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Title 23: Motor Vehicles

Chapter 13: Operation Of Vehicles

1402. Overweight, width, height, and length permits; fees

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(a) Overweight, overwidth, indivisible overlength, and overheight permits. Overweight, overwidth, indivisible overlength and overheight permits shall be signed by the commissioner or by his or her agent and a copy shall be kept in the office of the commissioner or in a location approved by the commissioner. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a copy shall also be available in the towing vehicle and must be available for inspection on demand of a law enforcement officer. Before operating a traction engine, tractor, trailer, motor truck or other motor vehicle, the person to whom a permit to operate in excess of the weight, width, indivisible overlength and height limits established by this title is granted shall pay a fee of \$20.00 for each single trip permit or \$70.00 for a blanket permit, except that the fee for a fleet blanket permit shall be \$70.00 for the first unit and \$1.00 for each unit thereafter. At the option of a carrier, an annual permit for the entire fleet, to operate over any approved route, may be obtained for \$70.00 for the first tractor and \$1.00 for each additional tractor, up to a maximum fee of \$1,000.00. The fee for a fleet permit shall be based on the entire number of tractors owned by the applicant. An applicant for a fleet permit may apply for any number of specific routes, each of which shall be reviewed with regard to the characteristics of the route and the type of equipment operated by the applicant. When the weight or size of the vehicle-load are considered sufficiently excessive for the routing requested, the agency of transportation shall, on request of the commissioner, conduct an engineering inspection of the vehicle-load and route, for which a fee of \$300.00 will be added to the cost of the permit if the load is a manufactured home. For all other loads of any size or with gross weight limits less than 150,000 pounds, the fee shall be \$800.00 for any engineering inspection that requires up to eight hours to conduct. If the inspection requires more than eight hours to conduct, the fee shall be \$800.00 plus \$60.00 per hour for each additional hour required. If the vehicle and load weigh 150,000 pounds or more but not more than 200,000 pounds, the engineering inspection fee shall be \$2,000.00. If the vehicle and load weigh more than 200,000 pounds but not more than 250,000 pounds, the engineering inspection fee shall be \$5,000.00. If the vehicle and load weigh more than 250,000 pounds, the engineering inspection fee shall be \$10,000.00. The study must be completed prior to the permit being issued. Prior to the issuance of a permit, an applicant whose vehicle weighs 150,000 pounds or more, or is 15 or more feet in width or height, shall file with the commissioner a special certificate of insurance showing minimum coverage of \$250,000.00 for death or injury to one person, \$500,000.00 for death or injury to two or more persons and \$250,000.00 for property damage, all arising out of any one accident.

(b) Overlength permits. Except as provided in subsection 1432(f) of this title, it shall be necessary to obtain an overlength permit as follows:

(1) For vehicles with a trailer or semitrailer which are longer than 68 feet but not longer than 72 feet off the truck network established in subsection 1432(c) of this title and the distance between the steering axle and the rearmost tractor axle is 23 feet or less. In such cases, the vehicle may be operated with a

single or multiple trip overlength permit issued by the department of motor vehicles at no cost or, for a fee, by an entity authorized under subsection 1400(d) of this title for routes approved by the agency of transportation.

(2) For vehicles with a trailer or semitrailer longer than 68 feet but not longer than 72 feet off the truck network established in subsection 1432(c) of this title and the distance between the steering axle and the rearmost tractor axle is more than 23 feet. In such cases, the vehicle may be operated with a single trip overlength permit issued by the department of motor vehicles at no cost for routes approved by the agency of transportation.

(3) For vehicles with a trailer or semitrailer longer than 72 feet anywhere in the state on highways approved by the agency of transportation. In such cases, the vehicle may be operated with a single trip overlength permit issued by the department of motor vehicles for a fee of \$10.00. If the vehicle is 100 feet or more in length, the permit applicant shall file with the commissioner of motor vehicles, a special certificate of insurance showing minimum coverage of \$250,000.00 for death or injury to one person, \$500,000.00 for death or injury to two or more persons and \$250,000.00 for property damage, all arising out of any one accident.

(c) Prepayment of permit fees. The commissioner of motor vehicles may accept prepayments of fees under section 1400 of this title. A prepayment shall be credited to the account of the person making the prepayment and the account shall be reduced to the extent of any fees due from that person under this section; provided, however, fees may not be charged to the account in excess of the account balance. Upon oral application of any person having prepaid fees the commissioner may issue a permit with an identifying number, and the permit shall become effective immediately. Upon application the commissioner shall return any unused portion of the prepayment to the person originally making the prepayment.

Single trip Permit

(d) Permit for shipment of mobile or manufactured homes. The commissioner may from time to time designate a specific route as being pre-approved for the shipment of mobile or manufactured homes which are greater than 14 feet but not greater than 16 feet in overall width. Any person to whom a permit is issued under subsection (a) of this section, to transport a mobile or manufactured home which is greater than 14 feet but not greater than 16 feet overall width, over routes that have been pre-approved shall pay in lieu of the fees established in that subsection, a single trip permit fee of \$40.00. (Amended 1959, No. 106, eff. April 14, 1959; 1969, No. 212 (Adj. Sess.), § 3, eff. March 25, 1970; 1987, No. 95, § 2, eff. June 23, 1987; 1989, No. 51, § 44; 1995, No. 47, §§ 11, 12, eff. April 20, 1995; 1995, No. 183 (Adj. Sess.), § 18m, eff. May 22, 1996; 1997, No. 46, §§ 1-3; 1999, No. 154 (Adj. Sess.), § 15, eff. Aug. 1, 2000; 2003, No. 70 (Adj. Sess.), § 30, eff. March 1, 2004.)