

1 * * * Gross Weight Limits on Highways; Permit Portal; Report * * *

2 Sec. X. REPORT ON INCREASING GROSS WEIGHT LIMITS ON
3 HIGHWAYS THROUGH SPECIAL ANNUAL PERMIT AND
4 STATUS OF PERMIT PORTAL

5 (a) The Secretary of Transportation or designee, in consultation with the
6 Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation or designee, the Executive
7 Director of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns or designee, and the
8 President of the Vermont Forest Products Association or designee and with the
9 assistance of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or designee, shall examine
10 adding one or more additional special annual permits to 23 V.S.A. § 1392 to
11 allow for the operation of motor vehicles at a gross vehicle weight over 99,000
12 pounds and shall file a written report on the examination and any
13 recommendations with the House and Senate Committees on Transportation on
14 or before January 15, 2023.

15 (b) At a minimum, the examination shall address:

16 (1) allowing for a truck trailer combination or truck tractor, semi-trailer
17 combination transporting cargo of legal dimensions that can be separated into
18 units of legal weight without affecting the physical integrity of the load to bear
19 a maximum of 107,000 pounds on six axles or a maximum of 117,000 pounds
20 on seven axles by special annual permit;

1 (2) limitations for any additional special annual gross vehicle weight
2 permits based on highway type, including limited access State highway, non-
3 limited access State highway, class 1 town highway, and class 2 town
4 highway;

5 (3) limitations for any additional special annual gross vehicle weight
6 permits based on axle spacing and axle weight provisions;

7 (4) reciprocity treatment for foreign trucks from a state or province that
8 recognizes Vermont vehicles permitted at increased gross weights;

9 (5) permit fees for any additional special annual gross vehicle weight
10 permits; and

11 (6) additional penalties, including civil penalties and permit revocation,
12 for gross vehicle weight violations.

13 (b) The Secretary of Transportation or designee, in consultation with the
14 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles or designee, shall also include an update on
15 the development and implementation of the centralized online permitting
16 system that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles was authorized to initiate the
17 design and development of pursuant to 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 149,
18 Sec. 26(a) in the report required under subsection (a) of this section.