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## ASSEMBLY, No. 3910

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman COWAN

AN ACT concerning the application and enforcement of the dimensional and weight limitations of certain vehicles or combinations thereof and amending P. L. 1950, c. 142 \***[and R. S. 39:3-84]**\*.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 3 of P. L. 1950, c. 142 (C. 39:3-84.1) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 3. \**a.*\* The axle weight limitations **[of]** *as provided at R. S.*  
4 *39:3-84b.* shall apply to all vehicles registered in New Jersey sub-  
5 sequent to March 1, 1950, which have not been registered therein or  
6 contracted for purchase by New Jersey residents prior to that date.  
7 The **[gross]** weight **[and axle load]** limitations provided **[in]** *at*  
8 *R. S. 30:3-84 b. (1); R. S. 39:3-84 b. (2); and R. S. 39:3-84 b. (3)*  
9 *relative to maximum gross axle weights* shall not apply to vehicles  
10 registered as "constructor" or "solid waste" vehicles or to a com-  
11 bination of vehicles of which the "constructor" or "solid waste"  
12 vehicle is the drawing vehicle **[or to vehicles registered as "solid**  
13 **waste"]** as provided **[in]** *at R. S. 39:3-20*, except that said limita-  
14 tions shall apply to *vehicles registered as "solid waste"* **[registered**  
15 **vehicles]** when operated on any highway which is part of the Na-  
16 tional System of Interstate and Defense Highways, *as provided at*  
17 *23 U. S. C. § 103 (e).* \***[The provisions of R. S. 39:3-84 b. (5) shall**  
18 *not apply to any commercial vehicle until five years after the date*  
19 *of enactment of this 1983 amendatory act. The provisions of R. S.*  
20 *39:3-84 b. (5) shall not apply to vehicles registered as "constructor"*  
21 *or "solid waste" or to a combination of vehicles of which the "con-*

**EXPLANATION—**Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter printed in italics *thus* is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

\*—Assembly amendments adopted September 15, 1983.

22 *structor” or “solid waste” vehicle is the drawing vehicle as provided*  
 23 *in R. S. 39:3-20, except that in order to qualify for this exemption a*  
 24 *vehicle registered as a “constructor” or any combination of vehicles*  
 25 *of which the drawing vehicle is registered as a “constructor,” shall*  
 26 *operate within an area that is 30 miles or less from the point estab-*  
 27 *lished as a headquarters for that particular construction opera-*  
 28 *tion.]\* \*Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions*  
 29 *of R. S. 39:3-84b. (5) shall apply to vehicles registered as “con-*  
 30 *structor” or “solid waste” or to a combination of vehicles of which*  
 31 *the “constructor” or “solid waste” vehicle is the drawing vehicle as*  
 32 *provided in R. S. 39:3-20, except that for any vehicle registered as a*  
 33 *“constructor” or any combination of vehicles of which the drawing*  
 34 *vehicle is registered as a “constructor,” the provisions of R. S.*  
 35 *39:3-84b. (5) shall not apply provided the vehicle or combination of*  
 36 *vehicles is operated within an area that is 30 miles or less from the*  
 37 *point established as a headquarters for the particular construction*  
 38 *operation.\* Vehicles registered as “constructor” or “solid waste” or*  
 39 *a combination of vehicles of which the “constructor” or “solid*  
 40 *waste” vehicle is the drawing vehicle shall be limited [as] to*  
 41 *maximum gross vehicle weight, including load or contents, [by the*  
 42 *allowable gross weight] as shown on the registration certificate of*  
 43 *that vehicle.*

44 *\*b. The Commissioner of Transportation is authorized to adopt*  
 45 *rules and regulations providing for exemptions from the provisions*  
 46 *of R. S. 39:3-84b.(5) for the following:*

47 *(1) Vehicles registered as “solid waste” or combinations of*  
 48 *vehicles of which the “solid waste” vehicle is the drawing vehicle as*  
 49 *provided in R. S. 39:3-20.*

50 *(2) Vehicles not in excess of 73,280 pounds.*

51 *The commissioner is also authorized to adopt rules and regulations*  
 52 *providing for any time limits, distinctions among classes of vehicles,*  
 53 *or other conditions with respect to these exemptions.*

54 *c. In addition to any exemptions provided for by regulations*  
 55 *adopted pursuant to subsection b. of this section, the commissioner*  
 56 *is authorized to adopt rules and regulations providing for exemp-*  
 57 *tions for a transitional period from the provisions of R. S.*  
 58 *39:3-84b.(5) for the following:*

59 *(1) Tandem-axle dump trucks;*

60 *(2) Five-axle dump trailers;*

61 *(3) Two-axle dump trucks;*

62 *(4) Tri-axle dump trucks;*

63 *(5) Four-axle dump trucks;*

64 *(6) Three-axle and four-axle ready-mix transit trucks;*

- 65 (7) *Four-axle and five-axle flatbed tractor trailers;*  
 66 (8) *Five-axle bulk carriers;*  
 67 (9) *Two-axle, three-axle, four-axle and five-axle liquid bulk*  
 68 *carriers;*  
 69 (10) *Two-axle and three-axle emergency equipment wreckers;*  
 70 (11) *Solid waste rear-end loaders;*  
 71 (12) *Solid waste front-end loaders;*  
 72 (13) *Solid waste four-axle roll-offs;*  
 73 (14) *Four-axle and five-axle waste transfer tractor trailers;*  
 74 (15) *Two-axle, three-axle, four-axle and five-axle general freight*  
 75 *carriers; and*  
 76 (16) *Intermodal ocean containers.\**

1 \***[**2. R. S. 39:3-84 is amended to read as follows:

2 39:3-84. **[**No commercial motor vehicle, tractor, trailer or semi-  
 3 trailer shall be operated on any highway in this State the outside  
 4 width of which is more than 102 inches, inclusive of load, except  
 5 that the Commissioner of Transportation may, in respect of high-  
 6 ways where he considers that public safety requires it, specify by  
 7 regulation a lower maximum width, which shall in no case be lower  
 8 than 96 inches. No commercial motor vehicle, tractor, trailer or  
 9 semitrailer shall be operated on any highway in this State the  
 10 height of which exceeds 13½ feet, inclusive of load, and no com-  
 11 mercial motor vehicle, tractor or trailer shall be operated on any  
 12 highway in this State, the extreme overall length of which exceeds  
 13 35 feet either for a two-axle four-wheeled vehicle, inclusive of load,  
 14 or 35 feet either for a three-axle six wheeled vehicle, inclusive of  
 15 load. No combination of vehicles containing more than two drawn  
 16 vehicles, whether trailers or semitrailers, shall be operated on any  
 17 highway in this State. A combination of vehicles containing two  
 18 drawn vehicles may only be operated on those routes and under  
 19 those conditions as the Commissioner of Transportation may pre-  
 20 scribe, which shall be consistent with any rules and regulations  
 21 promulgated by the Secretary of Transportation of the United  
 22 States of America. The drawn vehicles in such combination,  
 23 whether trailers or semitrailers, shall not exceed 28½ feet in ex-  
 24 treme overall length, inclusive of load. No tractor-semitrailer  
 25 combination shall be operated on any highway in this State, the  
 26 semitrailer of which exceeds 48 feet in extreme overall length, in-  
 27 clusive of load. A vehicle or vehicle inclusive of load exceeding  
 28 the above limitations may be operated when a special permit so to  
 29 operate is secured in advance from the director. The application for  
 30 such permit shall be accompanied by a fee fixed by the director. A  
 31 special permit issued by the director shall be in the possession of the

32 operator of the vehicle for which such permit was issued. In com-  
33 puting any dimensions of a vehicle, or vehicle and load, for the  
34 purposes of this section, there shall not be included in the dimen-  
35 sional limitations safety appliances such as mirrors or lights, or  
36 chains or similar fasteners used for the securing of cargo, provided  
37 such appliances or fasteners do not exceed the overall limitations  
38 established by the director by rule or regulation.

