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SENATE BILL

No. 1848

Introduced by Senator Perata

February 24, 2000

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1848, as amended, Perata. Vehicle weights.

Existing provisions of the Vehicle Code specify the maximum gross weight that may be imposed upon the highway by, among other things, any group of 2 or more consecutive axles of a vehicle.

This bill would authorize a truck and trailer combination vehicle consisting of a truck with cargo tank and pull trailer that is used to carry petroleum products to have a maximum gross vehicle weight of 86,000 pounds, if that maximum weight limit is ~~not prohibited~~ *authorized* under federal law.

The bill would provide that this vehicle combination shall comply with applicable equipment requirements, as prescribed.

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

1	27	40,000	56,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
2	28	40,000	57,000	60,500	60,500	60,500
3	29	40,000	57,500	61,500	61,500	61,500
4	30	40,000	58,500	62,000	62,000	62,000
5	31	40,000	59,000	62,500	62,500	62,500
6	32	40,000	60,000	63,500	63,500	63,500
7	33	40,000	60,000	64,000	64,000	64,000
8	34	40,000	60,000	64,500	64,500	64,500
9	35	40,000	60,000	65,500	65,500	65,500
10	36	40,000	60,000	66,000	66,000	66,000
11	37	40,000	60,000	66,500	66,500	66,500
12	38	40,000	60,000	67,500	67,500	67,500
13	39	40,000	60,000	68,000	68,000	68,000
14	40	40,000	60,000	68,500	70,000	70,000
15	41	40,000	60,000	69,500	72,000	72,000
16	42	40,000	60,000	70,000	73,280	73,280
17	43	40,000	60,000	70,500	73,280	73,280
18	44	40,000	60,000	71,500	73,280	73,280
19	45	40,000	60,000	72,000	76,000	80,000
20	46	40,000	60,000	72,500	76,500	80,000
21	47	40,000	60,000	73,500	77,500	80,000
22	48	40,000	60,000	74,000	78,000	80,000
23	49	40,000	60,000	74,500	78,500	80,000
24	50	40,000	60,000	75,500	79,000	80,000
25	51	40,000	60,000	76,000	80,000	80,000
26	52	40,000	60,000	76,500	80,000	80,000
27	53	40,000	60,000	77,500	80,000	80,000
28	54	40,000	60,000	78,000	80,000	80,000
29	55	40,000	60,000	78,500	80,000	80,000
30	56	40,000	60,000	79,500	80,000	80,000
31	57	40,000	60,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
32	58	40,000	60,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
33	59	40,000	60,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
34	60	40,000	60,000	80,000	80,000	80,000

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36 (b) In addition to the weights specified in subdivision
37 (a), two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a
38 gross weight of 34,000 pounds each if the overall distance
39 between the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of
40 tandem axles is 36 feet or more. The gross weight of each



1 set of tandem axles may not exceed 34,000 pounds and the
2 gross weight of the two consecutive sets of tandem axles
3 may not exceed 68,000 pounds.

4 ~~(e) For a truck and trailer combination vehicle~~
5 ~~consisting of a truck with cargo tank and pull trailer that~~
6 ~~is used to carry petroleum products, the maximum gross~~
7 ~~vehicle weight may not exceed 86,000 pounds, if that~~
8 ~~maximum weight limit is not prohibited under federal~~
9 ~~law.~~

10 *(c) (1) For a truck and trailer vehicle combination*
11 *consisting of a truck with a mounted cargo tank and a*
12 *cargo tank pull trailer that is used to carry petroleum*
13 *products, the maximum gross vehicle weight may not*
14 *exceed 86,000 pounds, if that weight is authorized under*
15 *federal law.*

16 *(2) A vehicle combination described in paragraph (1)*
17 *is required to meet all applicable equipment*
18 *requirements set forth in Division 12 (commencing with*
19 *Section 24000).*

20 (d) The distance between axles shall be measured to
21 the nearest whole foot. When a fraction is exactly six
22 inches, the next larger whole foot shall be used.

23 (e) Nothing contained in this section shall affect the
24 right to prohibit the use of any highway or any bridge or
25 other structure thereon in the manner and to the extent
26 specified in Article 4 (commencing with Section 35700)
27 and Article 5 (commencing with Section 35750) of this
28 chapter.

29 (f) The gross weight limits expressed by this section
30 and Section 35550 shall include all enforcement
31 tolerances.

