

SENATE BILL 1479

By Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 4 and Title 55, Chapter 7, Part 2, relative to permits for movements of overweight and overdimensional vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-205, is amended by deleting subsection (l) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(l)

(1) Notwithstanding any other law or rule to the contrary, a special permit issued for movements of an overweight or overdimensional motor vehicle pursuant to subsection (a) shall allow for continuous movement twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, and on legal holidays as enumerated in § 15-1-101, and shall be valid for ten (10) calendar days for each single trip, except as provided in subdivision (l)(2).

(2) A special permit issued for movements described in subsection (a):

(A) Shall not allow movement on the interstate system of highways between the hours of seven o'clock a.m. (7:00 a.m.) to nine o'clock a.m. (9:00 a.m.) and four o'clock p.m. (4:00 p.m.) to six o'clock p.m. (6:00 p.m.) from Monday through Friday in counties having the following populations, according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census:

(i) Over nine hundred thousand (900,000);

(ii) Over five hundred thousand (500,000);

(iii) Not less than four hundred thirty-two thousand two hundred (432,200) nor more than four hundred thirty-two thousand three hundred (432,300); and

(iv) Not less than three hundred thirty-six thousand four hundred (336,400) nor more than three hundred thirty-six thousand five hundred (336,500); and

(B) Shall not allow movement on Saturdays and Sundays for a motor vehicle with a:

(i) Gross weight exceeding two hundred thousand pounds (200,000 lbs.);

(ii) Height exceeding fifteen feet six inches (15' 6");

(iii) Width exceeding sixteen feet (16'); or

(iv) Length exceeding eighty-five feet (85').

(3) This subsection (l) does not apply to special permits issued for movements of:

(A) Mobile homes as defined in § 55-4-402;

(B) Site-built houses; or

(C) Houseboats.

(m) For any motor vehicle issued a special permit pursuant to subsection (a) that has a truck-tractor and semitrailer combination carrying a load in excess of width or length limitations, the load shall be marked as follows for movements between one-half (1/2) hour after sunset to one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise:

(1) On each side of the projecting load, one (1) red side marker lamp, visible from the side, located so as to indicate maximum overhang; and

(2) On the rear of the projecting load:

(A) Two (2) red lamps, visible from the rear, one (1) at each side;

and

(B) Two (2) red reflectors, visible from the rear, one (1) at each side, located so as to indicate maximum width.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.