39 In the case of an omnibus the maximum width and length dimen-  
40 sions shall be such as the Department of Transportation prescribes,  
41 but no outside width in excess of 102 inches shall be prescribed with  
42 respect to one or more highways specified or otherwise described  
43 except upon certifications, (1) of the Division of Motor Vehicles in  
44 the Department of Law and Public Safety that the proposed width  
45 is not unsafe for use on the highways in this State and (2) of the  
46 State Department of Transportation that the proposed width, if in  
47 excess of 102 inches, is not in conflict with the requirements of any  
48 agency of the United States having jurisdiction over the National  
49 System of Interstate and Defense Highways authorized by law.  
50 No outside width so prescribed shall be valid if the allowance of  
51 use of the same would disqualify the State of New Jersey or any  
52 department, agency or governmental subdivision thereof for the  
53 purpose of receiving federal highway funds. The Commissioner of  
54 Transportation may, in respect of highways where he considers that  
55 public safety requires it, specify by regulation a lower maximum  
56 width, which shall in no case be lower than 96 inches.

57 In the case of farm tractors and traction equipment and farm  
58 machinery and implements, the maximum width and length shall  
59 be such as the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall  
60 prescribe by uniform rules and regulations but the operation of  
61 such vehicles shall be subject to the provisions of R. S. 39:3-24 and  
62 any such vehicle shall not be operated on any highway which is part  
63 of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways or on  
64 any highway which has been designated a freeway or parkway as  
65 provided by law.

66 In the case of commercial motor vehicles, trailers and semi-  
67 trailers including farm trucks, while loaded with hay or straw the  
68 maximum width of the load shall not exceed 105½ inches; except  
69 that the Commissioner of Transportation may by regulation pre-  
70 scribe a maximum width of 102 inches in the case of certain high-  
71 ways where he determines federal laws and regulations require  
72 it. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the di-  
73 rector may adopt regulations specifying maximum length dimen-  
74 sions for any vehicle or combination of vehicles designed, built and  
75 used solely to transport other motor vehicles.】

76 a. The following constitute the maximum dimensional limits for  
77 width, height and length for any vehicle or combination of vehicles,  
78 including load or contents or any part or portion thereof, found  
79 or operated on any public road, street or highway or any public  
80 or quasi-public property in this State. Violations shall be enforced  
81 pursuant to subsection i. of section 5 of P. L. 1950, c. 142 (C.  
82 39:3-84.3).

83 The dimensional limitations set forth in this subsection are ex-  
84 clusive of safety and energy conservation devices necessary for  
85 safe and efficient operation of a vehicle or combination of vehicles,  
86 including load or contents, except that no device excluded herein  
87 shall have by its design or use the capability to carry, transport or  
88 otherwise be utilized for cargo.

89 Any rules and regulations authorized to be promulgated pursuant  
90 to this subsection shall be consistent with any rules and regulations  
91 promulgated by the Secretary of Transportation of the United  
92 States of America, and shall be in accordance with the provisions  
93 of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P. L. 1968, c. 410  
94 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.). In addition to the other requirements of  
95 this subsection and notwithstanding any other provision of this  
96 Title, no vehicle or combination of vehicles, including load or con-  
97 tents or any part or portion thereof, except as otherwise pro-  
98 vided by this subsection, shall be operated in this State, unless by  
99 special permit authorized by subsection d. of this section with a  
100 dimension the allowance of which would disqualify the State of New  
101 Jersey or any department, agency or governmental subdivision  
102 thereof for the purpose of receiving federal highway funds.

103 As used herein and pursuant to R. S. 39:1-1, the term "vehicle"  
104 includes, but is not limited to, commercial motor vehicles, trucks,  
105 truck tractors, tractors, road tractors, or omnibuses. As used  
106 herein and pursuant to R. S. 39:1-1, the term "combination of ve-  
107 hicles" includes, but is not limited to, vehicles as heretofore desig-  
108 nated, when those vehicles are the drawing or power unit of a  
109 combination of vehicles and motor-drawn vehicles such as, but not  
110 limited to, trailers, semitrailers, or other vehicles.

111 (1) The maximum outside width of any vehicle or combination  
112 of vehicles, including load or contents of any part or portion thereof,  
113 except as otherwise provided by this subsection, shall be no more  
114 than 102 inches; except that the Commissioner of Transportation,  
115 after consultation with the Director of the Division of Motor Vehi-  
116 cles and the Superintendent of State Police, may promulgate rules  
117 and regulations for those public roads, streets or highways or public  
118 quasi-public property in this State where it is determined that the

119 *interest of public safety and welfare require the maximum outside*  
120 *width be no more than 96 inches.*

121 *(2) The maximum height of any vehicle or combination of ve-*  
122 *hicles, including load or contents of any part or portion thereof,*  
123 *except as otherwise provided by this subsection, shall not exceed*  
124 *13 feet six inches.*

125 *(3) The maximum overall length of any vehicle, as set forth in*  
126 *this subsection, including load or contents or any part or portion*  
127 *thereof, except as otherwise provided by this subsection, shall not*  
128 *exceed 35 feet, except that the overall length of a vehicle, including*  
129 *load or contents or any part or portion thereof, otherwise subject*  
130 *to the provisions of this paragraph shall not exceed 50 feet when*  
131 *transporting poles, pilings, structural units or other articles which*  
132 *cannot be dismembered, dismantled or divided. When a vehicle,*  
133 *subject to this paragraph, is the drawing or power unit of a com-*  
134 *bination of vehicles, as set forth in this subsection, the overall*  
135 *length of the combination of vehicles, including load or contents or*  
136 *any part or portion thereof shall not exceed 62 feet. The provisions*  
137 *of this paragraph shall not apply to omnibuses or to vehicles which*  
138 *are not designed, built or otherwise capable of carrying cargo or*  
139 *loads.*

140 *(4) The maximum overall length of a motor-drawn vehicle, as*  
141 *set forth in this subsection, including load or contents or any part*  
142 *or portion thereof, except as otherwise provided by this subsection,*  
143 *shall not exceed 48 feet when operated as part of a combination of*  
144 *vehicles consisting of one motor-drawn vehicle and a drawing or*  
145 *power unit vehicle not designed, built or otherwise capable of*  
146 *carrying cargo or loads, except that the overall length of a motor-*  
147 *drawn vehicle, otherwise subject to the provisions of this paragraph,*  
148 *shall not exceed 63 feet when transporting poles, pilings, structural*  
149 *units or other articles that cannot be dismembered, dismantled or*  
150 *divided. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any*  
151 *vehicle or combination of vehicles designed, built and utilized solely*  
152 *to transport other motor vehicles.*

153 *(5) No combination of vehicles, including load or contents, con-*  
154 *sisting of more than two motor-drawn vehicles, as set forth in this*  
155 *subsection, and any other vehicle, shall be found or operated on*  
156 *any public road, street or highway or any public or quasi-public*  
157 *property in this State.*

