

## **IC 9-20**

### **ARTICLE 20. SIZE AND WEIGHT REGULATION**

#### **IC 9-20-1**

##### **Chapter 1. General**

#### **IC 9-20-1-1**

##### **Operation of vehicles exceeding size and weight limitations; prohibition**

Sec. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this article, a person, including a transport operator, may not operate or move upon a highway in Indiana a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight exceeding the limitations provided in this article.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 9-20-1-2**

##### **Owners of motor vehicles; causing or permitting operation of vehicles exceeding size and weight limitations; prohibition**

Sec. 2. Except as otherwise provided in this article, an owner of a vehicle may not cause or knowingly permit to be operated or moved upon a highway in Indiana a vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size or weight exceeding the limitations provided in this article.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.8.*

#### **IC 9-20-1-3**

##### **Local authorities; adoption of ordinances; erection of signs; department of transportation; weight restrictions**

Sec. 3. (a) This subsection does not apply to any highway or street in the state highway system. Except as provided in subsection (e), local authorities, with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, may by ordinance:

- (1) prohibit the operation of vehicles upon any highway; or
- (2) impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles to be operated upon any highway;

for a total period not to exceed ninety (90) days in any one (1) year, whenever any highway by reason of deterioration, rain, snow, or other climatic conditions will be seriously damaged or destroyed without the regulation of vehicles.

(b) A local authority adopting an ordinance under subsection (a) shall erect or cause to be erected and maintained signs specifying the terms of the ordinance at each end of that part of any highway affected by the ordinance and at intersecting highways. The ordinance may not be enforced until the signs are erected and maintained.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (e), local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, except highways in the state highway system and state maintained routes through cities and towns, may by ordinance do the following:

- (1) Prohibit the operation of trucks or other commercial

vehicles.

(2) Impose limitations as to the weight, size, or use of those vehicles on designated highways.

The prohibitions and limitations must be designated by appropriate signs placed on the highways.

(d) The Indiana department of transportation has the same authority granted to local authorities in subsections (a) and (c) to determine by executive order and to impose restrictions as to weight, size, and use of vehicles operated upon a highway in the state highway system, including state maintained routes through cities and towns. These restrictions may not be enforced until signs giving notice of the restrictions are erected upon the highway or part of the highway affected by the order.

(e) The commissioner of the Indiana department of transportation may designate an order adopted under subsection (d) as an emergency rule and adopt the order in the same manner as emergency rules are adopted under IC 4-22-2-37.1.

(f) A local authority may not, in an ordinance passed under subsection (a) or (c), prohibit the operation of buses that are not more than forty-five (45) feet in length on any segment of the primary system (as defined in IC 8-23-1-33) that was in existence on June 1, 1991.

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#### **IC 9-20-1-4**

##### **Violation of restrictions; Class C infraction**

Sec. 4. A person who violates a restriction imposed under section 3(d) of this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

*As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.8.*