

**SF 355**

**Oversize/Overweight Vehicle Permit**

- Section 1 Amends Code section 321.473 by striking provisions relating to annual permits for the operation of compact rubbish vehicles, which are moved to new Code section 321E.30.
- Section 2 Amends Code section 321E.1 to provide that if a vehicle permitted to transport indivisible loads has a retractable body extension, the extension must be reduced to legal dimensions unless the vehicle is loaded and the extension is in use. Also allows persons requesting permits to do so in person, through the Internet, facsimile or by telephone.
- Section 3 Amends Code section 321E.2 to state that the DOT, at the request of a local authority, shall issue types of permits for streets under local jurisdiction if the local authority has indicated to the DOT in writing those streets or highways where a permit is not valid. "In writing" includes electronic communication.
- Section 4 Amends Code section 321E.7 by making technical revisions to existing language relating to load limits per axle and by including the axle and gross weight limitation for raw milk transporters and compact rubbish vehicles.
- Section 5 Amends Code section 321E.8 relating to the issuance of annual permits to provide that certain commercial vehicles other than special trucks, which are currently allowed to operate at weight limits of up to 90,000 pounds with six axles and up to 96,000 pounds with seven axles, are exempt from permitting requirements based on weight in excess of 80,000 pounds.



- Section 10 Amends Code section 321E.11 to specify that a permitted vehicle with an overall length of not more than 100 feet and an overall width of not more than 14 feet 6 inches, may operate from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise on primary and nonprimary highway system roadways that are at least 22 feet in total width with at least 11 feet of lane width. Requires certain vehicles to be equipped with projecting-load lights that are operating in addition to signs, flags and warning lights required for vehicles operating under permit. Permit-issuing authority may impose additional lighting and escort requirements for night movement.
- Section 11 Amends Code section 321E.12 to allow a private carrier who is not for hire to transport special mobile equipment on a vehicle registered for the gross weight of the transport vehicle and cargo, minus the weight of the special mobile equipment, when the special mobile equipment is owned, leased or rented and under exclusive control of the private carrier.
- Section 12 Amends Code section 321E.13 by making technical changes to conform to the terminology used throughout the Code chapter.
- Section 13 Amends Code section 321E.14 to include all permit fees in one Code section. This section does not change permit fees.
- Section 14 Amends Code section 321E.16 to include a penalty for violations by escort vehicle operators. Provides that operating a civilian escort vehicle in violation of administrative rules is a simple misdemeanor punishable by a scheduled fine of \$200.
- Section 15 Amends Code section 321E.17 to change the title of the section from "five or more" violations to "serious violations" and strikes Code language relating to penalties on five or more occasions. Adds violations of Code section 321.256, 321.471 and 321.474 to Code section 321E.17. Code section 321E.17 now states that proof of imposition concerning a penalty for a violation of Code sections 321.256, 321.454, 321.456, 321.457, 321.463, 321.471, 321.474, 321E.16 or any combination of penalties of those sections will constitute sufficient evidence that the permit holder has willfully operated or caused to be operated a vehicle or vehicles in violation of Code chapter 321E.

- Section 16 Amends Code section 321E.18 by making technical changes to conform to the terminology used throughout the chapter. Also replaces the terms "character and gravity" with the terms "nature and severity" regarding proceedings involving violations under Code chapter 321E.
- Section 17 Amends Code section 321E.19 to provide that a permit-issuing authority may deny, change, suspend or revoke any permit issued by the authority for good cause. Decisions of the DOT may be appealed according to administrative procedures, and decisions of local authorities may be appealed in accordance with the appeal procedures of the local authority.
- Section 18 Amends Code section 321E.20 by making technical changes to conform to the terminology used throughout the Code chapter.
- Section 19 Amends Code section 321E.24 to replace the warning and lighting devices on oversize load requirements in Code with the adoption by the DOT of administrative rules regarding oversize load signs, warning flags, warning lights and projecting-load lights.
- Section 20 Amends Code section 321E.25 to conform the citation of federal law to the style of the Code.
- Section 21 Amends Code section 321E.29 to specify that permits which currently may be issued for vehicles with divisible loads of hay, straw or stover without a finding of special or emergency situations are annual permits that allow the vehicle to be moved with a width not exceeding 12 feet 5 inches, a length not exceeding 75 feet, a height not exceeding 14 feet 6 inches, and a total gross weight of not more than 80,000 pounds.
- Section 22 Amends Code section 321E.29A by making technical changes to conform to the terminology used throughout the Code chapter.

- Section 23 Creates new Code section 321E.30 that moves the responsibility for issuance of permitted compacted rubbish vehicles from Code chapter 321 to Code chapter 321E. Moves the responsibility for issuance of the permits and designation of routes over which compacted rubbish vehicles may be operated from the DOT to local authorities. The \$100 annual permit fee, which is currently paid to the DOT, is to be paid instead to the issuing authority.
- Section 24 Amends Code section 321E.32 to provide that the movement of structures and other indivisible loads on dolly axles are subject to the same weight limits that apply to other indivisible loads, with one exception.
- Section 25 Amends Code section 321E.34 by deleting current specific requirements for escort vehicles used in the movement of vehicles of excessive size and weight. Requires the DOT to adopt administrative rules for escort requirements.
- Section 26 Amends county home rule implementation Code section 331.362(9) to include the regulation of traffic on and the use of secondary roads in accordance with Code chapter 321E, relating to vehicles of excessive size and weight.
- Section 27 Repeals Code sections 321E.21, 321E.22, 321E.23, 321E.28, 321E.31 and 321E.33.
- Section 28 Requests that the Code editor transfer Code sections 321E.1, 321E.2 and 321E.27 to new positions within the Code chapter to improve readability.