158 *(6) The maximum, overall length of a motor-drawn vehicle, as*  
159 *set forth in this section, including load or contents or any part or*  
160 *portion thereof, except as otherwise provided by this subsection,*  
161 *when operated as part of a combination of vehicles consisting of*

162 *two motor-drawn vehicles and a drawing or power unit vehicle*  
163 *which is not designed, built or otherwise capable of carrying cargo*  
164 *or loads, shall not exceed 28 feet for each motor-drawn vehicle in*  
165 *the combination of vehicles. The provision of this paragraph shall*  
166 *not apply to any vehicle or combination of vehicles designed, built*  
167 *and utilized solely to transport other motor vehicles. The Commis-*  
168 *sioner of Transportation, after consultation with the Director of*  
169 *the Division of Motor Vehicles and the Superintendent of State*  
170 *Police, shall promulgate rules and regulations specifying those*  
171 *portions or parts of the National System of Interstate and Defense*  
172 *Highways, Federal-aid Primary System Highways and public*  
173 *roads, streets, highways, toll roads, freeways or parkways in this*  
174 *State where combinations of vehicles as described in this para-*  
175 *graph may lawfully operate.*

176 (7) *The maximum length and outside width of an omnibus found*  
177 *or operated in this State shall be established by rules and regula-*  
178 *tions promulgated by the Commissioner of Transportation after*  
179 *consultation with the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles*  
180 *and the Superintendent of State Police. Unless otherwise specified*  
181 *in the aforesaid rules and regulations the maximum outside width*  
182 *shall be 102 inches; any other dimension established for width in*  
183 *the aforesaid rules and regulations shall be based upon a determi-*  
184 *nation that operation of an omnibus with a width of less than 102*  
185 *inches, but not less than 96 inches is required in the interests of*  
186 *public safety on those public roads, streets, highways, toll roads,*  
187 *freeways, parkways or the National System of Interstate and De-*  
188 *fense Highways in this State specified in the aforesaid rules and*  
189 *regulations, or that operation of an omnibus with a width greater*  
190 *than 102 inches is not unsafe on those public roads, streets, high-*  
191 *ways, toll roads, freeways, parkways or the National System of*  
192 *Interstate and Defense Highways in this State specified in the*  
193 *aforesaid rules and regulations.*

194 (8) *The maximum width and length of farm tractors and trac-*  
195 *tion equipment and farm machinery and implements shall be es-*  
196 *tablished by rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of*  
197 *the Division of Motor Vehicles. The operation of the aforesaid*  
198 *vehicles shall be subject to the provisions of R. S. 39:3-24 and they*  
199 *shall not be operated on any highway which is part of the National*  
200 *System of Interstate and Defense Highways or on any highway*  
201 *which has been designated a freeway or parkway as provided by*  
202 *law.*

203 (9) *The maximum outside width of the cargo or load of a vehicle*  
204 *or combination of vehicles, including farm trucks, loaded with hay*

205 or straw shall not exceed 105½ inches, but the maximum outside  
206 width of the vehicle or combination of vehicles including farm  
207 trucks shall otherwise comply with the provisions of paragraph  
208 (1) of this subsection. The Commissioner of Transportation, after  
209 consultation with the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles  
210 and the Superintendent of State Police, may promulgate rules and  
211 regulations establishing a maximum outside width of 102 inches  
212 for the aforesaid cargo or load when operating on those highways  
213 where a greater width is prohibited by operation of law.

214 (10) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 6 of  
215 this subsection pertaining to length, the Director of the Division  
216 of Motor Vehicles may adopt rules and regulations specifying  
217 maximum length dimensions for any vehicle or combination of  
218 vehicles designed, built and utilized solely to transport other motor  
219 vehicles.

220 (11) The provisions of this subsection pertaining to length shall  
221 not apply to a vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile  
222 equipment operated by a public utility, as defined in R. S. 48:2-13,  
223 when that vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile  
224 equipment is used by the public utility in the construction, recon-  
225 struction, repair or maintenance of its property or facilities.

226 b. No vehicle or combination of vehicles, including load or con-  
227 tents, found or operated on any public road, street or highway or  
228 any public or quasi-public property in this State shall exceed the  
229 weight limitations set forth in this Title. Violations shall be en-  
230 forced pursuant to subsection j. of section 5 of P. L. 1950, c. 142  
231 (C. 39:3-84.3).

232 Where enforcement of a weight limit provision of this Title  
233 requires a measurement of length between axle centers, the distance  
234 between axle centers shall be measured to the nearest whole foot or  
235 whole inch, whichever is applicable, and when the measurement  
236 includes a fractional part of a foot equalling six inches or more or  
237 a fractional part of an inch equalling one-half inch or more, the  
238 next larger whole foot or whole inch, whichever is applicable, shall  
239 be utilized. The term "tandem axle" as used in this act is defined  
240 as a combination of consecutive axles, consisting of only two axles,  
241 where the distance between axle centers is 40 inches or more but  
242 no more than 96 inches.

243 In addition to the other requirements of this section and not-  
244 withstanding any other provision of this Title, no vehicle or com-  
245 bination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall be operated  
246 in this State, unless by special permit authorized by this Title, with  
247 a gross weight, single or multiple axle weight, or gross weight of

248 *two or more consecutive axles, the allowance of which would dis-*  
 249 *qualify the State of New Jersey or any department, agency or*  
 250 *governmental subdivision thereof for the purpose of receiving*  
 251 *federal highway funds.*

252 (1) The gross weight imposed on the highway or other surface  
 253 by the wheels of any one axle of a vehicle or combination of vehicles,  
 254 including load or contents, shall not exceed 22,400 pounds.

255 For the purpose of this Title the combined gross weight imposed  
 256 on the highway or other surface by all the wheels of any one axle of  
 257 a vehicle or combination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall  
 258 be deemed to mean the total [load transmitted to the road by]  
 259 gross weight of all wheels whose axle centers are spaced [included  
 260 between two parallel transverse vertical planes] less than 40 inches  
 261 apart[, extending across the full width of the vehicle].

262 (2) The [combined] gross weight imposed on the highway or  
 263 other surface by all the wheels of all consecutive axles of a vehicle  
 264 or combination of vehicles, including load or contents, [whose  
 265 centers are on or between two parallel transverse vertical planes  
 266 spaced] shall not exceed 34,000 pounds where the distance between  
 267 consecutive axle centers is 40 inches or more, but [less] no more  
 268 than 96 inches apart[, extending across the full width of the vehicle,  
 269 shall not exceed 34,000 pounds].

270 (3) The combined gross weight imposed on the highway or other  
 271 surface by all the wheels of consecutive axles of a vehicle or com-  
 272 bination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall not exceed  
 273 22,400 pounds for each single axle where the distance between con-  
 274 secutive axle centers is more than 96 inches; except that on any  
 275 highway in this State which is part of, or designated as part of, the  
 276 National Interstate System, as provided at 23 U. S. C. § 103 (e), this  
 277 single axle limitation shall not apply and in those instances the  
 278 provisions of this Title as set forth at R. S. 39:3-84 b. (5) shall  
 279 apply.

280 (4) The maximum total gross weight imposed on the highway or  
 281 other surface by a vehicle or combination of vehicles, including load  
 282 or contents, shall not exceed 80,000 pounds.

