

1 SENATE BILL NO. 300
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER
5 TO EXEMPT VEHICLES FROM SIZE AND WEIGHT LIMITS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES."

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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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9 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Governor's authority to exempt vehicles from size and weight limits.**

10 (1) The governor may, through executive order, exempt vehicles from the size and weight limits imposed
11 under this part:

12 (a) upon a request of the director of the department of transportation ~~or~~ AND any other agency
13 involved in the need to move oversize or overweight vehicles on the highway during emergency
14 circumstances;

15 (b) for a specified, limited period of time; and

16 (c) during emergency circumstances and to meet unusual conditions to ensure the general welfare
17 of the public.

18 (2) The agency director who requests the executive order may specify the areas in which the
19 exemption is in effect, the duration of the exemption, the types of vehicles to be exempted, and any other
20 appropriate conditions of the order.

21 (3) For the purposes of this section, "emergency circumstances" means conditions brought about
22 by a weather event or a natural or other occurrence for which the movement of vehicles that may exceed
23 size and weight limits is necessary for responding to the event or occurrence or for moving supplies,
24 agricultural or other products, or equipment in a manner that is necessary because of the event or
25 occurrence.

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27 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
28 integral part of Title 61, chapter 10, part 1, and the provisions of Title 61, chapter 10, part 1, apply to
29 [section 1].

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