

CHAPTER 481

(HB 563)

AN ACT relating to highway weight limits.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 189.271 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of laws, the Transportation Cabinet may issue special permits to the owners, operators, or lessees of motor vehicles for the purpose of hauling industrial materials whose gross weight or dimensions, including vehicle and load, exceeds the limits prescribed by this chapter or which in other respects fail to comply with the requirements of this chapter. A separate permit shall be required for each vehicle. Such permits shall be issued for specified materials only and shall designate the portions of the state primary road system over which such vehicle may operate pursuant to the permit. Such permit shall be issued for a stated period of time ***determined by the applicant*** not to exceed ***three (3) years, [one (1) year]*** and ***an existing permit may be renewed pending an inspection by the cabinet of the routes listed on the permit. Permits under this section*** shall be upon such terms and conditions as the cabinet may, in its discretion, require in the public interest.
- (2) ***The cabinet may establish a system by which a current permit holder can be granted a new permit specifying different routes or materials without having to complete a new application or pay a separate application fee.***
- (3) The cabinet shall require, as a condition to the issuance of the permit, that the applicant pay a reasonable fee, to be fixed by the cabinet, and shall require that an applicant convicted under provisions of KRS 189.990(2)(a) two (2) or more times within a five (5) year period give bond, with approved surety, in an amount not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for each vehicle to indemnify the Commonwealth of Kentucky against damage to highways or bridges resulting from the operation of any motor vehicle under the authorization of such permit. ***A bond acquired under this subsection may be carried forward to another permit if the cabinet has not gone against the bond.***
- (4) The operation of any motor vehicle in accordance with the terms of any such permit shall not constitute a violation of this chapter, if the operator has the permit, or a copy of it, authenticated as the cabinet may require, in his possession.
- ~~(5)(2)~~ The cabinet shall not issue a permit under this section for a vehicle whose gross weight, including vehicle and load, exceeds the maximum gross weight as provided in KRS 189.222.
- ~~(6)(3)~~ The cabinet shall not issue a permit under this section for a vehicle whose dimensions, including vehicle and load, exceed the maximum dimension as provided in KRS 189.222.
- ~~(7)(4)~~ A person shall not operate a motor vehicle in violation of the terms and conditions of any permit issued by the cabinet pursuant to this section.
- ~~(8)(5)~~ As used in this section, industrial materials shall mean all cargo, whether divisible or indivisible, which a motor vehicle transports in the usual and ordinary course of business and shall specifically include, but not be limited to, agricultural products, minerals, or natural resources transported by a motor vehicle.
- ~~(9)(6)~~ —The cabinet may:
 - (a) Exercise general supervision of the administering and enforcement of this section.

- (b) ***Promulgate administrative***~~[Adopt rules and]~~ regulations, ***subject to the limitations of this section***, with respect to the issuance of a permit, including, but not limited to, ***administrative***~~[rules and]~~ regulations concerning the duration of permits and weight limits for various types of vehicles, materials, and highways.
- (c) ***Promulgate administrative***~~[Adopt rules and]~~ regulations with respect to the amount, terms and conditions of the bond and the sufficiency of the surety of such bond required by this section. ***The cabinet shall allow applicants not required to post a surety bond under subsection (3) of this section to self-insure to meet the bonding requirements of this section.***
- (d) Issue, continue in effect, revoke, modify, or deny, under such conditions as the cabinet may prescribe, permits provided for under this section.

Section 2. KRS 189.990 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Any person who violates any of the provisions of KRS 189.020 to 189.040, subsections (1), (2), and (5) of KRS 189.050, KRS 189.060 to 189.080, subsections (1) to (3) of KRS 189.090, KRS 189.100, 189.110, 189.130 to 189.160, subsections (2) to (4) of KRS 189.190, KRS 189.200, 189.290, 189.300 to 189.360, KRS 189.380, KRS 189.400 to 189.430, 189.450 to 189.480, subsection (1) of KRS 189.520, KRS 189.540, KRS 189.570 to 189.630, except subsection (1) of KRS 189.580, KRS 189.345, subsection (4) of KRS 189.456, and 189.960 shall be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense. Any person who violates subsection (1) of KRS 189.580 shall be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or imprisoned in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or both. Any person who violates paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of KRS 189.390 shall be fined not less than eleven dollars (\$11) nor more than thirty dollars (\$30). Neither court costs nor fees shall be taxed against any person violating paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of KRS 189.390.
- (2) (a) Any person who violates the weight provisions of KRS 189.212, 189.221, 189.222, 189.226, 189.230, ***or*** 189.270~~[, or 189.274]~~ shall be fined two cents (\$0.02) per pound for each pound of excess load when the excess is two thousand (2,000) pounds or less, three cents (\$0.03) per pound when the excess exceeds two thousand (2,000) pounds and is three thousand (3,000) pounds or less, five cents (\$0.05) per pound when the excess exceeds three thousand (3,000) pounds and is four thousand (4,000) pounds or less, seven cents (\$0.07) per pound when the excess exceeds four thousand (4,000) pounds and is five thousand (5,000) pounds or less, and nine cents (\$0.09) per pound when the excess exceeds five thousand (5,000) pounds, but in no case shall the fine be less than sixty dollars (\$60).
- (b) ***Any person who violates the provisions of Section 1 of this Act and is operating on a route designated on the permit shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100); otherwise, the penalties in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall apply.***
- (c) Any person who violates any provision of subsections (3) and (4) of KRS 189.050, subsection (4) of KRS 189.090, KRS 189.221 to 189.230, 189.270, 189.280, 189.490, or the dimension provisions of KRS 189.212, for which another penalty is not specifically provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).
- ~~(d)~~~~(e)~~ Nothing in this subsection or in KRS 189.221 to 189.228 shall be deemed to prejudice or affect the authority of the Department of Vehicle Regulation to suspend or revoke

certificates of common carriers, permits of contract carriers, or drivers' or chauffeurs' licenses, for any violation of KRS 189.221 to 189.228 or any other act applicable to motor vehicles, as provided by law.