283 (5) On any highway in this State which is part of, or designated  
 284 as part of, the National Interstate System as provided at 23 U. S. C.  
 285 § 103 (e), the total gross weight, in pounds, imposed on the highway  
 286 or other surface by any group of two or more consecutive axles of  
 287 a vehicle or combination of vehicles which is in excess of 73,280  
 288 pounds, including load or contents, shall not exceed that listed in  
 289 the following TABLE OF MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHTS, for the  
 290 respective distance, in feet, between the axle centers of the first and

291 last axles of the group of two or more consecutive axles under con-  
 292 sideration; except that in addition to the weights specified in that  
 293 Table, two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross  
 294 weight of 34,000 pounds each if the overall distance between the  
 295 first and last axles of the consecutive sets of tandem axles is thirty-  
 296 six feet or more. The gross weight of each set of tandem axles  
 297 shall not exceed 34,000 pounds and the combined gross weight of  
 298 the two consecutive sets of tandem axles shall not exceed 68,000  
 299 pounds.

300 In all cases the combined gross weight for a vehicle or combina-  
 301 tion of vehicles, including load or contents, or the maximum gross  
 302 weight for any axle or combination of axles of the vehicle or com-  
 303 bination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall not exceed  
 304 that which is permitted pursuant to this paragraph or R. S.  
 305 39:3-84 b. (2); R. S. 39:3-84 b. (3); or R. S. 39:3-84 b. (4) of this  
 306 act, whichever is the lesser allowable gross weight.

TABLE OF MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHTS

Distance in feet between axle centers of first and last axles of any group of two or more con- secutive axles		2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles	7 axles
307	3	22400	22400	22400	22400	22400	22400
308	4	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
309	5	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
310	6	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
311	7	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
312	8	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
313	9	39000	42500	42500	42500	42500	42500
314	10	40000	43500	43500	43500	43500	43500
315	11	41000	44000	44000	44000	44000	44000
316	12	42000	45000	50000	50000	50000	50000
317	13	43000	45500	50500	50500	50500	50500
318	14	44000	46500	51500	51500	51500	51500
319	15	44800	47000	52000	52000	52000	52000
320	16	44800	48000	52500	58000	58000	58000
321	17	44800	48500	53500	58500	58500	58500
322	18	44800	49500	54000	59000	59000	59000
323	19	44800	50000	54500	60000	60000	60000
324	20	44800	51000	55500	60500	66000	66000
325	21	44800	51500	56000	61000	66500	66500
326	22	44800	52500	56500	61500	67000	67000

## TABLE OF MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHTS

*Distance in feet  
between axle centers  
of first and last  
axles of any group  
of two or more con-  
secutive axles*

		<i>2 axles</i>	<i>3 axles</i>	<i>4 axles</i>	<i>5 axles</i>	<i>6 axles</i>	<i>7 axles</i>
327	23	44800	53000	57500	62500	68000	68000
328	24	44800	54000	58000	63000	68500	74000
329	25	44800	54500	58500	63500	69000	74500
330	26	44800	55500	59500	64000	69500	75000
331	27	44800	56000	60000	65000	70000	75500
332	28	44800	57000	60500	65500	71000	76500
333	29	44800	57500	61500	66000	71500	77000
334	30	44800	58500	62000	66500	72000	77500
335	31	44800	59000	62500	67500	72500	78000
336	32	44800	60000	63500	68000	73000	78500
337	33	44800	60500	64000	68500	74000	79000
338	34	44800	61500	64500	69000	74500	80000
339	35	44800	62000	65500	70000	75000	80000
340	36	44800	63000	66000	70500	75500	80000
341	37	44800	63500	66500	71000	76000	80000
342	38	44800	64500	67500	71500	77000	80000
343	39	44800	65000	68000	72500	77500	80000
344	40	44800	66000	68500	73000	78000	80000
345	41	44800	66500	69500	73500	78500	80000
346	42	44800	67200	70000	74000	79000	80000
347	43	44800	67200	70500	75000	80000	80000
348	44	44800	67200	71500	75500	80000	80000
349	45	44800	67200	72000	76000	80000	80000
350	46	44800	67200	72500	76500	80000	80000
351	47	44800	67200	73500	77500	80000	80000
352	48	44800	67200	74000	78000	80000	80000
353	49	44800	67200	74500	78500	80000	80000
354	50	44800	67200	75500	79000	80000	80000
355	51	44800	67200	76000	80000	80000	80000
356	52	44800	67200	76500	80000	80000	80000
357	53	44800	67200	77500	80000	80000	80000
358	54	44800	67200	78000	80000	80000	80000
359	55	44800	67200	78500	80000	80000	80000
360	56	44800	67200	79500	80000	80000	80000
361	57	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
362	58	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000

## TABLE OF MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHTS

<i>Distance in feet between axle centers of first and last axles of any group of two or more con- secutive axles</i>		<i>2 axles</i>	<i>3 axles</i>	<i>4 axles</i>	<i>5 axles</i>	<i>6 axles</i>	<i>7 axles</i>
363	59	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
364	60	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
365	61	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
366	62	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
367	63	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
368	64	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
369	65	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
370	66	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
371	67	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
372	68	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
373	69	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
374	70	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000

375 [In addition to the other requirements of this section and not-  
376 withstanding any other provision of this Title, no commercial motor  
377 vehicle, tractor, trailer or semitrailer shall be operated on any  
378 highway in this State with a combined weight of vehicle and load,  
379 an axle weight or a vehicle dimension the allowance of which would  
380 disqualify the State of New Jersey or any department, agency or  
381 governmental subdivision thereof for the purpose of receiving fed-  
382 ral highway funds.]

383 c. The dimensional and weight restrictions set forth herein shall  
384 not apply to a combination of vehicles which includes a disabled  
385 vehicle or a combination of vehicles being removed from a highway  
386 in this State, provided that such oversize or overweight vehicle  
387 combination may not travel on the public highways more than five  
388 miles from the point where such disablement occurred. If the dis-  
389 ablement occurred on a limited access highway, the distance to the  
390 nearest exit of such highway shall be added to the five-mile limita-  
391 tion.

392 d. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may promul-  
393 gate rules and regulations, including the establishment of fees, for  
394 the issuance, at his discretion and if good cause appears, of a special  
395 written permit authorizing the applicant:

396 (1) To operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or  
397 special mobile equipment, transporting one piece loads that cannot  
398 be dismembered, dismantled or divided in order to comply with

399 *the weight limitations set forth in this act. The special written*  
 400 *permit issued by the director shall be in the possession of the driver*  
 401 *or operator of the vehicle or combination of vehicles or special*  
 402 *mobile equipment for which said permit was issued; and*

403 (2) *To operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or*  
 404 *specialized mobile equipment, transporting a load or cargo that*  
 405 *cannot be dismembered, dismantled or divided in order to comply*  
 406 *with the dimensional limitations set forth in this act. The special*  
 407 *written permit shall be in the possession of the driver or operator*  
 408 *of the vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile equip-*  
 409 *ment for which the permit was issued; and*

410 (3) *Under emergency conditions, to operate or move a type of*  
 411 *vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile equipment of*  
 412 *a size or weight, including load or contents, which exceeds the*  
 413 *maximum size or weight limitations specified in this act.]\**

1 \***[3.]**\* \*2.\* This act shall take effect upon the enactment into law  
 2 of Assembly Bill No. 3003 of 1983 (enacted into law as P. L. 1983,  
 3 c. . . ), except that the provisions of section 1 (C. 39:3-84.1) \***[and**  
 4 section 2 (R. S. 39:3-84)]\* of this act shall supersede the provisions  
 5 of section 3 (C. 39:3-84.1) \***[and section 2 (R. S. 39:3-84)]\*** of As-  
 6 sembly Bill No. 3003 of 1983, insofar as they may be inconsistent  
 7 therewith.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 3910

