

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2257

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-5-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

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10 63-5-33. (1) Subject to the limitations imposed on wheel
11 and axle loads by Section 63-5-27, and to the further limitations
12 hereinafter specified, the total combined weight (vehicles plus
13 load) on any group of axles of a vehicle or a combination of
14 vehicles shall not exceed the value given in the following table
15 (Table III) corresponding to the distance in feet between the
16 extreme axles of the group, measured longitudinally to the nearest
17 foot, on those highways or parts of highways designated by the
18 Mississippi Transportation Commission as being capable of carrying
19 the maximum load limits and, in addition thereto, such other
20 highways or parts of highways found by the commission to be
21 suitable to carry the maximum load limits from an engineering
22 standpoint, and so designated as such by order of the commission
23 entered upon its minutes and published once each week for three

(3) consecutive weeks in a daily newspaper published in this state and having a general circulation therein. The maximum total combined weight carried on any group of two (2) or more consecutive axles shall be determined by the formula contained in the Federal Weight Law enacted January 4, 1975, as follows: $W = 500 \left(\frac{L}{N-1} + 12N + 36 \right)$ where W=maximum weight in pounds carried on any group of two (2) or more axles computed to the nearest five hundred (500) pounds, L=distance in feet between the extremes of any group of two (2) or more consecutive axles, and N=number of axles in any group under consideration.

TABLE III

DISTANCE

IN FEET

BETWEEN THE

EXTREMES OF

ANY GROUP

OF 2 OR MORE

CONSECUTIVE

AXLES

MAXIMUM LOAD IN POUNDS CARRIED ON ANY

GROUP OF 2 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE AXLES

	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles	7 axles
4	34,000					
5	34,000					
6	34,000					
7	34,000					
8 and						
less	34,000	34,000	these spacings			

50	More					
51	than					
52	8	38,000	42,000			
53	9	39,000	42,500			
54	10	40,000	43,500	impractical		
55	11		44,000			
56	12		45,000	50,000		
57	13		45,500	50,500		
58	14		46,500	51,500		
59	15		47,000	52,000		
60	16		48,000	52,500	58,000	
61	17		48,500	53,500	58,500	
62	18		49,500	54,000	59,000	
63	19		50,000	54,500	60,000	
64	20		51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000
65	21		51,500	56,000	61,000	66,500
66	22		52,500	56,500	61,500	67,000
67	23		53,000	57,500	62,500	68,000
68	24		54,000	58,000	63,000	68,500 74,000
69	25		54,500	58,500	63,500	69,000 74,500
70	26		55,500	59,500	64,000	69,500 75,000
71	27		56,000	60,000	65,000	70,000 75,500
72	28		57,000	60,500	65,500	71,000 76,500
73	29		57,500	61,500	66,000	71,500 77,000
74	30		58,500	62,000	66,500	72,000 77,500
75	31		59,000	62,500	67,500	72,500 78,000

76	32	60,000	63,500	68,000	73,000	78,500
77	33		64,000	68,500	74,000	79,000
78	34		64,500	69,000	74,500	80,000
79	35		65,500	70,000	75,000	80,000
80	36		66,000	70,500	75,500	80,000
81	37		66,500	71,000	76,000	80,000
82	38		67,500	71,500	77,000	80,000
83	39		68,000	72,500	77,500	80,000
84	40		68,500	73,000	78,000	80,000
85	41		69,500	73,500	78,500	80,000
86	42		70,000	74,000	79,000	80,000
87	43		70,500	75,000	80,000	80,000
88	44		71,500	75,500	80,000	80,000
89	45		72,000	76,000	80,000	80,000
90	46		72,500	76,500	80,000	80,000
91	47		73,500	77,500	80,000	80,000
92	48		74,000	78,000	80,000	80,000
93	49		74,500	78,500	80,000	80,000
94	50		75,500	79,000	80,000	80,000
95	51		76,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
96	52		76,500	80,000	80,000	80,000
97	53		77,500	80,000	80,000	80,000
98	54		78,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
99	55		78,500	80,000	80,000	80,000
100	56		79,500	80,000	80,000	80,000
101	57		80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000

102 (2) Moreover, in addition to the per axle weight limitations
103 specified by Section 63-5-27, two (2) consecutive sets of tandem
104 axles may carry a gross load of thirty-four thousand (34,000)
105 pounds each, providing that the overall distance between the first
106 and last axles of such consecutive sets of tandem axles is
107 thirty-six (36) feet or more, except that, until September 1,
108 1989, the axle distance for tank trailers, dump trailers and ocean
109 transport container haulers may be thirty (30) feet or more. Such
110 overall gross weight may not exceed eighty thousand (80,000)
111 pounds, except as provided by this section.

