

Vehicle Traction Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses a highway authority's ability to regulate a controlled-access highway.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- clarifies that a highway authority may limit traffic under certain conditions; and
- grants rulemaking authority.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

**41-6a-715**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 431

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **41-6a-715** is amended to read:

**41-6a-715 . Controlled-access highways -- Prohibiting use by class or type of traffic -- Traffic-control devices.**

(1) A highway authority may regulate or prohibit the use of ~~[any] a~~ controlled-access highway within ~~[its respective]~~ the highway authority's jurisdiction by any class or ~~[kind]~~ type of traffic [which is found to be] that the highway authority determines is incompatible with the normal and safe movement of traffic.

(2) ~~[A] For the safe movement of traffic during predicted or existing adverse weather conditions, a highway authority may restrict traffic on a highway to [specific vehicle equipment of capabilities due to weather conditions for the safe movement of traffic.]~~

29 vehicles with specific equipment or capabilities.

30 (3) ~~[The]~~ A highway authority shall erect and maintain traffic-control devices [on the  
31 controlled-access highway on which the regulations or prohibitions are applicable.] to  
32 inform the public of any regulations, prohibitions, or restrictions implemented in  
33 accordance with this section.

34 (4) The Department of Transportation may make rules in accordance with Title 63G,  
35 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to implement the provisions of this  
36 section, including:

37 (a) describing regulations or prohibitions on the use of a controlled-access highway in  
38 accordance with Subsection (1); and

39 (b) describing what specific equipment or capabilities are required for vehicles during  
40 predicted or existing adverse weather conditions in accordance with Subsection (2).

41 (5) For a highway within the jurisdiction of a county or municipal highway authority, the  
42 highway authority may enact ordinances to implement provisions of this section,  
43 including:

44 (a) describing regulations or prohibitions on the use of a controlled-access highway in  
45 accordance with Subsection (1); and

46 (b) describing what specific equipment or capabilities are required for vehicles during  
47 predicted or existing adverse weather conditions in accordance with Subsection (2).

48 (6) When a highway authority has provided notice to the public through a traffic-control  
49 device in accordance with Subsection (3), an individual is guilty of an infraction if:

50 (a) the individual fails to follow regulations or prohibitions on the use of a  
51 controlled-access highway as described in Subsection (1); and

52 (b) the individual operates a vehicle without specific equipment or capabilities during  
53 predicted or adverse weather conditions as described in Subsection (2).

54 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

55 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.