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 6, 1983

By Assemblyman COWAN

AN ACT concerning the application and enforcement of the dimensional and weight limitations of certain vehicles or combinations thereof and amending P. L. 1950, c. 142 and R. S. 39:3-84.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 3 of P. L. 1950, c. 142 (C. 39:3-84.1) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 3. The axle weight limitations **[of]** *as provided at R. S. 39:3-84b.*  
4 shall apply to all vehicles registered in New Jersey subsequent to  
5 March 1, 1950, which have not been registered therein or contracted  
6 for purchase by New Jersey residents prior to that date. The  
7 **[gross]** weight **[and axle load]** limitations provided **[in]** *at R. S.*  
8 *39:3-84 b. (1); R. S. 39:3-84 b. (2); and R. S. 39:3-84 b. (3) relative*  
9 *to maximum gross axle weights* shall not apply to vehicles regis-  
10 tered as "constructor" or "solid waste" vehicles or to a combina-  
11 tion of vehicles of which the "constructor" or "solid waste" vehicle  
12 is the drawing vehicle **[or to vehicles registered as "solid waste"]**  
13 **as provided [in]** *at R. S. 39:3-20, except that said limitations shall*  
14 *apply to vehicles registered as "solid waste" [registered vehicles]*  
15 *when operated on any highway which is part of the National System*  
16 *of Interstate and Defense Highways, as provided at 23 U. S. C.*  
17 *§ 103 (e). The provisions of R. S. 39:3-84 b. (5) shall not apply to*  
18 *any commercial vehicle until five years after the date of enactment*  
19 *of this 1983 amendatory act. The provisions of R. S. 39:3-84 b. (5)*  
20 *shall not apply to vehicles registered as "constructor" or "solid*  
21 *waste" or to a combination of vehicles of which the "constructor"*

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.**

22 or "solid waste" vehicle is the drawing vehicle as provided in R. S.  
23 39:3-20, except that in order to qualify for this exemption a vehicle  
24 registered as a "constructor" or any combination of vehicles of  
25 which the drawing vehicle is registered as a "constructor," shall  
26 operate within an area that is 30 miles or less from the point estab-  
27 lished as a headquarters for that particular construction operation.  
28 Vehicles registered as "constructor" or "solid waste" or a combina-  
29 tion of vehicles of which the "constructor" or "solid waste" vehicle  
30 is the drawing vehicle shall be limited [as] to maximum gross  
31 vehicle weight, including load or contents, [by the allowable gross  
32 weight] as shown on the registration certificate of that vehicle.

1 2. R. S. 39:3-84 is amended to read as follows:

2 39:3-84. [No commercial motor vehicle, tractor, trailer or semi-  
3 trailer shall be operated on any highway in this State the outside  
4 width of which is more than 102 inches, inclusive of load, except  
5 that the Commissioner of Transportation may, in respect of high-  
6 ways where he considers that public safety requires it, specify by  
7 regulation a lower maximum width, which shall in no case be lower  
8 than 96 inches. No commercial motor vehicle, tractor, trailer or  
9 semitrailer shall be operated on any highway in this State the  
10 height of which exceeds 13½ feet, inclusive of load, and no com-  
11 mercial motor vehicle, tractor or trailer shall be operated on any  
12 highway in this State, the extreme overall length of which exceeds  
13 35 feet either for a two-axle four-wheeled vehicle, inclusive of load,  
14 or 35 feet either for a three-axle six wheeled vehicle, inclusive of  
15 load. No combination of vehicles containing more than two drawn  
16 vehicles, whether trailers or semitrailers, shall be operated on any  
17 highway in this State. A combination of vehicles containing two  
18 drawn vehicles may only be operated on those routes and under  
19 those conditions as the Commissioner of Transportation may pre-  
20 scribe, which shall be consistent with any rules and regulations  
21 promulgated by the Secretary of Transportation of the United  
22 States of America. The drawn vehicles in such combination,  
23 whether trailers or semitrailers, shall not exceed 28½ feet in ex-  
24 treme overall length, inclusive of load. No tractor-semitrailer  
25 combination shall be operated on any highway in this State, the  
26 semitrailer of which exceeds 48 feet in extreme overall length, in-  
27 clusive of load. A vehicle or vehicle inclusive of load exceeding  
28 the above limitations may be operated when a special permit so to  
29 operate is secured in advance from the director. The application for  
30 such permit shall be accompanied by a fee fixed by the director. A  
31 special permit issued by the director shall be in the possession of the  
32 operator of the vehicle for which such permit was issued. In com-

33 putting any dimensions of a vehicle, or vehicle and load, for the  
34 purposes of this section, there shall not be included in the dimen-  
35 sional limitations safety appliances such as mirrors or lights, or  
36 chains or similar fasteners used for the securing of cargo, provided  
37 such appliances or fasteners do not exceed the overall limitations  
38 established by the director by rule or regulation.

39 In the case of an omnibus the maximum width and length dimen-  
40 sions shall be such as the Department of Transportation prescribes,  
41 but no outside width in excess of 102 inches shall be prescribed with  
42 respect to one or more highways specified or otherwise described  
43 except upon certifications, (1) of the Division of Motor Vehicles in  
44 the Department of Law and Public Safety that the proposed width  
45 is not unsafe for use on the highways in this State and (2) of the  
46 State Department of Transportation that the proposed width, if in  
47 excess of 102 inches, is not in conflict with the requirements of any  
48 agency of the United States having jurisdiction over the National  
49 System of Interstate and Defense Highways authorized by law.  
50 No outside width so prescribed shall be valid if the allowance of  
51 use of the same would disqualify the State of New Jersey or any  
52 department, agency or governmental subdivision thereof for the  
53 purpose of receiving federal highway funds. The Commissioner of  
54 Transportation may, in respect of highways where he considers that  
55 public safety requires it, specify by regulation a lower maximum  
56 width, which shall in no case be lower than 96 inches.

57 In the case of farm tractors and traction equipment and farm  
58 machinery and implements, the maximum width and length shall  
59 be such as the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall  
60 prescribe by uniform rules and regulations but the operation of  
61 such vehicles shall be subject to the provisions of R. S. 39:3-24 and  
62 any such vehicle shall not be operated on any highway which is part  
63 of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways or on  
64 any highway which has been designated a freeway or parkway as  
65 provided by law.

66 In the case of commercial motor vehicles, trailers and semi-  
67 trailers including farm trucks, while loaded with hay or straw the  
68 maximum width of the load shall not exceed 105½ inches; except  
69 that the Commissioner of Transportation may by regulation pre-  
70 scribe a maximum width of 102 inches in the case of certain high-  
71 ways where he determines federal laws and regulations require  
72 it. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the di-  
73 rector may adopt regulations specifying maximum length dimen-  
74 sions for any vehicle or combination of vehicles designed, built and  
75 used solely to transport other motor vehicles.】

76 a. The following constitute the maximum dimensional limits for  
77 width, height and length for any vehicle or combination of vehicles,  
78 including load or contents or any part or portion thereof, found  
79 or operated on any public road, street or highway or any public  
80 or quasi-public property in this State. Violations shall be enforced  
81 pursuant to subsection i. of section 5 of P. L. 1950, c. 142 (C.  
82 39:3-84.3).

83 The dimensional limitations set forth in this subsection are ex-  
84 clusive of safety and energy conservation devices necessary for  
85 safe and efficient operation of a vehicle or combination of vehicles,  
86 including load or contents, except that no device excluded herein  
87 shall have by its design or use the capability to carry, transport or  
88 otherwise be utilized for cargo.