112 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 63-5-27 and/or
113 Section 63-5-29 to the contrary, vehicles hauling products in the
114 manner set forth in this subsection, whether or not such vehicles
115 are operating with a harvest permit, shall be allowed a gross
116 weight of not to exceed forty thousand (40,000) pounds on any
117 tandem. Vehicles operating without a harvest permit shall be
118 allowed a tolerance not to exceed five percent (5%) above their
119 authorized gross vehicle weight, tandem or axle weight; except
120 that the maximum gross vehicle weight of any such vehicle shall
121 not exceed eighty thousand (80,000) pounds plus a tolerance
122 thereon of not more than two percent (2%). Vehicles operating
123 without a harvest permit loading at a point of origin having
124 scales available for weighing the vehicle shall not be eligible
125 for any tolerance over the gross weight limit of eighty thousand
126 (80,000) pounds. Vehicles operating with a harvest permit shall
127 be allowed a tolerance not to exceed ten percent (10%) above their

128 authorized gross vehicle weight, tandem or axle weight, but the
129 maximum gross vehicle weight of any such vehicle shall not exceed
130 eighty-eight thousand (88,000) pounds. However, neither the
131 increased weights in this subsection nor any tolerance shall be
132 allowed on federal interstate highways or on other highways where
133 a tolerance is specifically prohibited by the Transportation
134 Commission, the county board of supervisors or the municipal
135 governing authorities as provided for in Section 63-5-27. The
136 tolerance allowed by this subsection shall only apply to the
137 operation of vehicles from the point of loading to the point of
138 unloading for processing, and to the operation of vehicles hauling
139 sand, gravel, woodchips, wood shavings, sawdust, fill dirt, and
140 agricultural products, and products for recycling or materials for
141 the construction or repair of highways. The range of such
142 operation shall not exceed a radius of one hundred (100) miles
143 except where the products are being transported for processing
144 within this state.

145 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 63-5-27 and/or
146 Section 63-5-29 to the contrary, vehicles hauling prepackaged
147 products, unloaded at a state port or to be loaded at a state
148 port, which are containerized in such a manner as to make
149 subdivision thereof impractical shall be allowed a gross weight of
150 not to exceed forty thousand (40,000) pounds on any tandem, and a
151 tolerance not to exceed ten percent (10%) above their authorized
152 gross weight, tandem or axle weight; except that the maximum
153 weight of any vehicle shall not exceed eighty thousand (80,000)

pounds plus a tolerance thereon of not more than two percent (2%); however, neither the increased weights in this subsection nor any tolerance shall be allowed on federal interstate highways or on other highways where a tolerance is specifically prohibited by the Transportation Commission, the county board of supervisors or the municipal governing authorities as provided for in Section 63-5-27.

(5) (a) Vehicles for which a harvest permit has been issued pursuant to Section 27-19-81(4) shall be allowed a gross vehicle weight tolerance of ten percent (10%), not to exceed eighty-eight thousand (88,000) pounds. However, the board of supervisors of any county and the governing authorities of any municipality may designate the roads, streets and highways under their respective jurisdiction on and along which vehicles for which a harvest permit has been issued may travel. This subsection shall not apply to the federal interstate system.

(b) Any owner or operator who has been issued a harvest permit and who wishes to operate a vehicle on the roads, streets or highways under the jurisdiction of a county or municipality at a gross vehicle weight greater than the weight allowed by law or greater than the maximum weight established for such roads, streets or highways by the board of supervisors or municipal governing authorities, shall notify, in writing, the board of supervisors or the governing authorities, as the case may be, before operating such vehicle on the roads, streets or highways of such county or municipality. In * * * the notice, the permit

holder shall identify the routes over which * * * the permit
holder intends to operate vehicles for which the permit has been
issued and the dates or time period during which * * * the person
will be operating such vehicles. The board of supervisors or the
governing authorities, as the case may be, shall have two (2)
working days to respond in writing to the permit holder to notify
the permit holder of the routes on and along which the permit
holder may operate vehicles for which a harvest permit has been
issued. Failure of the board of supervisors or the governing
authorities timely to notify the permit holder and to designate
the routes on and along which the permit holder may operate shall
be considered as authorizing the permit holder to operate on any
of the roads, streets or highways of the county or municipality in
accordance with the authority granted to the permit holder by the
harvest permit.

(c) Any time a timber deed is filed with the chancery
clerk, the grantee, at that time, may make a written request of
the board of supervisors of the county or the governing
authorities of the municipality, as the case may be, for the
purpose of providing to the grantee, within three (3) working days
of the filing of the request, a designated and approved route over
the roads, streets or highways under the jurisdiction of the
county or city, as the case may be, that the grantee may travel
for the purpose of transporting harvested timber. Upon providing
such route designation, the county or city, as the case may be,
shall also provide to the grantee a map designating the approved

route. An approved route designation provided to a grantee under the provisions of this paragraph shall be valid for a period of six (6) months from its date of issue. The permit authorized to be issued under paragraph (b) of this subsection shall not be required for any person who obtains a permit issued under this paragraph.

(d) This subsection (5) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, * * * 2028.

(6) Nothing in this section or subsections (1) through (4) of Section 63-5-27 shall be construed to deny the operation of any vehicle or combination of vehicles that could be lawfully operated upon the interstate highway system of this state on January 4, 1975.

(7) (a) Notwithstanding any provisions of Section 63-5-27 to the contrary, a vehicle that is operated by an engine fueled primarily by compressed or liquefied natural gas may exceed the gross vehicle weight limits by an amount, not to exceed a maximum of two thousand (2,000) pounds, that is equal to the difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable to the natural gas tank and fueling system carried by the vehicle and the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system.

(b) The weight exception provided in this subsection shall apply to all interstate highways per the exemption expressly permitted by 23 USC Section 127.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2025.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-5-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE PROVISIONS OF LAW THAT
3 PROVIDE FOR THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT OF HARVEST PERMIT VEHICLES AND
4 REQUIRE CERTAIN HARVEST PERMIT HOLDERS TO GET PRIOR APPROVAL FOR
5 THEIR ROUTES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives