

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 604
SENATE BILL 642

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ISSUE RULES GOVERNING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PERMITS FOR VEHICLES OF EXCESSIVE SIZE, WEIGHT, OR NUMBER OF UNITS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-119(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The Department of Transportation may, in their discretion, upon application, for good cause being shown therefor, issue a special permit in writing authorizing the applicant to operate or move a vehicle of a size or weight or number of units exceeding a maximum specified in this Article upon any highway under the jurisdiction and for the maintenance of which the body granting the permit is responsible. However, the Department is not authorized to issue any permit to operate or move over the State highways twin trailers, commonly referred to as double bottom trailers. Every such permit shall be carried in the vehicle to which it refers and shall be open to inspection by any peace officer; officer. ~~and it shall be a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the terms or conditions of such special permit.~~ ~~Provided, the~~ The in writing and for good cause shown, authorizing the applicant to move a vehicle over the streets of such city or town, the size or weight exceeding the maximum expressed in this Article. The Department of Transportation shall issue rules to implement this section, but no rule shall provide that the permits issued pursuant to this section may be invalidated by law enforcement personnel."

Sec. 2. G.S. 20-119 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(d) Violation of any of the terms or conditions of a special permit issued under this section shall be a misdemeanor. A person convicted of a misdemeanor under this section shall be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00)."

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective October 1, 1991, and applies to offenses occurring on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 9th day of July, 1991.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives