



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5577.045 Fire engine weight exemptions; permits for overweight vehicles.

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(A) As used in this section, "fire engine" means a fire engine, fire truck, or other vehicle or apparatus belonging to or used by any municipal, township, or volunteer fire department, while in the discharge of its functions.

(B) Notwithstanding sections 5577.02 and 5577.04 of the Revised Code, a person may do both of the following without a written permit issued under section 4513.34 of the Revised Code:

(1) Operate a two-axle fire engine, with a front axle maximum weight of twenty-four thousand pounds and a rear axle maximum weight of thirty-three thousand five hundred pounds and a minimum wheelbase of fifteen feet, on all roadways in the state;

(2) Operate a fire engine with a maximum gross vehicle weight of eighty-six thousand pounds on the interstate highway system and within one road mile of an interstate highway system entrance or exit ramp.

(C) Notwithstanding section 4513.34 of the Revised Code, for any fire engine that requires a permit, the director of transportation or local authority shall do both of the following:

(1) Issue the permit at no cost to the municipal, township, or volunteer fire department;

(2) Issue a permit that expires five years after the date of issuance.
