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L. D. 1291 - An Act Relating to Weight of Commercial Vehicles

FACTS:

L. D. 1291 proposes an amendment of R. S., T. 29, § 1652, by adding five maximum weight limits on 4-axle vehicles with distance-between-axles of from 34 to 38 feet.

QUESTION:

Does the proposed amendment violate the provisions of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956 (23 U.S.C.A. § 127) ?

ANSWER:

No.

OPINION:

The Federal Aid Highway Act provides for a maximum gross weight limit of 73,280 pounds. The additional weight limits proposed by L.D. 1291 are less than the Federal limit.

Furthermore, the present law (R.S., T. 29, § 1652) provides that the permitted weight limits do not apply to the use of the Interstate System as defined in the Federal Aid Highway Act by vehicles with weights in excess of the applicable maximum weights permitted by the Federal Aid Highway Act.

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