

LEGISLATIVE BILL 576

Passed over the Governor's veto April 21, 1978

Introduced by Nichol, 48

AN ACT to amend section 39-6,177, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1977, relating to rules of the road; to provide for an additional width exception as prescribed; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency. Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 39-6,177, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1977, be amended to read as follows:

39-6,177. No vehicle shall exceed a total outside width, including any load thereon, of eight feet except that such prohibition shall not apply to (1) a vehicle with a load of pulpwood in movement during daylight hours when such maximum width shall be one hundred inches and the load is bound with at least two separate iron chains or cables comprised of material not less than one half inch in thickness or diameter attached to the front and rear of the loading platform and frame of the vehicle so as to hold the load securely in place, (2) farm equipment in temporary movement during daylight hours, or during hours of darkness when the clearance light requirements of section 39-6,127 are fully complied with, in the normal course of farm operations, (3) combines or vehicles used in transporting combines, to be engaged in harvesting within or without the state, moving into or through the state during daylight hours when the overall width does not exceed fifteen feet, (4) farm equipment dealers hauling, driving, delivering, or picking up farm equipment or implements of husbandry during daylight hours, (5) alfalfa harvesting machinery in temporary movement during daylight hours and hours of darkness when (a) the clearance light requirements of section 39-6,127 are fully complied with, (b) there is, on the front vehicle and above the line of the regular lights of such vehicle, a flashing, amber-colored light at least four inches in diameter and clearly visible to traffic approaching from any direction, and (c) there is a well-lighted pilot vehicle or flagman at least three hundred feet in advance of such vehicles to give warning of the approach of over-width equipment, and such prohibition shall not apply to equipment of thirteen feet or less in width to be used in highway or other public construction or in agricultural land treatment in temporary movement during daylight hours on roads other

than dustless-surfaced state highways and for necessary access to points on such highways, (6) unbaled livestock forage vehicles loaded or unloaded that comply with subsection (4) of section 39-6,100; Provided, that no vehicle which shall exceed a total outside width, including any load thereon, of eight feet shall be permitted upon any portion of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, except intercity buses upon designated segments as hereinafter provided in this section, (7) livestock forage vehicles hauling round bales which, including the load thereon, may be ten feet in width, or (8) intercity buses which may be one hundred two inches in width plus additional width for safety devices when operated on certain highways designated by the Director-State Engineer for such operation, or (9) mobile homes not exceeding sixteen feet in width moving during daylight hours. The Director-State Engineer, with respect to highways under his jurisdiction, may designate certain highways for the operation of such intercity buses upon the following conditions:

(a) Highways designated by the Director-State Engineer shall be limited to the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and four-lane and six-lane highways, except that other highways that are not part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways may be so designated for the sole purpose of directly connecting disconnected segments of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and four-lane and six-lane highways; Provided, that on two-lane highways so designated for connection each traffic lane shall not be less than ten feet in width; and

(b) No highways shall be so designated by the Director-State Engineer under the provisions of subdivision (8) (a) of this section prior to the time when intercity buses of such width are permitted on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

Sec. 2. That original section 39-6,177, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1977, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act shall be in full force and take effect, from and after its passage and approval, according to law.