

1 Sec. 3b. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

2 It is the intent of the General Assembly not to repeal 23 V.S.A. § 1432(c),
3 pursuant to Secs. 3d and 29(a) of this act, until the following locations on U.S.
4 Route 4 in the Town of Woodstock are improved to address safety concerns
5 related to overlength tractor trailers traveling through the Town and ensure that
6 overlength tractor trailers do not cross the double yellow line at any of these
7 locations more often than 20 percent of the time:

8 (1) the intersection of U.S. Route 4 and Hartland Hill;

9 (2) the intersection of U.S. Route 4 and River Street; and

10 (3) the western end of the Woodstock Green at the intersections of
11 North Park Street and South Park Street and South Park Street and Prospect
12 Street.

13 Sec. 3c. IMPROVEMENTS TO U.S. ROUTE 4 IN WOODSTOCK

14 (a) The Agency of Transportation shall:

15 (1) work with the Town of Woodstock to identify safety concerns
16 related to overlength tractor trailers traveling through the Town on U.S. Route
17 4; and

18 (2) incorporate improvements the Agency and the Town of Woodstock
19 determine are necessary to ensure a significant reduction in overlength tractor
20 trailers crossing over the double yellow line at the locations identified in
21 subdivisions (1)–(3) of Sec. 3b of this act in the scope of work for Woodstock

1 NH PC21(5) within the Agency’s proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Transportation
2 Program for Program Development—Paving and, if necessary, subsequent
3 projects that are included in a future transportation program.

4 (b) The Town of Woodstock shall conduct a three-month independent
5 study on the percentage of time that overlength tractor trailers cross the double
6 yellow line at the locations identified in subdivisions (1)–(3) of Sec. 3b of this
7 act. The study shall not be commenced until six months after the conclusion of
8 the Woodstock NH PC21(5) project.

9 (c) The results of the independent study required under subsection (b) of
10 this section shall be filed with the Secretary of Transportation and the House
11 and Senate Committees on Transportation not later than January 15, 2023.
12 After the Agency of Transportation reviews the study, it shall file a response
13 with the House and Senate Committees on Transportation not later than March
14 15, 2023. At a minimum, the response shall include a recommendation on
15 whether or not a further study is necessary and, if applicable, what additional
16 improvements to U.S. Route 4 are necessary to ensure that overlength tractor
17 trailers are crossing the double yellow line at the locations identified in
18 subdivisions (1)–(3) of Sec. 3b of this act not more often than 20 percent of the
19 time.

1 Sec. 3d. 23 V.S.A. § 1432(c) is amended to read:

2 ~~(c) Operation on U.S. Route 4. Notwithstanding any other law to the~~
3 ~~contrary, vehicles with a trailer or semitrailer that are longer than 68 feet but~~
4 ~~not longer than 75 feet may be operated with a single or multiple trip~~
5 ~~overlength permit issued at no cost by the Department of Motor Vehicles or,~~
6 ~~for a fee, by an entity authorized in subsection 1400(d) of this title on U.S.~~
7 ~~Route 4 from the New Hampshire state line to the junction of VT Route 100~~
8 ~~south, provided the distance from the kingpin of the semitrailer to the center of~~
9 ~~the rearmost axle group is not greater than 41 feet. [Repealed.]~~

10 Sec. 29. EFFECTIVE DATES

11 (a) Sec. 3d (repeal of 23 V.S.A. § 1432(c)) shall take effect three months
12 after the Agency of Transportation determines, in consultation with the Town
13 of Woodstock and based on one or more independent studies conducted by the
14 Town of Woodstock, that overlength tractor trailers are crossing the double
15 yellow line at the locations identified in subdivisions (1)–(3) of Sec. 3b of this
16 act not more often than 20 percent of the time.

17 (b) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2021.