

§2381. Moving heavy objects and objects that exceed dimensional limits

1. Prohibition. A person may not move a vehicle or other object over a public way or bridge without obtaining a permit under this section if that vehicle or object:

- A. Exceeds the length, width, height or weight prescribed in this Title; or [PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §72 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]
- B. Has attached to its wheels a flange, rib, clamp or other object likely to injure the surface of the public way or bridge. [PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §72 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).] [PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §72 (RPR); PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

2. Exception. This section does not prohibit:

- A. The transportation of utility poles by a tractor and semitrailer without regard to overall length if the utility poles are moved by a utility company or the utility company's contractor from a staging area to the final point of installation. Nothing in this paragraph exempts the transporter from other applicable laws or rules; [PL 2007, c. 703, §24 (AMD).]
- B. Overwidth mowing machines, farm tractors or farming vehicles and equipment not customarily operated over public ways, if equipped with lights pursuant to section 1906, subsection 1, or reflectors at least 12 inches by 12 inches, to the front and rear adequately warning, during nighttime, other highway users of the extreme width; or [PL 2015, c. 303, §1 (AMD).]
- C. The use of tire chains of reasonable proportions when required for safety because of snow, ice or other slippery conditions. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).] [PL 2015, c. 303, §1 (AMD).]

3. Transporter certificates. This section applies but is not limited to holders of transporter registration certificates. [PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

SECTION HISTORY

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