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Passed on File.

**House File 603**  
By MOTOR VEHICLES, COMMERCE  
AND TRADE.

Passed House, Date .....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Passed Senate, Date .....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Approved.....

## A BILL FOR

AN ACT to amend sections three hundred twenty-one point four hundred fifty-seven (321.457) and three hundred twenty-one point four hundred sixty-three (321.463), Code 1950, relating to maximum length and weight of motor vehicles.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one  
2 point four hundred fifty-seven (431.457), Code 1950,  
3 is amended by striking from line five (5) of sub-  
4 section three (3) the word "forty-five" (45), and  
5 by substituting in lieu thereof the word "fifty"  
6 (50).

1 Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point  
2 four hundred sixty-three (321.463), Code 1950, is hereby  
3 amended by adding to the columns ending at line sixty-  
4 eight (68) the following:

5	41	61,580
6	42	62,360
7	43	63,130

8	44	63,890
9	45	64,650
10	46	65,400
11	47	66,150

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 603

The purpose of this bill is to permit the operation of safer truck equipment on the highways and to add greater flexibility with present equipment in order to provide the state of Iowa the best and safest transportation possible.

The truck-length limitation in Iowa is seriously affecting the movement of livestock and other commodities from South Dakota, Nebraska, and the west into Iowa, and the movement of farm products from Iowa.

Fifty foot lengths for tractor semi-trailer units have been recommended for adoption by the American Association of State Highway Officials. It is now in effect in more than half of the states.

The extension of the maximum load factors in this bill is proposed also to conform to the recommendations of the AASHO. The formula used in arriving at these maximum load factors is the same as was used in establishing the maximum under the present law.