



March 8, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation (TDOT) to issue permits under certain circumstances for non-divisible overweight loads weighing less than 150,000 pounds when carried by truck tractor and semi-trailer or trailer combinations that exceed 50 feet in length from the point of attachment to the tractor.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013083): Deletes all language of the original bill. Authorizes TDOT to issue special permits allowing axle widths in excess of the axle weight limits for non-divisible overweight loads exceeding the maximum gross vehicle weight of 150,000 pounds. Prohibits the maximum width of a vehicle including the truck and semi-trailer or trailer combination from exceeding 10 feet instead of 8 feet 6 inches, provided that the load may exceed 10 feet in width if permitted. Deletes that a truck tractor or semi-trailer or trailer combinations shall not exceed 50 feet in length from the point of attachment to the tractor.

Requires TDOT to evaluate the capacity of bridges or similar structures to carry the proposed movement of an overweight or overdimensional load along a particular route and requires the department to charge the requestor for the proposed evaluation each time a different route is proposed for: movements weighing over 165,000 pounds, but no more than 250,000 pounds instead of 200,000 and 300,000 pounds, a \$100 fee; movements weighing over 250,000 pounds instead of 300,000 pounds, but no more than 500,000 pounds, a \$300 fee; and movements weighing over 500,000 pounds are charged actual cost, instead of a \$500 fee for movements weighing over 500,000 pounds but no more than 1,000,000 pounds. The fee for movements weighing over 1,000,000 pounds remains the actual cost.

Requires TDOT to collect an \$100 permit fee on an annual basis for each specific vehicle to be used for transporting overdimensional or overweight loads or both, except for vehicles specifically permitted and used to transport cotton seed modules, overdimensional noncommercial boats, and mobile homes for vehicles transporting loads not exceeding 13 feet 6 inches in height, 90 feet in length, or 12 feet 6 inches in width. The current fee for such vehicles is \$500. Authorizes vehicles transporting loads not exceeding 13 feet 6 inches in width to obtain an annual permit and requires an escort vehicle. Requires an annual permit fee of \$750 for vehicles transporting loads not exceeding 100,000 pounds, and a \$1,500 permit fee for vehicles transporting loads exceeding 100,000 pounds, but not exceeding 120,000 pounds. The current annual permit fees are \$500 for vehicles transporting loads of up to 120,000 pounds, and \$1,000

for weights in excess of 120,000 pounds. Requires a \$2,250 permit fee for vehicles transporting loads exceeding 120,000 pounds, but not exceeding 140,000 pounds. Requires a \$3,000 permit fee for vehicles transporting loads exceeding 140,000 pounds, but not exceeding 155,000 pounds. Requires a \$3,500 permit fee for vehicles transporting loads exceeding 155,000 pounds, but not exceeding 165,000 pounds. Requires a separate permit fee for vehicles transporting loads that are both overdimensional and overweight loads. Prohibits annual permits for any vehicle transporting loads with weights exceeding 165,000 pounds or dimensions exceeding 13 feet 6 inches in width and requires such vehicles to obtain a special permit. Prohibits vehicle movement from exceeding any vehicle weight limits posted on any bridge or highway as set by jurisdiction. Requires the Act to be effective January 1, 2017.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Increase State Revenue - \$3,705,000/FY16-17/Highway Fund
\$7,410,000/FY17-18 and Subsequent Years /Highway Fund**

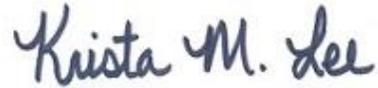
Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to TDOT, the Department currently issues 1,513 bridge permits for vehicles between 200,000 and 300,000 pounds for a total fee of \$151,300 (1,513 permits x \$100 fee), and 111 bridge permits for vehicles between 300,000 and 500,000 pounds for a total fee of \$33,300 (111 permits x \$300 fee), for total revenue to the Highway Fund of \$184,600 (\$151,300 + \$33,300).
- As a result of the bill as amended, the Department will issue 3,643 bridge permits for vehicles between 165,000 and 250,000 pounds for a total of \$364,300 (3,643 permits x \$100 fee), and 276 bridge permits for vehicles between 250,000 and 500,000 pounds for a total of \$82,800 (276 permits x \$300 fee), for total revenue to the Highway Fund of \$447,100 (\$364,300 + \$82,800).
- The net recurring increase in state revenue to the Highway Fund from bridge fees is estimated to be \$262,500 (\$447,100 - \$184,600).
- According to TDOT, the Department currently issues 5,586 overdimensional and overweight permits for a total estimated to be \$3,146,220 (5,586 permits x \$563.233 weighted average fee per permit) per year.
- As a result of the bill as amended, the Department will issue 5,586 overdimensional and overweight permits for a total estimated to be \$10,293,700 (5,586 permits x \$1,842.767 weighted average fee per permit).
- The net recurring increase in state revenue to the Highway Fund from overdimensional and overweight vehicle permit fees is estimated to be \$7,147,480 (\$10,293,700 - \$3,146,220).
- The total recurring increase in state revenue to the Highway Fund is estimated to be \$7,409,980 (\$262,500 + \$7,147,480).

- Due to the effective date of this Act of January 1, 2017, the first year impact (FY16-17) will be equal to 50 percent of the first full year impact, or an increase in revenue to the Highway Fund of \$3,704,990 ($\$7,409,980 \times 50\%$).

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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