- (3) (a) Any person who violates subsection (1) of KRS 189.190 shall be fined not more than fifteen dollars (\$15).
- (b) Any person who violates subsection (5) of KRS 189.190 shall be fined not less than thirty-five dollars (\$35) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (4) (a) Any person who violates subsection (1) of KRS 189.210 shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (b) Any peace officer who fails, when properly informed, to enforce KRS 189.210 shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (c) All fines collected under this subsection, after payment of commissions to officers entitled thereto, shall go to the county road fund if the offense is committed in the county, or to the city street fund if committed in the city.
- (5) Any person who violates KRS 189.370 shall for the first offense be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200) or imprisoned not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days, or both. For each subsequent offense occurring within three (3) years, the person shall be fined not less than three hundred dollars (\$300) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisoned not less than sixty (60) days nor more than six (6) months, or both. The minimum fine for this violation shall not be subject to suspension. A minimum of six (6) points shall be assessed against the driving record of any person convicted.
- (6) Any person who violates KRS 189.500 shall be fined not more than fifteen dollars (\$15) in excess of the cost of the repair of the road.
- (7) Any person who violates KRS 189.510 or KRS 189.515 shall be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50).
- (8) Any peace officer who violates subsection (2) of KRS 189.520 shall be fined not less than thirty-five dollars (\$35) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100).
- (9) Any person who violates KRS 189.530 shall be fined not less than thirty-five dollars (\$35) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100), or imprisoned not less than thirty (30) days nor more than twelve (12) months, or both.
- (10) Any person who violates any of the provisions of KRS 189.550 shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.
- (11) Any person who violates subsection (2) of KRS 189.560 shall be fined not less than thirty dollars (\$30) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense.
- (12) The fines imposed by paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and subsections (6) and (7) of this section shall, in the case of a public highway, be paid into the county road fund, and, in the case of a privately owned road or bridge, be paid to the owner. These fines shall not bar an action for damages for breach of contract.
- (13) Any person who violates any of the provisions of KRS 189.120 shall be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense.

- (14) Any person who violates any provision of KRS 189.575 shall be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (15) Any person who violates subsection (2) of KRS 189.231 shall be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense.
- (16) Any person who violates restrictions or regulations established by the secretary of transportation pursuant to subsection (3) of KRS 189.231 shall, upon first offense, be fined one hundred dollars (\$100) and, upon subsequent convictions, be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisoned for thirty (30) days, or both.
- (17) (a) Any person who violates any of the provisions of KRS 189.565 shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.
(b) In addition to the penalties prescribed in paragraph (a) of this subsection, in case of violation by any person in whose name the vehicle used in the transportation of inflammable liquids or explosives is licensed, the person shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500). Each violation shall constitute a separate offense.
- (18) Any person who abandons a vehicle upon the right-of-way of a state highway for three (3) consecutive days shall be fined not less than thirty-five dollars (\$35) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100), or imprisoned for not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days.
- (19) Every person violating KRS 189.393 shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor, unless the offense is being committed by a defendant fleeing the commission of a felony offense which the defendant was also charged with violating and was subsequently convicted of that felony, in which case it is a Class A misdemeanor.
- (20) Any law enforcement agency which fails or refuses to forward the reports required by KRS 189.635 shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in KRS 17.157.
- (21) A person who elects to operate a bicycle in accordance with any regulations adopted pursuant to KRS 189.287 and who willfully violates a provision of a regulation shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100). A person who operates a bicycle without complying with any regulations adopted pursuant to KRS 189.287 or vehicle safety statutes shall be prosecuted for violation of the latter.
- (22) Any person who violates KRS 189.860 shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both.
- (23) Any person who violates KRS 189.754 shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than three hundred dollars (\$300).
- (24) Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 189.125(3) shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50).
- (25) Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 189.125(6) shall be fined an amount not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (26) Any person who violates any of the provisions of KRS 189.125(3), KRS 189.290, KRS 189.300, KRS 189.340, KRS 189.345, KRS 189.370, KRS 189.393, or KRS 189.505, shall, in addition to any other fine imposed by this chapter, pay an additional fee of ten dollars (\$10). Funds collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the traumatic brain injury

trust fund, created pursuant to KRS 211.476, within fourteen (14) days after the end of each quarter, to be used for the purposes set forth in KRS 211.470 to 211.478.

- (27) Fines levied pursuant to this chapter shall be assessed in the manner required by KRS 534.020, in amounts consistent with this chapter. Nonpayment of fines shall be governed by KRS 534.060.
- (28) A licensed driver under the age of eighteen (18) charged with a moving violation pursuant to this chapter as the driver of a motor vehicle may be referred, prior to trial, by the court to a diversionary program. The diversionary program under this subsection shall consist of one (1) or both of the following:
 - (a) Execution of a diversion agreement which prohibits the driver from operating a vehicle for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days and which allows the court to retain the driver's operator's license during this period; and
 - (b) Attendance at a driver improvement clinic established pursuant to KRS 186.574. If the person completes the terms of this diversionary program satisfactorily the violation shall be dismissed.
- (29) Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 189.285 shall have his or her operator's license suspended for a period of ninety (90) days and be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).

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