



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	15-3279/1	Introduction Number	SB-417	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> Width and weight limits of certain motor vehicles operated on a highway					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, unless an exception applies, no person may operate on a highway, without a permit, any vehicle that exceeds certain statutory size or weight limits. This bill allows the operation of certain logging vehicles, without a permit, on the highway for a distance of 0.5 miles or less with no limitation on weight, if unladen, and with a width of up to 12 feet.

The allowances for unlimited weight and increased width prescribed under the bill do not apply to any highway that is part of the Interstate Highway System. The unlimited weight allowance also does not apply to highways with posted weight limits. Under the bill, the vehicle weight and width exceptions are created for skidders, forwarders, harvesters, and wheeled feller bunchers operated on the highway for logging purposes. There are no conditions specified in the bill with respect to the point of origin or destination for the allowable travel of up 0.5 miles or less.

At this time, the number of structures and segments that will be posted by maintaining authorities, as a result of this bill, cannot be determined. In addition, the additional stresses, as a result of the unlimited weight allowance prescribed in the bill, on bridges and pavement may diminish the service life or accelerate the deterioration of this infrastructure. However, the number of logging vehicles, including their weight and axle spacing, that will be in operation on the highway at increased weights are unknown.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Indeterminate.