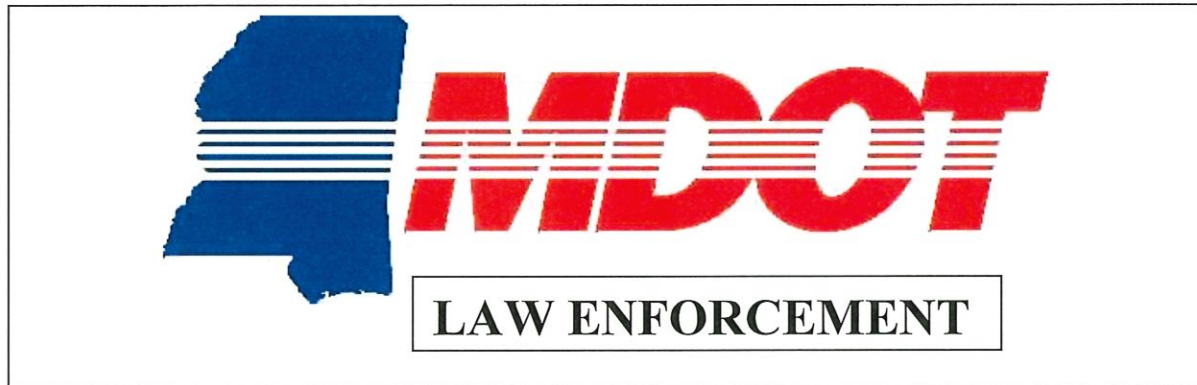


Commercial Vehicle Enforcement



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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**Private, Commercial, Common &
Contract Carrier Of Property &
Passenger Vehicles Over 10,000 Pounds**



Section Number	27-19-11	Issued By	State	Tag Type	B
Vehicle Type	2, 4 & 5	Entry Format	B99/999999	Proof Required	Yes
Limit Tags	No	Special Tag Fee	Schedule II	Surviving Spouse	No

Fees are based on Schedule I, Class, Vehicle Weight plus any load carried or to be carried. Additional fees are figured on Gross Vehicle Weight and the age of the vehicle. An additional privilege tax is distributed to the counties based on the state ratio of heavy truck registrations in each taxing district in each county to the total number of such vehicles registered statewide. Therefore, it is important that heavy trucks are registered in the correct taxing district. The gross vehicle weight of buses shall be the gross weight of the vehicle plus one hundred fifty (150) pounds per each regular seat, and the licensed weight and age of the vehicle.

Any person who applies for registration and licensing of a vehicle over 55,000 pounds which is liable for payment of the federal heavy use tax must present proof of payment, or suspension of such use tax, prior to registration. No registration receipt or license tag may be issued without proof of payment as provided in the Surface Transportation Act of 1982.

There are two classes: P - Private and H- Hire. The H class must be qualified with the Public Service Commission.

Applications for license are at the county tax collector's office. A Temporary Operating Certificate (TOC) (Form 64-052T) and Preprinted Renewal (Form 64-049) valid for 30 days is given to operate on the highways until the license and/or decals are issued by the state.

When a vehicle is sold there are two options: (1) the previous owner removes the tag and receives credit at the Tax Collector's for the remaining period of the tag or (2) transfer the tag to new owner and he receives credit at application.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MANUFACTURED HOME TRANSPORT

I. GENERAL RULES APPLYING TO MOVEMENT OF ALL MANUFACTURED HOMES

A. Permits:

1. Blanket permits for a period of twelve (12) months may be issued to licensed dealers and transporter of manufactured homes and/or chassis not exceeding 14 feet in width (outside wall to outside wall), exclusive of legally required mirrors, and not exceeding 105 feet in length, including towing vehicle, for movement over all state maintained highways which are four-lane or the lane width of which is not less than 12 feet.
2. The customer must have a charge account set up with the Mississippi Department of Transportation and no outstanding warrants to purchase the Blanket permit. A copy of the blanket and the permit must be carried in the vehicle at all times or the permit will be invalid.
3. Daylight movement only. All movements to be on highways with a minimum pavement width of 20 feet. One escort is required for all loads and/or vehicles that exceed 12 feet in width, (Front on 2 lane highways or the Rear on 4 lane highways). There will be certain sections of highway, which may not be used under this blanket. These sections will be specified on the blanket permit.

B. Any vehicle and/or load in violation of the permitting rules or regulations, or caught on prohibited sections of highway will be fined \$250.00 and/or a 6-month permit suspension.

