
HOUSE BILL No. 1187

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-20.

Synopsis: Recreational vehicles and special permits. Permits a recreational vehicle not longer than 45 feet to operate on a highway. Permits a noncommercial recreational vehicle with appurtenances to exceed the maximum width limitation of 102 inches under certain circumstances. Changes the responsibility for granting permits for transporting heavy vehicles and loads and oversized vehicles from the Indiana department of transportation to the department of state revenue. Authorizes the department of state revenue to issue annual permits to manufacturers of recreational vehicles that exceed the maximum width of 102 inches for transport from the manufacturing facility to the person taking title of the vehicle.

Effective: July 1, 2000.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-20-3-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 2. (a) The maximum width
- 3 limitation, except width exclusive devices in accordance with 23 CFR
- 4 658.15 or United States Public Law 98-17, is eight (8) feet, six (6)
- 5 inches.
- 6 (b) The width limits in subsection (a) do not apply to **the following:**
- 7 (1) Machinery or equipment used in utility construction or
- 8 maintenance if the violation is the result of oversize tires.
- 9 (2) **A noncommercial recreational vehicle with appurtenances**
- 10 **that make the vehicle wider than the maximum width**
- 11 **limitation described in subsection (a), if:**
- 12 (A) **the appurtenances do not extend beyond the exterior**
- 13 **rear view mirrors of the recreational vehicle; and**
- 14 (B) **the exterior rear view mirrors extend to only the**
- 15 **distance necessary to afford the required field of view for**
- 16 **the vehicle before the appurtenances were attached to the**
- 17 **vehicle.**



1 SECTION 2. IC 9-20-3-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 4. A single vehicle operated under
 3 the vehicle's own motive power may not exceed a length of forty (40)
 4 feet, except length exclusive devices in accordance with 23 CFR
 5 658.13. However:

- 6 (1) a recreational vehicle may not exceed ~~forty (40)~~ **forty-five**
 7 **(45)** feet;
 8 (2) a vehicle used by railroad companies to transport steel rails in
 9 connection with a railroad construction, reconstruction, or
 10 maintenance project may not exceed forty (40) feet;
 11 (3) a bus is subject to IC 9-20-8-2; and
 12 (4) a single vehicle equipped with permanently installed
 13 specialized equipment used for lifting, reaching, pumping, or
 14 spraying is allowed an additional five (5) feet for overhang of the
 15 equipment. An allowable overhang may not be used to transport
 16 cargo.

17 SECTION 3. IC 9-20-6-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 2. (a) The ~~Indiana~~ department of
 19 ~~transportation state revenue~~ or local authority that:

- 20 (1) has jurisdiction over a highway or street; and
 21 (2) is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the highway
 22 or street;

23 may, upon proper application in writing and upon good cause shown,
 24 grant a permit for transporting heavy vehicles and loads or other
 25 objects not conforming to this article if the department or authority
 26 finds that other traffic will not be seriously affected and the highway or
 27 bridge will not be seriously damaged.

28 (b) A permit may be issued under this section for the following:

- 29 (1) A single trip.
 30 (2) A definite time not exceeding thirty (30) days.
 31 (3) A ninety (90) day period.
 32 (4) A one (1) year period.

33 SECTION 4. IC 9-20-6-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 34 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 3. An annual toll road gate permit
 35 also may be issued by the ~~Indiana~~ department of ~~transportation state~~
 36 ~~revenue~~ to a commercial motor vehicle for the pulling of a
 37 combination unit that meets the size and weight standards for Indiana
 38 toll roads, prescribed by the ~~Indiana~~ department of ~~transportation state~~
 39 ~~revenue~~. The annual permit may not be issued for a distance greater
 40 than fifteen (15) total miles to or from a gate of the toll road and is
 41 valid only when used in conjunction with toll road travel.

42 SECTION 5. IC 9-20-6-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS



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1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 4. (a) The ~~Indiana~~ department of
 2 **transportation state revenue** or an agency or a political subdivision
 3 authorized by this article to grant permits to operate tractor-mobile
 4 home rigs or permits for transporting heavy or oversize vehicles, loads,
 5 or other objects not conforming to this article may issue emergency
 6 permits to operate in or through Indiana without regard to IC 9-20-14-2
 7 to a person during the period that the following conditions exist:

8 (1) A state of disaster emergency has been declared by the
 9 governor under IC 10-4-1-7.

10 (2) A state of emergency has been declared by the federal
 11 government for an area outside Indiana.

12 (3) The granting of emergency permits reasonably can be
 13 expected to provide relief of the conditions causing the
 14 declaration of the state of emergency.

15 (b) The ~~Indiana~~ department of ~~transportation~~, **state revenue**, an
 16 agency, or a political subdivision shall regulate movements by
 17 emergency permits to avoid undue hazards.

18 SECTION 6. IC 9-20-6-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 19 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 6. (a) The ~~Indiana~~ department of
 20 **transportation state revenue** or local unit authorized to issue permits
 21 under this chapter may issue permits for:

22 (1) transporting semitrailers or trailers designed to be used with
 23 semitrailers that exceed the width and length limitations imposed
 24 under this article; **and**

25 (2) **commercial recreational vehicles that exceed the**
 26 **maximum width limitation set forth in IC 9-20-3-2;**

27 from the manufacturing facility to the person taking title to the vehicle,
 28 including any other destination in the marketing cycle.

29 (b) A permit issued under this section may designate the route to be
 30 traversed and may contain any other restrictions or conditions required
 31 for the safe movement of the vehicle.

32 (c) A permit issued to the manufacturer under this section must be
 33 applied for and reissued annually after the permit's initial issuance.

34 (d) A limit is not imposed on the number of movements generated
 35 by a manufacturer that is issued an annual permit under this section.

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