

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1479 – HB 1471

March 6, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires special permits issued for overweight or over-dimensional motor vehicles allow for continuous movement 24 hours a day, seven days a week including legal holidays. Prohibits interstate travel between 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Shelby, Davidson, Hamilton, and Knox counties. Prohibits vehicles over 200,000 pounds, 15 feet 6 inches high, 16 feet wide, and 85 feet long from moving on Saturday and Sunday. Establishes that permits will be valid for 10 calendar days for each single trip.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease State Revenue – Exceeds \$66,300/Recurring/Highway Fund

Increase State Expenditures - \$6,000/One-Time/Highway Fund

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013045): Deletes all language of the original bill. Establishes that fees for granting special permits for moving vehicles of excessive widths shall be: \$20 for excessive widths of 14 feet or under, instead of the current fees of \$10 for excessive widths of 10 feet or under; \$15 for excessive widths of over 10 feet but not more than 12 feet, and \$25 for excessive widths of over 12 feet but not more than 14 feet; \$30 for excessive widths of over 14 feet but not more than 16 feet, the same fee as established under current law; \$30 for excessive widths of over 16 feet, plus \$5 for each additional foot or fraction thereof greater than 16 feet, rather than 17 feet as established under current law; and \$2,500 for houseboats with excess width of over 17 feet plus an additional \$100 fee for each additional inch or fraction thereof greater than 17 feet, rather than 18 feet as established under current law.

Increases from \$15 to \$20 the fee for excessive height or length. Requires special permits issued for overweight or over-dimensional motor vehicles to allow for continuous movement 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including legal holidays as listed, with certain exceptions. Prohibits interstate travel between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in counties exceeding 250,000 in population. Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation (TDOT) to restrict time of movement for vehicles over 165,000 pounds, 15 feet 6 inches in height or 16 feet in width, based on traffic volume and road conditions. Establishes that permits will be valid for 10 calendar days for each single trip.

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FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Increase State Revenue – Net Impact - Exceeds \$233,700/Recurring/
Highway Fund**

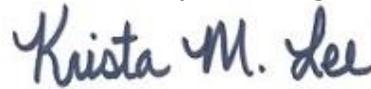
Increase State Expenditures - \$6,000/One-Time/Highway Fund

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to rule 1680-7-1-.05 of the Department of Transportation’s (TDOT) Central Services Division, permits are currently valid for six weekdays, with certain exceptions. Establishing that such permits must be valid for 10 calendar days for each single trip, with certain exceptions, is estimated to result in a decrease in the number of permits issued.
- According to TDOT, 122,791 of such permits, not including annual permits, were issued in 2015 at an average cost of approximately \$54 per permit.
- Increasing the length of time that a permit is valid is estimated to result in a minimum one percent decrease in the number of permits issued each year. There will not be a significant decrease in the number of annual permits issued.
- The recurring decrease in state revenue to the Highway Fund is estimated to exceed \$66,307 (122,791 permits x 1.0% reduction x \$54 per permit).
- Based on the information provided by TDOT, the fee schedule as proposed by the amended bill is estimated to increase permit revenue by at least \$300,000 annually.
- The net recurring increase in state revenue to the Highway Fund is estimated to exceed \$233,693 (\$300,000 increase in permit revenue - \$66,307 decrease in permit revenue).
- According to TDOT, this bill will require a modification to the Tennessee Oversize and Overweight Permitting System (TOOPS), resulting in a one-time increase in state expenditures to the Highway Fund of \$6,000.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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