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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act allows trucks to carry more milk. (Flesch Readability Score: 92.9).

Increases allowable weight limits for vehicles carrying fluid milk products.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to vehicle weight limits; amending ORS 818.030.

2 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

3 **SECTION 1.** ORS 818.030 is amended to read:

4 818.030. This section establishes exemptions from the maximum weight
5 limitations under ORS 818.010 and 818.020. The exemptions under this section
6 are in addition to any exemptions under ORS 801.026. Operation in accord-
7 ance with one of the exemptions described is not subject to the penalties in
8 ORS 818.020. Exemptions are partial or complete as described in the fol-
9 lowing:
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11 (1) The maximum weight limitations do not apply on any way,
12 thoroughfare or place owned by a district formed under ORS chapters 545,
13 547 and 551 or a corporation formed under ORS chapter 554.

14 (2) The maximum weight limitations do not apply on any road or
15 thoroughfare or property in private ownership or any road or thoroughfare,
16 other than a state highway or county road, used pursuant to any agreement
17 with any agency of the United States or with a licensee of such agency, or
18 both.

19 (3) The maximum weight limitations do not apply to any vehicle, combi-
20 nation of vehicles, article, machine or other equipment while being used by

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 the federal government, the State of Oregon or any county or incorporated
2 city in the construction, maintenance or repair of public highways and at the
3 immediate location or site of such construction, maintenance or repair.

4 (4) The maximum weight limitations do not apply to vehicles while being
5 used on the roads of a road authority by mass transit districts for the pur-
6 poses authorized under ORS 267.010 to 267.394, provided the weight of the
7 vehicles is approved by the road authority for the roads.

8 (5) Subject to the maximum weight limitations under Tables I and III of
9 ORS 818.010, any vehicle with a single rear axle specially equipped with a
10 self-compactor and used exclusively for garbage or refuse operations may
11 have a loaded weight upon a single axle of not more than 22,000 pounds when
12 laden with garbage or refuse. When unladen or when operating on any
13 highway that is part of the federal interstate highway system such vehicles
14 shall comply with the weight limitations under Table II of ORS 818.010.

15 (6) Weight limitations are not applicable in any place and to the extent
16 the weight limitations are modified by a road authority under ORS 810.060.
17 The exemption under this subsection is subject to the limitations imposed
18 by the road authority exercising the powers granted under ORS 810.060.

19 (7) Operations authorized to exceed weight limitations by a variance per-
20 mit issued under ORS 818.200 are subject to the terms of the permit. It shall
21 be a defense to any charge of violation of ORS 818.020 if the person so
22 charged produces a variance permit issued under ORS 818.200 authorizing the
23 operation of the vehicle or combination of vehicles issued prior to and valid
24 at the time of the offense.

25 (8)(a) Notwithstanding Table III of ORS 818.010, two consecutive sets of
26 tandem axles may have a loaded weight of 34,000 pounds each when operat-
27 ing on interstate highways with a permit and on other highways without a
28 permit, providing the distance between the first and last axles of the two sets
29 of tandem axles is at least 30 feet but less than 36 feet.

30 (b) Notwithstanding Table III of ORS 818.010, two consecutive sets of
31 tandem axles may have a loaded weight of 34,000 pounds each when operat-

1 ing on any highway if the overall distance between the first and the last
2 axles of the sets of tandem axles is 36 feet or more.

3 (9) Notwithstanding Table III of ORS 818.010, a group of four axles con-
4 sisting of a set of tandem axles and two axles spaced nine feet or more apart
5 may have a loaded weight of more than 65,500 pounds and up to 70,000
6 pounds when operating on interstate highways with a permit and on other
7 highways without a permit, providing the distance between the first and last
8 axles of the group is 35 feet or more.

9 (10) The maximum weight limitations do not apply to a vehicle equipped
10 with a fully functional idle reduction system designed to reduce fuel use and
11 emissions from engine idling. The vehicle may exceed the weight limitations
12 established under ORS 818.010 by not more than 550 pounds.

13 (11) The maximum weight limitations do not apply to a vehicle that uses
14 natural gas as its fuel source or a vehicle powered primarily by means of an
15 electric battery. The vehicle may exceed the weight limitations established
16 under ORS 818.010 by not more than 2,000 pounds.

17 **(12) A vehicle carrying fluid milk products may have a loaded**
18 **weight of not more than 129,000 pounds.**

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