

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: RCS 02/19/2009

The Committee on Transportation (Baker) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 316.545, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.545 Weight and load unlawful; special fuel and motor fuel tax enforcement; inspection; penalty; review.-

(3) Any person who violates the overloading provisions of this chapter shall be conclusively presumed to have damaged the highways of this state by reason of such overloading, which

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damage is hereby fixed as follows:

- (a) When the excess weight is 200 pounds or less than the maximum herein provided, the penalty shall be \$10;
- (b) Five cents per pound for each pound of weight in excess of the maximum herein provided when the excess weight exceeds 200 pounds. However, whenever the gross weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles does not exceed the maximum allowable gross weight, the maximum fine for the first 600 pounds of unlawful axle weight shall be \$10;
- (c) For a vehicle equipped with fully functional idlereduction technology, any penalty shall be calculated by reducing the actual gross vehicle weight or the internal bridge weight by the certified weight of the idle-reduction technology or by 400 pounds, whichever is less. The vehicle operator must present written certification of the weight of the idlereduction technology and must demonstrate or certify that the idle reduction technology is fully functional at all times. This calculation is not allowed for vehicles described in s. 316.535(6);
- (d) (c) An apportioned motor vehicle, as defined in s. 320.01, operating on the highways of this state without being properly licensed and registered shall be subject to the penalties as herein provided; and
- (e) (d) Vehicles operating on the highways of this state from nonmember International Registration Plan jurisdictions which are not in compliance with the provisions of s. 316.605 shall be subject to the penalties as herein provided.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

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41 ======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= 42 And the title is amended as follows: Delete line 3 43 and insert: 44 45 s. 316.545, F.S.; increasing the maximum weight limits