89 Any rules and regulations authorized to be promulgated pursuant  
90 to this subsection shall be consistent with any rules and regulations  
91 promulgated by the Secretary of Transportation of the United  
92 States of America, and shall be in accordance with the provisions  
93 of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P. L. 1968, c. 410  
94 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.). In addition to the other requirements of  
95 this subsection and notwithstanding any other provision of this  
96 Title, no vehicle or combination of vehicles, including load or con-  
97 tents or any part or portion thereof, except as otherwise pro-  
98 vided by this subsection, shall be operated in this State, unless by  
99 special permit authorized by subsection d. of this section with a  
100 dimension the allowance of which would disqualify the State of New  
101 Jersey or any department, agency or governmental subdivision  
102 thereof for the purpose of receiving federal highway funds.

103 As used herein and pursuant to R. S. 39:1-1, the term "vehicle"  
104 includes, but is not limited to, commercial motor vehicles, trucks,  
105 truck tractors, tractors, road tractors, or omnibuses. As used  
106 herein and pursuant to R. S. 39:1-1, the term "combination of ve-  
107 hicles" includes, but is not limited to, vehicles as heretofore desig-  
108 nated, when those vehicles are the drawing or power unit of a  
109 combination of vehicles and motor-drawn vehicles such as, but not  
110 limited to, trailers, semitrailers, or other vehicles.

111 (1) The maximum outside width of any vehicle or combination  
112 of vehicles, including load or contents of any part or portion thereof,  
113 except as otherwise provided by this subsection, shall be no more  
114 than 102 inches; except that the Commissioner of Transportation,  
115 after consultation with the Director of the Division of Motor Vehi-  
116 cles and the Superintendent of State Police, may promulgate rules  
117 and regulations for those public roads, streets or highways or public  
118 quasi-public property in this State where it is determined that the

119 *interest of public safety and welfare require the maximum outside*  
120 *width be no more than 96 inches.*

121 (2) *The maximum height of any vehicle or combination of ve-*  
122 *hicles, including load or contents of any part or portion thereof,*  
123 *except as otherwise provided by this subsection, shall not exceed*  
124 *13 feet six inches.*

125 (3) *The maximum overall length of any vehicle, as set forth in*  
126 *this subsection, including load or contents or any part or portion*  
127 *thereof, except as otherwise provided by this subsection, shall not*  
128 *exceed 35 feet, except that the overall length of a vehicle, including*  
129 *load or contents or any part or portion thereof, otherwise subject*  
130 *to the provisions of this paragraph shall not exceed 50 feet when*  
131 *transporting poles, pilings, structural units or other articles which*  
132 *cannot be dismembered, dismantled or divided. When a vehicle,*  
133 *subject to this paragraph, is the drawing or power unit of a com-*  
134 *bination of vehicles, as set forth in this subsection, the overall*  
135 *length of the combination of vehicles, including load or contents or*  
136 *any part or portion thereof shall not exceed 62 feet. The provisions*  
137 *of this paragraph shall not apply to omnibuses or to vehicles which*  
138 *are not designed, built or otherwise capable of carrying cargo or*  
139 *loads.*

140 (4) *The maximum overall length of a motor-drawn vehicle, as*  
141 *set forth in this subsection, including load or contents or any part*  
142 *or portion thereof, except as otherwise provided by this subsection,*  
143 *shall not exceed 48 feet when operated as part of a combination of*  
144 *vehicles consisting of one motor-drawn vehicle and a drawing or*  
145 *power unit vehicle not designed, built or otherwise capable of*  
146 *carrying cargo or loads, except that the overall length of a motor-*  
147 *drawn vehicle, otherwise subject to the provisions of this paragraph,*  
148 *shall not exceed 63 feet when transporting poles, pilings, structural*  
149 *units or other articles that cannot be dismembered, dismantled or*  
150 *divided. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any*  
151 *vehicle or combination of vehicles designed, built and utilized solely*  
152 *to transport other motor vehicles.*

153 (5) *No combination of vehicles, including load or contents, con-*  
154 *sisting of more than two motor-drawn vehicles, as set forth in this*  
155 *subsection, and any other vehicle, shall be found or operated on*  
156 *any public road, street or highway or any public or quasi-public*  
157 *property in this State.*

158 (6) *The maximum, overall length of a motor-drawn vehicle, as*  
159 *set forth in this section, including load or contents or any part or*  
160 *portion thereof, except as otherwise provided by this subsection,*  
161 *when operated as part of a combination of vehicles consisting of*

162 *two motor-drawn vehicles and a drawing or power unit vehicle*  
163 *which is not designed, built or otherwise capable of carrying cargo*  
164 *or loads, shall not exceed 28 feet for each motor-drawn vehicle in*  
165 *the combination of vehicles. The provision of this paragraph shall*  
166 *not apply to any vehicle or combination of vehicles designed, built*  
167 *and utilized solely to transport other motor vehicles. The Commis-*  
168 *sioner of Transportation, after consultation with the Director of*  
169 *the Division of Motor Vehicles and the Superintendent of State*  
170 *Police, shall promulgate rules and regulations specifying those*  
171 *portions or parts of the National System of Interstate and Defense*  
172 *Highways, Federal-aid Primary System Highways and public*  
173 *roads, streets, highways, toll roads, freeways or parkways in this*  
174 *State where combinations of vehicles as described in this para-*  
175 *graph may lawfully operate.*

176 (7) *The maximum length and outside width of an omnibus found*  
177 *or operated in this State shall be established by rules and regula-*  
178 *tions promulgated by the Commissioner of Transportation after*  
179 *consultation with the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles*  
180 *and the Superintendent of State Police. Unless otherwise specified*  
181 *in the aforesaid rules and regulations the maximum outside width*  
182 *shall be 102 inches; any other dimension established for width in*  
183 *the aforesaid rules and regulations shall be based upon a determi-*  
184 *nation that operation of an omnibus with a width of less than 102*  
185 *inches, but not less than 96 inches is required in the interests of*  
186 *public safety on those public roads, streets, highways, toll roads,*  
187 *freeways, parkways or the National System of Interstate and De-*  
188 *fense Highways in this State specified in the aforesaid rules and*  
189 *regulations, or that operation of an omnibus with a width greater*  
190 *than 102 inches is not unsafe on those public roads, streets, high-*  
191 *ways, toll roads, freeways, parkways or the National System of*  
192 *Interstate and Defense Highways in this State specified in the*  
193 *aforesaid rules and regulations.*

194 (8) *The maximum width and length of farm tractors and trac-*  
195 *tion equipment and farm machinery and implements shall be es-*  
196 *tablished by rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of*  
197 *the Division of Motor Vehicles. The operation of the aforesaid*  
198 *vehicles shall be subject to the provisions of R. S. 39:3-24 and they*  
199 *shall not be operated on any highway which is part of the National*  
200 *System of Interstate and Defense Highways or on any highway*  
201 *which has been designated a freeway or parkway as provided by*  
202 *law.*

203 (9) *The maximum outside width of the cargo or load of a vehicle*  
204 *or combination of vehicles, including farm trucks, loaded with hay*

205 or straw shall not exceed 105½ inches, but the maximum outside  
206 width of the vehicle or combination of vehicles including farm  
207 trucks shall otherwise comply with the provisions of paragraph  
208 (1) of this subsection. The Commissioner of Transportation, after  
209 consultation with the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles  
210 and the Superintendent of State Police, may promulgate rules and  
211 regulations establishing a maximum outside width of 102 inches  
212 for the aforesaid cargo or load when operating on those highways  
213 where a greater width is prohibited by operation of law.

