

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 642

Short Title: Special Permit Regulations.

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Sponsors: Senator Goldston.

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Referred to: Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
2 SHALL ISSUE RULES GOVERNING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PERMITS  
3 FOR VEHICLES OF EXCESSIVE SIZE, WEIGHT, OR NUMBER OF UNITS.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 20-119(a) reads as rewritten:

7 "(a) The Department of Transportation may, in their discretion, upon application,  
8 for good cause being shown therefor, issue a special permit in writing authorizing the  
9 applicant to operate or move a vehicle of a size or weight or number of units exceeding  
10 a maximum specified in this Article upon any highway under the jurisdiction and for the  
11 maintenance of which the body granting the permit is responsible. However, the  
12 Department is not authorized to issue any permit to operate or move over the State  
13 highways twin trailers, commonly referred to as double bottom trailers. Every such  
14 permit shall be carried in the vehicle to which it refers and shall be open to inspection  
15 by any peace officer; and it shall be a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the  
16 terms or conditions of such special permit: Provided, the authorities in any incorporated  
17 city or town may grant permits in writing and for good cause shown, authorizing the  
18 applicant to move a vehicle over the streets of such city or town, the size or weight  
19 exceeding the maximum expressed in this Article. The Department of Transportation  
20 shall issue rules to implement this section, but no rule shall provide that the permits  
21 issued pursuant to this section may be invalidated by law enforcement personnel to  
22 allow the assessment of overweight penalties unless the weight is in excess of the  
23 weight stated on the permit."

24 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.