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Senate BILL NO. 100

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 32-1127.4, R.C.M. 1947, TO ALLOW COMMERCIAL BALED HAY HAULERS UP TO TWELVE (12) FEET WIDE TO BE OPERATED ON THE HIGHWAYS OF THE STATE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 32-1127.4, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to read as follows:

"32-1127.4. Self-propelled vehicles. A self-propelled vehicle used only for the purpose of moving haystacks or a self-propelled vehicle used for moving baled hay on a commercial basis is subject to sections 32-1127.1 through 32-1127.9 except as follows:

(1) ~~The~~ A vehicle used for the purpose of moving haystacks, loaded or unloaded, may not exceed fifty-five (55) feet in length nor twenty (20) feet in width~~.~~, and a vehicle used for the purpose of moving baled hay, loaded or unloaded, may not exceed fifty-five (55) feet in length nor twelve (12) feet in width.

(2) A single load may not be moved on the vehicle a distance greater than seventy-five (75) miles from the point of origin on public roads.

(3) When the vehicle is hauling a load, it shall be accompanied by two (2) pilot cars. Each car shall be equipped with a flashing warning light, a red flag, and a sign with the words "wide load" written on it. One (1) car shall precede the vehicle by not less than one hundred (100) yards nor more than one-quarter (1/4) mile, and one (1) shall follow the vehicle at a distance not less than one hundred (100) yards nor more than one-quarter (1/4) mile. The following pilot car shall be in radio contact with the vehicle at all times.

(4) The speed of the vehicle shall be reasonable and proper but not in excess of thirty-five (35) miles per hour.

(5) The vehicle shall be operated only between the hours of sunrise and sunset.

(6) The vehicle may not be operated on an interstate or controlled-access highway.

(7) A term or blanket permit may be issued for the vehicle."

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