

HOUSE BILL NO. 299

INTRODUCED BY SHONTZ

IN THE HOUSE

January 16, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
February 14, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
February 16, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 17, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
February 18, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 19, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 100; Noes, 0. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

February 20, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
March 14, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.
March 16, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
March 18, 1981	Third reading, concurred in as amended. Ayes, 44; Noes, 4.

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March 19, 1981	Returned from Senate with amendments.
April 7, 1981	Second reading, amendments concurred in.

April 7, 1981

On motion, rules suspended
and bill placed on third
reading this day.

Third reading, amendments
concurrent in. Ayes, 97;
Noes, 0. Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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23 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. [THIS ACT] IS EFFECTIVE ON
 24 JULY 1, 1981.

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March 14, 1981

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
(Highways & Transportation)

That House Bill No. 299 be amended as follows:

1. Title, line 7.

Following: "MCA"

Insert: "; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE"

2. Page 4, following line 20.

Insert: "Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on
July 1, 1981."

3. Page 4, line 14.

Following: "AXLE"

Insert: "but the maximum load per inch of tire width may not exceed
670 pounds"