C. Such movement will be made using all necessary safety precautions and additional specified safety precautions shall be employed as follows:

1. All such movement exceeding 12 feet in width shall have 18"x 18" red or fluorescent orange flags on the front corners of the manufactured home at a height of 6 feet above the pavement.
2. All legally required running lights of manufactured home and towing vehicle, including headlights, shall be required to be lighted during the move. Also, two additional 5" flashing amber lights (sufficient for 500 feet visibility) will be mounted approximately 6 feet from pavement surface on the rear corners of the manufactured home. Control of the lighting system we be from inside the towing vehicle with a warning device to alert the driver in the event the warning lights on the towing vehicle and the manufactured home malfunction.
3. Movements shall be made between One-half (1/2) hour after sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour before sunset Monday through Saturday.

Transporters shall time movements to avoid the major urban areas of Jackson, Memphis/Southaven and the Gulf Coast (excluding I-10) from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Movements will not be allowed on Sundays, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, or after 12:00 noon on days preceding the listed holidays.

4. Such movements shall not be made during times of heavy rain, snow, during other hazardous weather conditions, or any time when the ground speed of the wind exceeds 25 miles per hour.
5. Towing vehicles shall be a minimum of two tons manufacture's rating with dual tires and minimum 4-speed transmission.
6. The move shall be sufficiently marked on front of the towing vehicle and rear of manufactured home to notify all motorists that it is a wide load. An oversize load sign 84"x18" with wording "OVERSIZE LOAD" in black letters 10" inches high with 1-5/8" inch brush stroke on yellow or orange background will be on the front of the towing vehicle and the rear of the manufactured home.
7. Transporters will monitor trailing traffic build-up and will pull to the roadside periodically as the opportunity arises to allow long lines of traffic to clear.
8. The escort vehicle shall be equipped with 18"x18" red or fluorescent orange flags mounted on 7 foot staffs on each side of the front bumper or the equivalent height mounted to the revolving light bracket on top of the cab of escort vehicle and equipped with signs sufficient to notify approaching traffic of the wide load.

Escort vehicle also shall be equipped with an AMBER revolving or flashing light of sufficient size to be visible to all traffic within a safe distance of the vehicle or load being escorted when mounted on top of the cab. The lights shall operate during the entire course of the movement. Escorts and towing vehicles shall both be equipped with radios such that inter-vehicle communication is possible. The escort vehicle is responsible for advising the towing vehicle of any conditions arising that may require reducing speed, pulling off the roadway, etc.

9. Oversize load warning signs shall be removed from escort vehicle when not actually engaged in escort activities.
 10. All necessary safety precautions shall be employed in crossing narrow bridges, including flagging traffic, to permit a safe crossing.
 11. Should any of the vehicles, either escort or towing, be required to stop and be unable to completely remove themselves from the travelway, including shoulders, then all of such vehicles shall stop and maintain in operation all lights, except that the escort vehicle may proceed to seek aid if necessary. In addition to the vehicular lights, all battery operated warning lights shall be placed alongside the vehicles and at least one person will remain with the vehicles and act as flagman for the safety of the traveling public.
- D.** Each permit issued must be carried in the vehicle to which it refers at all times during the move.
- E.** Failure of any dealer or transporter to comply with the terms of the permit shall be cause for cancellation of all permits issued to the failing dealer and/or transporter. All other regulations and any additional restrictions or regulations as may be placed in the permit shall be observed.

- F. All those applying for or receiving permits shall file with the Mississippi Department of Transportation a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$500,000 as security for any damage to the highway. Exceptions may be made for federal and state agencies, counties and municipalities moving their own equipment with their own vehicles or when, in the opinion of the Department of Transportation a non-recurring single movement is not of a nature likely to cause damage to the highway.

Applicants will also file a certificate of insurance confirming a motor vehicle liability policy in an amount of at least \$500,000.

It is noted that Section 63-5-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, places damage liability upon the permit holder.

- G. There shall be a sign that is legible from a distance of no less than 50 feet mounted on the rear of each manufactured house, 14 feet wide or wider, being moved containing the name and telephone number of the mover and the permittee (if the permittee is different than the mover), and the name and telephone number shall be marked on each dealer/transporter truck hauling a manufactured house.

II. RULES APPLYING TO THE USE OF ESCORTS AND/OR FLASHING AMBER LIGHTS WHEN MOVING A MANUFACTURED HOME:

A. SIZE OF MANUFACTURED HOME

1. All movement of loads in excess of 10 feet, not exceeding 12 feet in width, will require, as a minimum, the use of red or fluorescent orange flags mounted at an approximate height of 6 feet above the pavement on all corners of the manufactured home.
2. All movement of loads in excess of 12 feet, not exceeding 16 feet in width, on 2-lane roadways (1 lane per direction of travel) will require, as a minimum, the use of a front escort and flashing amber lights mounted on the rear of the manufactured home.