

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 322

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO OVERWEIGHT OR OVERSIZE LOADS; AMENDING SECTION 49-1004A, IDAHO
2 CODE, AS ADDED BY SECTION 1, SENATE BILL NO. 1117, AS ENACTED BY THE
3 FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTY-SECOND IDAHO LEGISLATURE, TO PROVIDE
4 FOR SPECIAL PERMITS FOR NEW DESIGNATED SPECIAL ROUTES, TO PROVIDE FOR
5 THE ANALYSIS OF NEW SPECIAL ROUTES, TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY TO A LOCAL JU-
6 RISDICTION AND TO PROVIDE CONDITIONS FOR A NOTICE AND HEARING.
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 SECTION 1. That Section 49-1004A, Idaho Code, as added by Section 1 of
10 Senate Bill No. 1117, as enacted by the First Regular Session of the Sixty-
11 second Idaho Legislature, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as fol-
12 lows:

13 49-1004A. PERMITS FOR OVERWEIGHT OR OVERSIZE LOADS -- NEW SPECIAL
14 ROUTES. (1) Notwithstanding the provision on the addition or deletion of
15 approved routes in section 49-1004(4), Idaho Code, the authority having
16 jurisdiction may designate routes within its jurisdiction for operation
17 of vehicle combinations with a legal maximum gross weight of at least one
18 hundred five thousand five hundred one (105,501) pounds but not exceed-
19 ing one hundred twenty-nine thousand (129,000) pounds, utilizing criteria
20 established by the board based upon road and bridge structural integrity
21 engineering standards, as well as public safety engineering standards. If
22 the authority having jurisdiction designates routes as provided herein,
23 its governing board shall issue an annual special permit authorizing travel
24 on such designated routes for such travel. Any ~~additional~~ routes approved by
25 the authority having jurisdiction shall be included in the map provided for
26 in section 49-1004(4), Idaho Code.

27 (2) For all requests that new routes be designated for travel by vehi-
28 cle combinations with a maximum gross weight of up to one hundred twenty-
29 nine thousand (129,000) pounds, the ~~department~~ authority having jurisdic-
30 tion shall, to the best of its ability, analyze the safety and feasibility
31 of adding such routes and shall report its findings to the board. ~~The Idaho~~
32 ~~department of commerce shall also assess economic development opportunities~~
33 ~~of such routes, utilizing available grant funding.~~

34 (3) Nothing in this section shall limit the exclusive jurisdiction of
35 a local authority in its discretion to decline to designate, to revoke or
36 modify an existing designation, or to place limits upon the designation of,
37 highways within its jurisdiction that it determines hereunder to have public
38 safety concerns or limited structural capacity of pavement, bridges or other
39 appurtenances. Prior to designating or modifying a designation of a route
40 under this section a local authority shall publish notice and conduct a pub-
41 lic hearing concerning the proposed designation.