

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 942

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending Section  
8 1, Chapter 53, O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020,  
9 Section 14-126), which relates to high-wide routes;  
10 requiring certain contact information be provided to  
11 Department of Transportation; requiring information  
be posted on Department website; requiring  
information be updated annually; providing an  
effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 53, O.S.L. 2018  
15 (47 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 14-126), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 14-126. A. As used in this section:

17 1. "Affected area" means the entire width of the right-of-way  
18 of the route extended to a height of twenty-three (23) feet above  
19 the roadway;

20 2. "High-wide load" means a motor vehicle transporting property  
21 on any portion of a route where the vehicle exceeds the limitations  
22 on size imposed by Section 14-103 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma  
23 Statutes and no portion of the motor vehicle or the transported  
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1 property has a greater width than twenty-eight (28) feet or a  
2 greater height than twenty-three (23) feet; and

3 3. "Political subdivision" means a city, village, town or  
4 county.

5 B. The following routes through Oklahoma are designated as  
6 Oklahoma high-wide corridors:

7 1. US-83, commencing at the Texas border and ending at the  
8 Kansas border; and

9 2. a. commencing at the intersection of US-83 and US-270,  
10 proceeding east on US-270 to SH-51,

11 b. at the intersection of US-270 and SH-51, proceeding  
12 east on SH-51 to US-77,

13 c. at the intersection of SH-51 and US-77, proceeding  
14 north on US-77 to US-64,

15 d. at the intersection of US-77 and US-64, proceeding  
16 east on US-64 to SH-108,

17 e. at the intersection of US-64 and SH-108, proceeding  
18 south on SH-108 to SH-51,

19 f. at the intersection of SH-108 and SH-51, proceeding  
20 east on SH-51 to SH-97, and

21 g. at the intersection of SH-51 and SH-97, proceeding  
22 north on SH-97 and ending at East 21st Street; and

23 3. a. commencing at the intersection of SH-51 and SH-99,  
24 proceeding north on SH-99 to US-60,

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b. at the intersection of SH-99 and US-60, proceeding west on US-60 to SH-18, and

c. at the intersection of US-60 and SH-18, proceeding north on SH-18 and ending at the Kansas border; and

4. a. US-169, commencing at the Kansas border and proceeding south on US-169 to SH-266, and

b. at the intersection of US-169 and SH-266, proceeding east on SH-266 and ending at SH-66; and

5. a. commencing at the intersection of SH-51 and SH-351, proceeding south and east on SH-51 to US-69,

b. at the intersection of SH-51 and US-69, proceeding north on US-69 to US-60, and

c. at the intersection of US-69 and US-60 (2.5 mi. NE of Afton), proceeding east on US-60 and ending at the Arkansas border; and

6. US-183, commencing at the Texas border and proceeding north on US-183 and ending at the intersection of SH-51; and

7. a. commencing at the intersection of US-183 and SH-9, proceeding east on SH-9 to SH-146,

b. at the intersection of SH-9 and SH-146, proceeding north on SH-146 to SH-152,

c. at the intersection of SH-146 and SH-152, proceeding east on SH-152 to US-81,

- 1 d. at the intersection of SH-152 and US-81, proceeding  
2 south on US-81 to SH-37,  
3 e. at the intersection of US-81 and SH-37, proceeding  
4 east on SH-37 to SH-4,  
5 f. at the intersection of SH-37 and SH-4, proceeding  
6 north on SH-4 to SH-152, and  
7 g. at the intersection of SH-152 and SH-4, proceeding  
8 east on SH-152 and ending at MacArthur Boulevard; and  
9 8. a. commencing at the intersection of US-270 and US-412,  
10 proceeding east on US-412 to SH-132,  
11 b. at the intersection of US-412 and SH-132, proceeding  
12 north on SH-132 to SH-45,  
13 c. at the intersection of SH-132 and SH-45, proceeding  
14 east on SH-45 to US-64,  
15 d. at the intersection of SH-45 and US-64, proceeding  
16 north on US-64 to US-60,  
17 e. at the intersection of US-64 and US-60, proceeding  
18 east on US-60 to SH-74,  
19 f. at the intersection of US-60 and SH-74, proceeding  
20 south on SH-74 to SH-15,  
21 g. at the intersection of SH-74 and SH-15, proceeding  
22 east on SH-15 to US-77,  
23 h. at the intersection of SH-15 and US-77, proceeding  
24 south on US-77 to SH-15,

- i. at the intersection of US-77 and SH-15, proceeding east on SH-15 to US-177,
- j. at the intersection of SH-15 and US-177, proceeding south on US-177 to US-64,
- k. at the intersection of US-177 and US-64, proceeding east on US-64 to SH-108, and
- l. at the intersection of US-64 and SH-108, proceeding south on SH-108 and ending at SH-51.

C. No person shall operate a high-wide load on the route described without a permit from the Department of Public Safety.

D. Exclusive of incorporated municipal limits, no person may install any structure within the affected area without a permit from the Department of Transportation.

E. Upon the effective date of this section, and exclusive of incorporated municipal limits, no person may do any of the following within the affected area:

1. Install any permanent structure without the authorization of the Department of Transportation; or
2. Take any action that would make any portion of the affected area permanently unavailable for use by a high-wide load.

F. The Department of Transportation shall create additional design standards for improvements to the Oklahoma high-wide routes to prevent interference from permanent structures. These standards shall:

1 1. Maintain a minimum eighteen feet and zero inches (18'-0")  
2 vertical clearance above the road surface for all future overhead  
3 obstructions. Where bridges cross over the Oklahoma high-wide  
4 routes, they shall be designed, where possible, to allow for high-  
5 wide loads to quickly egress and ingress around the bridge utilizing  
6 on- and off-ramps;

7 2. Require all future overhead signage to be of cantilever  
8 design, where possible, to allow high-wide loads to shift lanes to  
9 prevent interference; and

10 3. Require all future bridge design or construction on the  
11 Oklahoma high-wide routes to accommodate a three hundred fifteen  
12 thousand (315,000) pound gross vehicle weight, single-lane design  
13 vehicle.

14 G. Any political subdivision that requires a local permit for  
15 travel on any Oklahoma high-wide corridor located inside its  
16 jurisdictional boundary shall provide proper contact information to  
17 the Department of Transportation including but not limited to:

18 1. The jurisdiction the person represents;

19 2. The title of the person responsible for permit applications;

20 3. The current email address for the person responsible for  
21 permit applications;

22 4. The current phone number where the person responsible for  
23 permit applications can be reached during normal business hours; and  
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1        5. A list of the current normal business hours for the person  
2 responsible for permit applications.

3        The information required by this subsection shall be posted on  
4 the Department's website. The Department shall update all  
5 information annually.

6        H. Political subdivisions in which any portion of the Oklahoma  
7 high-wide route is located shall attempt to reach agreements among  
8 the affected parties and with persons using the high-wide route for  
9 high-wide loads regarding the allocation of costs and provision of  
10 services related to removing permanent structures that interfere  
11 with the use of any portion of the affected area by high-wide loads.

12        ~~H.~~ I. Political subdivisions in which any portion of the  
13 Oklahoma high-wide route is located shall attempt to reach  
14 agreements among the affected parties and with persons using the  
15 high-wide route for high-wide loads to provide timely vehicle  
16 escorts for persons using the high-wide route for high-wide loads.

17        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.

18        SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
19 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
20 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
21 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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