

**HOUSE** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMENDMENT NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Offered By**

1 AMEND Senate Bill No. 611, Page 1, Title, Line 2, by deleting the word “the” on said line; and

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3 Further amend said bill, page, and title, Lines 3-4 by deleting all of said lines and inserting in lieu  
4 thereof the following:

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6 “motor vehicle operation.”; and

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8 Further amend said bill and page, Section A, Line 2, by inserting after all of said section and line  
9 the following:

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11 “304.180. 1. No vehicle or combination of vehicles shall be moved or operated on any  
12 highway in this state having a greater weight than twenty thousand pounds on one axle, no  
13 combination of vehicles operated by transporters of general freight over regular routes as defined  
14 in section 390.020 shall be moved or operated on any highway of this state having a greater  
15 weight than the vehicle manufacturer's rating on a steering axle with the maximum weight not to  
16 exceed twelve thousand pounds on a steering axle, and no vehicle shall be moved or operated on  
17 any state highway of this state having a greater weight than thirty-four thousand pounds on any  
18 tandem axle; the term "tandem axle" shall mean a group of two or more axles, arranged one  
19 behind another, the distance between the extremes of which is more than forty inches and not  
20 more than ninety-six inches apart.

21 2. An "axle load" is defined as the total load transmitted to the road by all wheels whose  
22 centers are included between two parallel transverse vertical planes forty inches apart, extending  
23 across the full width of the vehicle.

24 3. Subject to the limit upon the weight imposed upon a highway of this state through any  
25 one axle or on any tandem axle, the total gross weight with load imposed by any group of two or  
26 more consecutive axles of any vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not exceed the maximum  
27 load in pounds as set forth in the following table:

Distance in feet between the extremes of any group of two or more consecutive axles, measured to the nearest foot, except where indicated otherwise	Maximum load in pounds					
	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles	
4	34,000					
5	34,000					
6	34,000					
7	34,000					
8	34,000	34,000				
More than 8	38,000	42,000				
9	39,000	42,500				
10	40,000	43,500				
11	40,000	44,000				
12	40,000	45,000	50,000			
13	40,000	45,500	50,500			
14	40,000	46,500	51,500			
15	40,000	47,000	52,000			
16	40,000	48,000	52,500	58,000		
17	40,000	48,500	53,500	58,500		
18	40,000	49,500	54,000	59,000		
19	40,000	50,000	54,500	60,000		
20	40,000	51,000	55,500	60,500	66,000	
21	40,000	51,500	56,000	61,000	66,500	
22	40,000	52,500	56,500	61,500	67,000	
23	40,000	53,000	57,500	62,500	68,000	
24	40,000	54,000	58,000	63,000	68,500	
25	40,000	54,500	58,500	63,500	69,000	
26	40,000	55,500	59,500	64,000	69,500	
27	40,000	56,000	60,000	65,000	70,000	
28	40,000	57,000	60,500	65,500	71,000	
29	40,000	57,500	61,500	66,000	71,500	
30	40,000	58,500	62,000	66,500	72,000	

1	31	40,000	59,000	62,500	67,500	72,500
2	32	40,000	60,000	63,500	68,000	73,000
3	33	40,000	60,000	64,000	68,500	74,000
4	34	40,000	60,000	64,500	69,000	74,500
5	35	40,000	60,000	65,500	70,000	75,000
6	36	60,000	66,000	70,500	75,500	
7	37	60,000	66,500	71,000	76,000	
8	38	60,000	67,500	72,000	77,000	
9	39	60,000	68,000	72,500	77,500	
10	40	60,000	68,500	73,000	78,000	
11	41	60,000	69,500	73,500	78,500	
12	42	60,000	70,000	74,000	79,000	
13	43	60,000	70,500	75,000	80,000	
14	44	60,000	71,500	75,500	80,000	
15	45	60,000	72,000	76,000	80,000	
16	46	60,000	72,500	76,500	80,000	
17	47	60,000	73,500	77,500	80,000	
18	48	60,000	74,000	78,000	80,000	
19	49	60,000	74,500	78,500	80,000	
20	50	60,000	75,500	79,000	80,000	
21	51	60,000	76,000	80,000	80,000	
22	52	60,000	76,500	80,000	80,000	
23	53	60,000	77,500	80,000	80,000	
24	54	60,000	78,000	80,000	80,000	
25	55	60,000	78,500	80,000	80,000	
26	56	60,000	79,500	80,000	80,000	
27	57	60,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	

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29 Notwithstanding the above table, two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of  
30 thirty-four thousand pounds each if the overall distance between the first and last axles of such  
31 consecutive sets of tandem axles is thirty-six feet or more.

