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## **SB1376: vehicle loads; restrictions**

**Sponsor: Senator Bolick, LD 2**

**Transmitted to the Governor**

### **Overview**

Applies vehicle load restrictions to a street or roadway.

### **History**

Statute outlines that a person must not drive or move a vehicle on a highway unless the vehicle is constructed or loaded in a manner to prevent any of its load from dropping, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping from the vehicle, except the following are permitted:

- 1) sufficient sand may be dropped to secure traction;
- 2) water or another substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining the roadway; and
- 3) minor pieces of agricultural materials such as leaves and stems from agricultural loads.

A person must not operate a vehicle on a highway with a load unless the load and any covering on the load are securely fastened in a manner to prevent the covering or load from becoming loose, detached or in any manner a hazard to other users of the highway.

If a person is found in violation of the outlined vehicle load restrictions but does not cause any damage or injury, for the person's first violation in a 60-month period the person is subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$250. For a second or subsequent violation in a 60-month period, the person is subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$350. If the violation results in an accident-causing serious physical injury to another person, the person is subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$500. If the violation results in an accident causing the death of another person, the person is subject to a civil penalty of no more than \$1,000 ([A.R.S. § 28-1098](#)).

### **Provisions**

#### ***Vehicle Load Restrictions***

1. Expands vehicle load restrictions to apply to a *street or roadway*. (Sec. 1)
2. Exempts a vehicle from vehicle load restrictions when the vehicle is being used for agricultural purposes on a farm. (Sec. 1)
3. Broadens the exemption from vehicle load restrictions for a vehicle on a highway, street or roadway that has minor pieces of agricultural material, such as leaves and stems, escaping the vehicle from *agricultural equipment*. (Sec. 1)
4. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1)

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