. § 1392 is amended to read:

§ 1392. GROSS WEIGHT LIMITS ON HIGHWAYS

Except as provided in section 1400 of this title, a person or corporation shall not operate or cause to be operated a motor vehicle in excess of the total weight, including vehicle, object, or contrivance and load, of:

(1) 16,000 pounds upon any bridge with a wood floor, wood subfloor, or wood stringers on a class 3 or 4 town highway or 20,000 pounds on a bridge with wood floor, wood subfloor, or wood stringers on a class 1 or 2 town highway unless otherwise posted by the selectboard of such town.

(2) 24,000 pounds, upon a class 2, 3, or 4 town highway or bridge with other than wood floor, in any town; or incorporated village; ~~or city.~~

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Sec. X2. 23 V.S.A. § 1393 is amended to read:

§ 1393. WEIGHT LIMITS IN ~~INCORPORATED VILLAGES AND CITIES~~; ADOPTION BY TOWNS OR INCORPORATED VILLAGES OF STATE LIMITS; STATE LIMITS ON CLASS 1 TOWN HIGHWAYS

(a)(1) On all highways in ~~an incorporated village or a city~~, the legal load shall be as prescribed for the State Highway System in section 1392 of this title, unless otherwise restricted and posted by the local authorities; as provided in this subchapter.

(2) With the approval of the Secretary of Transportation, the ~~selectboard~~ legislative body of a town or incorporated village may designate any highway ~~in the town~~ under its jurisdiction to carry the same legal load as specified in section 1392 of this title for the State highways Highway System. When a certain highway has been so approved by the Secretary and the legislative body as to the legal load limit, then the Secretary shall have the highway posted for the legal load limit.

(3) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter~~, Except as provided in subdivision 1392(1) of this title, State ~~highway~~ Highway System weight limits as specified in section 1392 of this title shall apply to class 1 town highways.

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\* \* \* Signs Indicating Weight Limits \* \* \*

Sec. X3. 23 V.S.A. § 1394 is amended to read:

§ 1394. DESIGNATION OF CLASS 1 TOWN HIGHWAYS; SIGNS INDICATING LEGAL LOAD OFF OF STATE HIGHWAYS OR CLASS 1 TOWN HIGHWAYS

(a) The class 1 town highways connecting the State highways through cities, villages, or municipalities towns shall be designated by the State Transportation Board and marked by the State Secretary of Transportation.

(b) The State Secretary of Transportation shall have signs erected on each road which town highway that leads off the State Highway System stating the legal load of the town highway leading from, if the legal load of the town highway differs from the legal load on the State Highway System.

(c) If the legal load limit of a class 2, 3, or 4 town highway leading off of a class 1 town highway differs from the legal load limit on the class 1 town highway, the Secretary of Transportation shall furnish a sign to the municipality where the class 1 town highway is located as needed to indicate the legal load for each town highway leading from the class 1 town highway that has a different legal load. The Secretary shall furnish the sign, and any replacement sign as may be needed, at no cost to municipality. The municipality shall be responsible for erecting each sign furnished to it under this subsection on each town highway leading off of a class 1 town highway that has a legal load limit that differs from the limit on the class 1 town highway.

\* \* \* Effective Dates \* \* \*

Sec. X4. EFFECTIVE DATES

Secs. X1-X3 shall take effect on [July 1, 2018].