214 (10) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 6 of  
215 this subsection pertaining to length, the Director of the Division  
216 of Motor Vehicles may adopt rules and regulations specifying  
217 maximum length dimensions for any vehicle or combination of  
218 vehicles designed, built and utilized solely to transport other motor  
219 vehicles.

220 (11) The provisions of this subsection pertaining to length shall  
221 not apply to a vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile  
222 equipment operated by a public utility, as defined in R. S. 48:2-13,  
223 when that vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile  
224 equipment is used by the public utility in the construction, recon-  
225 struction, repair or maintenance of its property or facilities.

226 b. No vehicle or combination of vehicles, including load or con-  
227 tents, found or operated on any public road, street or highway or  
228 any public or quasi-public property in this State shall exceed the  
229 weight limitations set forth in this Title. Violations shall be en-  
230 forced pursuant to subsection j. of section 5 of P. L. 1950, c. 142  
231 (C. 39:3-84.3).

232 Where enforcement of a weight limit provision of this Title  
233 requires a measurement of length between axle centers, the distance  
234 between axle centers shall be measured to the nearest whole foot or  
235 whole inch, whichever is applicable, and when the measurement  
236 includes a fractional part of a foot equalling six inches or more or  
237 a fractional part of an inch equalling one-half inch or more, the  
238 next larger whole foot or whole inch, whichever is applicable, shall  
239 be utilized. The term "tandem axle" as used in this act is defined  
240 as a combination of consecutive axles, consisting of only two axles,  
241 where the distance between axle centers is 40 inches or more but  
242 no more than 96 inches.

243 In addition to the other requirements of this section and not-  
244 withstanding any other provision of this Title, no vehicle or com-  
245 bination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall be operated  
246 in this State, unless by special permit authorized by this Title, with  
247 a gross weight, single or multiple axle weight, or gross weight of

248 *two or more consecutive axles, the allowance of which would dis-*  
 249 *qualify the State of New Jersey or any department, agency or*  
 250 *governmental subdivision thereof for the purpose of receiving*  
 251 *federal highway funds.*

252 (1) *The gross weight imposed on the highway or other surface*  
 253 *by the wheels of any one axle of a vehicle or combination of vehicles,*  
 254 *including load or contents, shall not exceed 22,400 pounds.*

255 For the purpose of this Title the *combined* gross weight imposed  
 256 on the highway or other surface by all the wheels of any one axle of  
 257 a vehicle or combination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall  
 258 be deemed to mean the total [load transmitted to the road by]  
 259 gross weight of all wheels whose axle centers are spaced [included  
 260 between two parallel transverse vertical planes] less than 40 inches  
 261 apart[, extending across the full width of the vehicle].

262 (2) The [combined] gross weight imposed on the highway or  
 263 other surface by all the wheels of all consecutive axles of a vehicle  
 264 or combination of vehicles, including load or contents, [whose  
 265 centers are on or between two parallel transverse vertical planes  
 266 spaced] shall not exceed 34,000 pounds where the distance between  
 267 consecutive axle centers is 40 inches or more, but [less] no more  
 268 than 96 inches apart[, extending across the full width of the vehicle,  
 269 shall not exceed 34,000 pounds].

270 (3) *The combined gross weight imposed on the highway or other*  
 271 *surface by all the wheels of consecutive axles of a vehicle or com-*  
 272 *ination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall not exceed*  
 273 *22,400 pounds for each single axle where the distance between con-*  
 274 *secutive axle centers is more than 96 inches; except that on any*  
 275 *highway in this State which is part of, or designated as part of, the*  
 276 *National Interstate System, as provided at 23 U. S. C. § 103 (e), this*  
 277 *single axle limitation shall not apply and in those instances the*  
 278 *provisions of this Title as set forth at R. S. 39:3-84 b. (5) shall*  
 279 *apply.*

280 (4) *The maximum total gross weight imposed on the highway or*  
 281 *other surface by a vehicle or combination of vehicles, including load*  
 282 *or contents, shall not exceed 80,000 pounds.*

283 (5) *On any highway in this State which is part of, or designated*  
 284 *as part of, the National Interstate System as provided at 23 U. S. C.*  
 285 *§ 103 (e), the total gross weight, in pounds, imposed on the highway*  
 286 *or other surface by any group of two or more consecutive axles of*  
 287 *a vehicle or combination of vehicles which is in excess of 73,280*  
 288 *pounds, including load or contents, shall not exceed that listed in*  
 289 *the following TABLE OF MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHTS, for the*  
 290 *respective distance, in feet, between the axle centers of the first and*

291 last axles of the group of two or more consecutive axles under con-  
 292 sideration; except that in addition to the weights specified in that  
 293 Table, two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross  
 294 weight of 34,000 pounds each if the overall distance between the  
 295 first and last axles of the consecutive sets of tandem axles is thirty-  
 296 six feet or more. The gross weight of each set of tandem axles  
 297 shall not exceed 34,000 pounds and the combined gross weight of  
 298 the two consecutive sets of tandem axles shall not exceed 68,000  
 299 pounds.

300 In all cases the combined gross weight for a vehicle or combina-  
 301 tion of vehicles, including load or contents, or the maximum gross  
 302 weight for any axle or combination of axles of the vehicle or com-  
 303 bination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall not exceed  
 304 that which is permitted pursuant to this paragraph or R. S.  
 305 39:3-84 b. (2); R. S. 39:3-84 b. (3); or R. S. 39:3-84 b. (4) of this  
 306 act, whichever is the lesser allowable gross weight.

#### TABLE OF MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHTS

Distance in feet between axle centers of first and last axles of any group of two or more con- secutive axles		2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles	7 axles
307	3	22400	22400	22400	22400	22400	22400
308	4	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
309	5	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
310	6	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
311	7	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
312	8	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
313	9	39000	42500	42500	42500	42500	42500
314	10	40000	43500	43500	43500	43500	43500
315	11	41000	44000	44000	44000	44000	44000
316	12	42000	45000	50000	50000	50000	50000
317	13	43000	45500	50500	50500	50500	50500
318	14	44000	46500	51500	51500	51500	51500
319	15	44800	47000	52000	52000	52000	52000
320	16	44800	48000	52500	58000	58000	58000
321	17	44800	48500	53500	58500	58500	58500
322	18	44800	49500	54000	59000	59000	59000
323	19	44800	50000	54500	60000	60000	60000
324	20	44800	51000	55500	60500	66000	66000
325	21	44800	51500	56000	61000	66500	66500
326	22	44800	52500	56500	61500	67000	67000

