

**PORT OF ENTRY AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions related to port-of-entry weight limits and agreements between states at certain ports-of-entry.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ provides an exception to the typical vehicle weight standards at a port-of-entry to allow the Department of Transportation to apply the lowest applicable gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight applicable at certain ports-of-entry where the Department of Transportation has entered into an agreement regarding operation of the port-of-entry; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**72-9-502**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 296

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



28 Section 1. Section **72-9-502** is amended to read:

29 **72-9-502. Motor vehicles to stop at ports-of-entry -- Signs -- Exceptions --**  
30 **Rulemaking -- By-pass permits.**

31 (1) Except [~~under Subsection (3)~~] as provided in Subsections (3) and (5), a motor  
32 carrier operating a motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight of  
33 26,001 or more pounds, whichever is greater, shall stop at a port-of-entry as required under this  
34 section.

35 (2) The department may erect and maintain signs directing motor vehicles to a  
36 port-of-entry as provided in this section.

37 (3) A motor vehicle required to stop at a port-of-entry under Subsection (1) is exempt  
38 from this section if:

39 (a) the total one-way trip distance for the motor vehicle would be increased by more  
40 than 5% or three miles, whichever is greater if diverted to a port-of-entry;

41 (b) the motor vehicle is operating under a temporary port-of-entry by-pass permit  
42 issued under Subsection (4); or

43 (c) the motor vehicle is an implement of husbandry as defined in Section [41-1a-102](#)  
44 being operated only incidentally on a highway as described in Section [41-1a-202](#).

45 (4) (a) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,  
46 the department shall make rules for the issuance of a temporary port-of-entry by-pass permit  
47 exempting a motor vehicle from the provisions of Subsection (1) if the department determines  
48 that the permit is needed to accommodate highway transportation needs due to multiple daily or  
49 weekly trips in the proximity of a port-of-entry.

50 (b) The rules under Subsection (4)(a) shall provide that one permit may be issued to a  
51 motor carrier for multiple motor vehicles.

52 (5) If a port-of-entry is subject to an agreement entered into pursuant to Section  
53 [72-9-503](#), the department may apply the lowest gross vehicle weight or gross combination  
54 weight applicable to the relevant port-of-entry.

55 Section 2. **Effective date.**

56 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.