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**Introduced by Senator Roth**

February 27, 2015

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An act to amend Section 35551 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 649, as introduced, Roth. Vehicles: weight limits.

Existing law generally prohibits the total gross weight in pounds imposed on the highway by a group of 2 or more consecutive axles of a vehicle from exceeding a specified weight, depending on the distance in feet between the extremes of a group of 2 or more consecutive axles, and the number of axles.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 35551 of the Vehicle Code is amended  
2     to read:  
3     35551. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section or  
4     Section 35551.5, the total gross weight in pounds imposed on the  
5     highway by ~~any~~ a group of two or more consecutive axles shall  
6     not exceed that given for the respective distance in the following  
7     table:  
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9     Distance in  
10    feet between

1	the extremes					
2	of any group					
3	of 2 or more					
4	consecutive					
5	axles	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles
6	4 .....	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000
7	5 .....	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000
8	6 .....	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000
9	7 .....	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000
10	8 .....	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000
11	9 .....	39,000	42,500	42,500	42,500	42,500
12	10 .....	40,000	43,500	43,500	43,500	43,500
13	11 .....	40,000	44,000	44,000	44,000	44,000
14	12 .....	40,000	45,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
15	13 .....	40,000	45,500	50,500	50,500	50,500
16	14 .....	40,000	46,500	51,500	51,500	51,500
17	15 .....	40,000	47,000	52,000	52,000	52,000
18	16 .....	40,000	48,000	52,500	52,500	52,500
19	17 .....	40,000	48,500	53,500	53,500	53,500
20	18 .....	40,000	49,500	54,000	54,000	54,000
21	19 .....	40,000	50,000	54,500	54,500	54,500
22	20 .....	40,000	51,000	55,500	55,500	55,500
23	21 .....	40,000	51,500	56,000	56,000	56,000
24	22 .....	40,000	52,500	56,500	56,500	56,500
25	23 .....	40,000	53,000	57,500	57,500	57,500
26	24 .....	40,000	54,000	58,000	58,000	58,000
27	25 .....	40,000	54,500	58,500	58,500	58,500
28	26 .....	40,000	55,500	59,500	59,500	59,500
29	27 .....	40,000	56,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
30	28 .....	40,000	57,000	60,500	60,500	60,500
31	29 .....	40,000	57,500	61,500	61,500	61,500
32	30 .....	40,000	58,500	62,000	62,000	62,000
33	31 .....	40,000	59,000	62,500	62,500	62,500
34	32 .....	40,000	60,000	63,500	63,500	63,500
35	33 .....	40,000	60,000	64,000	64,000	64,000
36	34 .....	40,000	60,000	64,500	64,500	64,500
37	35 .....	40,000	60,000	65,500	65,500	65,500
38	36 .....	40,000	60,000	66,000	66,000	66,000
39	37 .....	40,000	60,000	66,500	66,500	66,500
40	38 .....	40,000	60,000	67,500	67,500	67,500

1	39	.....	40,000	60,000	68,000	68,000	68,000
2	40	.....	40,000	60,000	68,500	70,000	70,000
3	41	.....	40,000	60,000	69,500	72,000	72,000
4	42	.....	40,000	60,000	70,000	73,280	73,280
5	43	.....	40,000	60,000	70,500	73,280	73,280
6	44	.....	40,000	60,000	71,500	73,280	73,280
7	45	.....	40,000	60,000	72,000	76,000	80,000
8	46	.....	40,000	60,000	72,500	76,500	80,000
9	47	.....	40,000	60,000	73,500	77,500	80,000
10	48	.....	40,000	60,000	74,000	78,000	80,000
11	49	.....	40,000	60,000	74,500	78,500	80,000
12	50	.....	40,000	60,000	75,500	79,000	80,000
13	51	.....	40,000	60,000	76,000	80,000	80,000
14	52	.....	40,000	60,000	76,500	80,000	80,000
15	53	.....	40,000	60,000	77,500	80,000	80,000
16	54	.....	40,000	60,000	78,000	80,000	80,000
17	55	.....	40,000	60,000	78,500	80,000	80,000
18	56	.....	40,000	60,000	79,500	80,000	80,000
19	57	.....	40,000	60,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
20	58	.....	40,000	60,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
21	59	.....	40,000	60,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
22	60	.....	40,000	60,000	80,000	80,000	80,000

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24 (b) In addition to the weights specified in subdivision (a), two  
 25 consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross weight of  
 26 34,000 pounds each if the overall distance between the first and  
 27 last axles of the consecutive sets of tandem axles is 36 feet or more.  
 28 The gross weight of each set of tandem axles shall not exceed  
 29 34,000 pounds, and the gross weight of the two consecutive sets  
 30 of tandem axles shall not exceed 68,000 pounds.

31 (c) The distance between axles shall be measured to the nearest  
 32 whole foot. When a fraction is exactly six inches, the next larger  
 33 whole foot shall be used.

34 (d) Nothing contained in this section shall affect the right to  
 35 prohibit the use of any highway ~~or any~~, bridge, or other structure  
 36 thereon in the manner and to the extent specified in Article 4  
 37 (commencing with Section 35700) and Article 5 (commencing  
 38 with Section 35750) of this chapter.

- 1 (e) The gross weight limits expressed by this section and Section
- 2 35550 shall include all enforcement tolerances.

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