32 4. Whenever the state highways and transportation commission finds that any state  
33 highway bridge in the state is in such a condition that use of such bridge by vehicles of the  
34 weights specified in subsection 3 of this section will endanger the bridge, or the users of the  
35 bridge, the commission may establish maximum weight limits and speed limits for vehicles using  
36 such bridge. The governing body of any city or county may grant authority by act or ordinance to

1 the state highways and transportation commission to enact the limitations established in this  
2 section on those roadways within the purview of such city or county. Notice of the weight limits  
3 and speed limits established by the commission shall be given by posting signs at a conspicuous  
4 place at each end of any such bridge.

5 5. Nothing in this section shall be construed as permitting lawful axle loads, tandem axle  
6 loads or gross loads in excess of those permitted under the provisions of Section 127 of Title 23 of  
7 the United States Code.

8 6. Notwithstanding the weight limitations contained in this section, any vehicle or  
9 combination of vehicles operating on highways other than the interstate highway system may  
10 exceed single axle, tandem axle and gross weight limitations in an amount not to exceed two  
11 thousand pounds. However, total gross weight shall not exceed eighty thousand pounds, except as  
12 provided in subsection 9 of this section.

13 7. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the department of  
14 transportation shall issue a single-use special permit, or upon request of the owner of the truck or  
15 equipment, shall issue an annual permit, for the transporting of any concrete pump truck or  
16 well-drillers' equipment. The department of transportation shall set fees for the issuance of  
17 permits pursuant to this subsection. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 301.133, concrete  
18 pump trucks or well-drillers' equipment may be operated on state-maintained roads and highways  
19 at any time on any day.

20 8. Notwithstanding the provision of this section to the contrary, the maximum gross  
21 vehicle limit and axle weight limit for any vehicle or combination of vehicles equipped with an  
22 idle reduction technology may be increased by a quantity necessary to compensate for the  
23 additional weight of the idle reduction system as provided for in 23 U.S.C. Section 127, as  
24 amended. In no case shall the additional weight increase allowed by this subsection be greater  
25 than four hundred pounds. Upon request by an appropriate law enforcement officer, the vehicle  
26 operator shall provide proof that the idle reduction technology is fully functional at all times and  
27 that the gross weight increase is not used for any purpose other than for the use of idle reduction  
28 technology.

29 9. Notwithstanding subsection 3 of this section or any other provision of law to the  
30 contrary, the total gross weight of any vehicle or combination of vehicles hauling livestock may  
31 be as much as, but shall not exceed, eighty-five thousand five hundred pounds while operating on  
32 U.S. Highway 36 from St. Joseph to U.S. Highway 65, and on U.S. Highway 65 from the Iowa  
33 state line to U.S. Highway 36.

34 10. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other law to the contrary, the  
35 department of transportation shall issue emergency utility response permits for the transporting of  
36 utility wires or cables, poles, and equipment needed for repair work immediately following a

1 disaster where utility service has been disrupted. Under exigent circumstances, verbal approval of  
2 such operation may be made either by the motor carrier compliance supervisor or other designated  
3 motor carrier services representative. Utility vehicles and equipment used to assist utility  
4 companies granted special permits under this subsection may be operated and transported on  
5 state-maintained roads and highways at any time on any day. The department of transportation  
6 shall promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section. Any  
7 rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the  
8 authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to  
9 all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter  
10 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to  
11 chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are  
12 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed  
13 or adopted after August 28, 2012, shall be invalid and void.”; and

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15 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
16 accordingly.