## TABLE OF MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHTS

<i>Distance in feet between axle centers of first and last axles of any group of two or more con- secutive axles</i>		<i>2 axles</i>	<i>3 axles</i>	<i>4 axles</i>	<i>5 axles</i>	<i>6 axles</i>	<i>7 axles</i>
327	23	44800	53000	57500	62500	68000	68000
328	24	44800	54000	58000	63000	68500	74000
329	25	44800	54500	58500	63500	69000	74500
330	26	44800	55500	59500	64000	69500	75000
331	27	44800	56000	60000	65000	70000	75500
332	28	44800	57000	60500	65500	71000	76500
333	29	44800	57500	61500	66000	71500	77000
334	30	44800	58500	62000	66500	72000	77500
335	31	44800	59000	62500	67500	72500	78000
336	32	44800	60000	63500	68000	73000	78500
337	33	44800	60500	64000	68500	74000	79000
338	34	44800	61500	64500	69000	74500	80000
339	35	44800	62000	65500	70000	75000	80000
340	36	44800	63000	66000	70500	75500	80000
341	37	44800	63500	66500	71000	76000	80000
342	38	44800	64500	67500	71500	77000	80000
343	39	44800	65000	68000	72500	77500	80000
344	40	44800	66000	68500	73000	78000	80000
345	41	44800	66500	69500	73500	78500	80000
346	42	44800	67200	70000	74000	79000	80000
347	43	44800	67200	70500	75000	80000	80000
348	44	44800	67200	71500	75500	80000	80000
349	45	44800	67200	72000	76000	80000	80000
350	46	44800	67200	72500	76500	80000	80000
351	47	44800	67200	73500	77500	80000	80000
352	48	44800	67200	74000	78000	80000	80000
353	49	44800	67200	74500	78500	80000	80000
354	50	44800	67200	75500	79000	80000	80000
355	51	44800	67200	76000	80000	80000	80000
356	52	44800	67200	76500	80000	80000	80000
357	53	44800	67200	77500	80000	80000	80000
358	54	44800	67200	78000	80000	80000	80000
359	55	44800	67200	78500	80000	80000	80000
360	56	44800	67200	79500	80000	80000	80000
361	57	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
362	58	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000

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<i>Distance in feet between axle centers of first and last axles of any group of two or more con- secutive axles</i>		<i>2 axles</i>	<i>3 axles</i>	<i>4 axles</i>	<i>5 axles</i>	<i>6 axles</i>	<i>7 axles</i>
363	59	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
364	60	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
365	61	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
366	62	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
367	63	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
368	64	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
369	65	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
370	66	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
371	67	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
372	68	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
373	69	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
374	70	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000

375 [In addition to the other requirements of this section and not-  
376 withstanding any other provision of this Title, no commercial motor  
377 vehicle, tractor, trailer or semitrailer shall be operated on any  
378 highway in this State with a combined weight of vehicle and load,  
379 an axle weight or a vehicle dimension the allowance of which would  
380 disqualify the State of New Jersey or any department, agency or  
381 governmental subdivision thereof for the purpose of receiving fed-  
382 ral highway funds.]

383 c. The dimensional and weight restrictions set forth herein shall  
384 not apply to a combination of vehicles which includes a disabled  
385 vehicle or a combination of vehicles being removed from a highway  
386 in this State, provided that such oversize or overweight vehicle  
387 combination may not travel on the public highways more than five  
388 miles from the point where such disablement occurred. If the dis-  
389 ablement occurred on a limited access highway, the distance to the  
390 nearest exit of such highway shall be added to the five-mile limita-  
391 tion.

392 d. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may promul-  
393 gate rules and regulations, including the establishment of fees, for  
394 the issuance, at his discretion and if good cause appears, of a special  
395 written permit authorizing the applicant:

396 (1) To operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or  
397 special mobile equipment, transporting one piece loads that cannot  
398 be dismembered, dismantled or divided in order to comply with

399 *the weight limitations set forth in this act. The special written*  
 400 *permit issued by the director shall be in the possession of the driver*  
 401 *or operator of the vehicle or combination of vehicles or special*  
 402 *mobile equipment for which said permit was issued; and*

403 (2) *To operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or*  
 404 *specialized mobile equipment, transporting a load or cargo that*  
 405 *cannot be dismembered, dismantled or divided in order to comply*  
 406 *with the dimensional limitations set forth in this act. The special*  
 407 *written permit shall be in the possession of the driver or operator*  
 408 *of the vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile equip-*  
 409 *ment for which the permit was issued; and*

410 (3) *Under emergency conditions, to operate or move a type of*  
 411 *vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile equipment of*  
 412 *a size or weight, including load or contents, which exceeds the*  
 413 *maximum size or weight limitations specified in this act.*

1 3. This act shall take effect upon the enactment into law of  
 2 Assembly Bill No. 3003 of 1983 (enacted into law as P. L. 198,  
 3 c. ), except that the provisions of section 1 (C. 39:3-84.1) and  
 4 section 2 (R. S. 39:3-84) of this act shall supersede the provisions  
 5 of section 3 (C. 39:3-84.1) and section 2 (R. S. 39:3-84) of As-  
 6 sembly Bill No. 3003 of 1983, insofar as they may be inconsistent  
 7 therewith.

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#### STATEMENT

This bill provides that Assembly Bill No. 3003, popularly known as the "Bridge Formula Bill," if enacted into law, would be changed in certain respects. Commercial motor vehicles would be exempt from certain weight limitations prescribed in R. S. 39:3-84 b. (5), for a period of five years. Solid waste and constructor vehicles are also exempted, without any time limit. In addition, the Table of Maximum Gross Weights for motor vehicles would not apply to vehicles of less than 73,280 pounds.

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			adopt rules and regulations providing for exemptions for a transitional period from the provisions of R.S. 39:3-84b. (5) for the following:
			(1) Tandem-axle dump trucks;
			(2) Five-axle dump trailers;
			(3) Two-axle dump trucks;
			(4) Tri-axle dump trucks;
			(5) Four-axle dump trucks;
			(6) Three-axle and four-axle ready-mix transit trucks;
			(7) Four-axle and five-axle flatbed tractor trailers;
			(8) Five-axle bulk carriers;
			(9) Two-axle, three-axle, four-axle and five-axle liquid bulk carriers;
			(10) Two-axle and three-axle emergency equipment wreckers;
			(11) Solid waste rear-end loaders;
			(12) Solid waste front-end loaders;
			(13) Solid waste four-axle roll-offs;
			(14) Four-axle and five-axle waste transfer tractor trailers;
			(15) Two-axle, three-axle, four-axle and five-axle general freight carriers; and
			(16) Intermodal ocean containers."
2-11	2		Omit section 2 in entirety
12	3	1	Omit "3." insert "2."
12	3	4	Omit "and section 2 (R.S. 39:3-84)"
12	3	5	Omit "and section 2 (R.S. 39:3-84)"

STATEMENT

This bill, with these floor amendments, provides that A-3003, popularly known as the "Bridge Formula Bill," if enacted into law, would be changed in certain respects. Constructor vehicles would be exempted in certain cases from the provisions of R.S. 39:3-84b. (5) which sets forth the Table of Maximum Gross Weights. The Commissioner of Transportation would be authorized to adopt rules and regulations providing for ex-

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emptions from R.S. 39:3-84b. (5) for solid waste vehicles and vehicles not in excess of 73,280 pounds. Certain other classes of commercial vehicles may also be exempted by the commissioner for a transitional period. All classes of vehicles which may be subject to exemption under this bill from R.S. 39:3-84b. (5) are classes which, if they were not exempted, would suffer substantial economic hardship.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RELEASE: IMMEDIATE

CONTACT: CARL GOLDEN

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1983

Governor Thomas H. Kean today signed legislation which will permit the Department of Transportation to seek exemptions for certain trucks from the weight restrictions imposed by the Federal Bridge Formula.

The legislation would permit the Department of Transportation to seek permanent exemptions for vehicles hauling solid waste and for vehicles whose weight is less than 73,280 pounds. In addition, the Department of Transportation is authorized to seek temporary exemptions for a number of other type vehicles.

The legislation, A-3910, was sponsored by Assemblyman Thomas Cowan, D-Hudson.

Any exemptions will require a review by the Federal Highway Administration before they can be adopted.

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