

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 707

92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RECTOR.

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STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To repeal section 304.190, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to commercial zones.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 304.190, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 304.190, to read as follows:

304.190. 1. No motor vehicle, unladen or with load, operating exclusively within the corporate limits of cities containing seventy-five thousand inhabitants or more or within two miles of the corporate limits of the city or within the commercial zone of the city shall exceed fifteen feet in height.

2. No motor vehicle operating exclusively within any said area shall have a greater weight than twenty-two thousand four hundred pounds on one axle.

3. The "commercial zone" of the city is defined to mean that area within the city together with the territory extending one mile beyond the corporate limits of the city and one mile additional for each fifty thousand population or portion thereof provided, however, the commercial zone surrounding a city not within a county shall extend eighteen miles beyond the corporate limits of any such city not located within a county and shall also extend throughout any first class charter county which adjoins that city; further, provided, however, the commercial zone of a city with a population of at least four hundred thousand inhabitants but not more than four hundred fifty thousand inhabitants shall extend twelve miles beyond the corporate limits of any such city; **except that this zone shall extend from the southern border of such city's limits, beginning with the western-most freeway, following said freeway south to the first intersection with a multilane undivided highway, where the zone shall extend south along said freeway to include a city of the fourth classification with more than eight thousand**

19 **nine hundred but less than nine thousand inhabitants, and shall extend north from the**
20 **intersection of said freeway and multilane undivided highway along the multilane**
21 **undivided highway to the city limits of a city with a population of at least four hundred**
22 **thousand inhabitants but not more than four hundred fifty thousand inhabitants.** In no
23 case shall the commercial zone of a city be reduced due to a loss of population. The provisions
24 of this section shall not apply to motor vehicles operating on the interstate highways in the area
25 beyond two miles of a corporate limit of the city unless the United States Department of
26 Transportation increases the allowable weight limits on the interstate highway system within
27 commercial zones. In such case, the mileage limits established in this section shall be
28 automatically increased only in the commercial zones to conform with those authorized by the
29 United States Department of Transportation.

30 4. Nothing in this section shall prevent a city, county, or municipality, by ordinance,
31 from designating the routes over which such vehicles may be operated.