

**HOUSE BILL No. 2160**

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

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1 AN ACT concerning traffic regulations; relating to the secured loading of  
2 vehicles; exempting the transport of cotton bales from the secured load  
3 requirements under certain conditions; amending K.S.A. 8-1906 and  
4 repealing the existing section.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1906 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-  
8 1906. (a) No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any highway unless such  
9 vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent any of its load from  
10 dropping, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping therefrom, except that:

11 (1) This section shall not prohibit the necessary spreading of any  
12 substance in highway maintenance or construction operations; and

13 (2) (A) subsections (a) and (c) shall not apply to:

14 (i) Trailers or semitrailers when hauling livestock if such trailers or  
15 semitrailers are properly equipped with a cleanout trap and such trap is  
16 operated in a closed position unless material is intentionally spilled when  
17 the trap is in a closed position; ~~or~~

18 (ii) trucks, trailers or semitrailers when hauling agricultural forage  
19 commodities intrastate from the place of production to a market or place of  
20 storage or from a place of storage to a place of use. The provisions of this  
21 clause shall not apply to trucks, trailers or semitrailers hauling:

22 (a) Hay bales; or

23 (b) other packaged or bundled forage commodities; *or*

24 (iii) *trucks, trailers or semitrailers when hauling cotton bales*  
25 **transported by the producer intrastate ~~within 150 miles~~ from the place**  
26 **of production or storage to a market, place of storage or place of use if:**

27 (a) Cotton bales are fully loaded from front to back on such truck,  
28 trailer or semitrailer in a single layer;

29 (b) the truck, trailer or semitrailer is equipped with cradles; and

30 (c) the truck, trailer or semitrailer is equipped with stakes, **side**  
31 **boards or side posts that are ~~a minimum of four feet~~ not less than 12**  
32 **inches high.**

33 (B) Paragraph (2)(A)(i) shall not apply to trailers or semitrailers used  
34 for hauling livestock when livestock are not being hauled in such trailers

1 or semitrailers.

2 (b) All trailers or semitrailers used for hauling livestock shall be  
3 cleaned out periodically.

4 (c) No person shall operate on any highway any vehicle with any load  
5 unless such load and any covering thereon is securely fastened so as to  
6 prevent the covering or load from becoming loose, detached or in any  
7 manner a hazard to other users of the highway.

8 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1906 is hereby repealed.

9 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
10 publication in the statute book.