AN ACT concerning the uniform act regulating traffic; relating to height, weight and length of vehicles and loads; exceptions to maximums; amending K.S.A. 8-1905 and 8-1909 and K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 8-1904 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 8-1904 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1904. (a) No vehicle including any load thereon shall exceed a height of 14 feet, except that a vehicle transporting cylindrically shaped bales of hay as authorized by K.S.A. 8-1902(e), and amendments thereto, may be loaded with such bales secured to a height not exceeding 14 1/2 feet. Should a vehicle so loaded with bales strike any overpass or other obstacle, the operator of the vehicle shall be liable for all damages resulting therefrom. The secretary of transportation may adopt rules and regulations for the movement of such loads of cylindrically shaped bales of hay.

(b) No motor vehicle including the load thereon shall exceed a length of 45 feet extreme overall dimension, excluding the front and rear bumpers, except as provided in subsection (d).

(c) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 8-1914 and 8-1915, and amendments thereto, and subsections (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) and (i), no combination of vehicles coupled together shall exceed a total length of 65 feet.

(d) The length limitations in subsection (b) shall not apply to a truck tractor. No semitrailer which is being operated in combination with a truck tractor shall exceed 59 1/2 feet in length. No semitrailer or trailer which is being operated in a combination consisting of a truck tractor, semitrailer and trailer shall exceed 28 1/2 feet in length.

(e) The limitations in this section governing maximum length of a semitrailer or trailer shall not apply to vehicles operating in the daytime when transporting poles, pipe, machinery or other objects of a structural nature which cannot readily be dismembered, except that it shall be unlawful to operate any such vehicle or combination of vehicles which exceeds a total length of 85 feet unless a special permit for such operation has been issued by the secretary of transportation or by an agent or designee of the secretary pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1911, and amendments
thereto. For the purpose of authorizing the issuance of such special permits
at motor carrier inspection stations, the secretary of transportation may
contract with the superintendent of the Kansas highway patrol for such
purpose, and in such event, the superintendent or any designee of the
superintendent may issue such special permit pursuant to the terms and
conditions of the contract. The limitations in this section shall not apply to
vehicles transporting such objects operated at nighttime by a public utility
when required for emergency repair of public service facilities or
properties or when operated under special permit as provided in K.S.A. 8-1911, and amendments thereto, but in respect to such night transportation
every such vehicle and the load thereon shall be equipped with a sufficient
number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker lamps upon the
extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of
such load.

(f) The limitations of this section governing the maximum length of
combinations of vehicles shall not apply to a combination of vehicles
consisting of a truck tractor towing a house trailer, if such combination of
vehicles does not exceed an overall length of 97 feet.

(g) The length limitations of this section shall not apply to stinger-
steered automobile or boat transporters or one truck and one trailer vehicle
combination, loaded or unloaded, used in transporting a combine, forage
cutter or combine header to be engaged in farm custom harvesting
operations, as defined in K.S.A. 8-143j(d), and amendments thereto. A
stinger-steered automobile or boat transporter or one truck and one trailer
vehicle combination, loaded or unloaded, used in transporting a combine,
forage cutter or combine header to be engaged in farm custom harvesting
operations, as defined in K.S.A. 8-143j(d), and amendments thereto, shall
not exceed an overall length limit of 75 feet, exclusive of front and rear
overhang. A stinger-steered automobile transporter shall not exceed an
overall length limit of 80 feet, exclusive of front and rear overhang.

(h) The length limitations of this section shall not apply to drive-away
saddlemount or drive-away saddlemount with fullmount vehicle
transporter combination. A drive-away saddlemount or drive-away
saddlemount with fullmount vehicle transporter combination shall not
exceed an extreme overall dimension of 97 feet.

(i) The length limitations of this section shall not apply to a one
truck-tractor two trailer combination or one truck-tractor two semitrailer
trailer combination used in transporting equipment utilized by custom
harvesters under contract to agricultural producers to harvest wheat,
soybeans and or milo, during the months of May through November, but the length of the property-carrying units,
excluding load, shall not exceed 81 1/2 feet.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1905 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1905.
(a) The load upon any vehicle operated alone, or the load upon the front vehicle of a combination of vehicles, shall not extend more than three (3) feet beyond the front wheels of such vehicle or the front bumper of such vehicle if it is equipped with a bumper.

(b) Any vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting passenger vehicles or other motor vehicles may carry a load which extends no more than three (3) four feet beyond the front and four (4) six feet beyond the rear of the transporting vehicle or combination of vehicles.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-1909 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1909. (a) No vehicle or combination of vehicles shall be moved or operated on any highway when the gross weight on two or more consecutive axles exceeds the limitations prescribed in the following table:

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except that two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross
load of 34,000 pounds each if the overall distance between the first and
last axles is 36 feet or more.

(1) The gross weight on any one axle of a vehicle shall not exceed
the limits prescribed in K.S.A. 8-1908, and amendments thereto.

(2) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (e), for vehicles and
combinations of vehicles on the interstate system the table in this
section shall not authorize a maximum gross weight of more than
80,000 pounds.

(3) The table in this section shall not apply to truck tractor and
dump semitrailer or truck trailer combination when such are used as
a combination unit exclusively for the transportation of sand, salt for
highway maintenance operations, gravel, slag stone, limestone,
crushed stone, cinders, coal, blacktop, dirt or fill material, when such
vehicles are used for transportation to a construction site, highway
maintenance or construction project or other storage facility, except
that such vehicles or combination of vehicles shall not be exempted
from any application of the table as may be required to determine
applicable axle weights for triple and quad axles as defined in K.S.A.
8-1908, and amendments thereto. As used in this subpart paragraph (3),
the term "dump semitrailer" means any semitrailer designed in such a
way as to divest itself of the load carried thereon.

(b) Any vehicle registered under the laws of this state which
vehicle is designed and used primarily for the transportation of
property or for the transportation of 10 or more persons may, at the
time of its registration, be subjected by the director of vehicles to
investigation or test as may be necessary to enable such director to
determine whether such vehicle may safely be operated upon the
highways in compliance with all provisions of this act. Every such
vehicle shall meet the following requirements:

(1) It shall be equipped with brakes as required in K.S.A. 8-1734,
and amendments thereto.

(2) Every motor vehicle to be operated outside of business and
residence districts shall have motive power adequate to propel such
vehicle and any load thereon or to be drawn thereby, at a speed which
will not impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of
traffic. Exception to this requirement shall be recognized when
reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or when a vehicle or
combination of vehicles is necessarily or in compliance with law or
police direction proceeding at reduced speed.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle or
combination of vehicles with a gross weight in excess of the limitations
set forth in article 19 of chapter 8 of Kansas Statutes Annotated, and
amendments thereto, except as provided in K.S.A. 8-1911, and
amendments thereto.

(d) As used in this section, "interstate system" means the national
system of interstate and defense highways.

(e) A vehicle, if operated by an engine fueled primarily by natural
gas, may exceed any vehicle weight limit under this section, up to a
maximum gross vehicle weight of 82,000 pounds, by an amount that is
equal to the difference between:

(1) The weight of the vehicle attributable to the natural gas tank and
fueling system carried by that vehicle; and

(2) the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 8-1905 and 8-1909 and K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 8-1904
are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
publication in the Kansas register.