

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Collins

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to special mobile equipment; amending
s. 316.003, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
"special mobile equipment"; amending s. 316.550, F.S.;
authorizing the Department of Transportation to issue
a mobile crane special blanket permit for certain
purposes; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (83) of section 316.003, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when
used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively
ascribed to them in this section, except where the context
otherwise requires:

(83) SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT.—Any vehicle not designed or
used primarily for the transportation of persons or property and
only incidentally operated or moved over a highway, including,
but not limited to, ditchdigging apparatus, well-boring
apparatus, and road construction and maintenance machinery, such
as asphalt spreaders, bituminous mixers, bucket loaders,
tractors other than truck tractors, ditchers, leveling graders,
finishing machines, motor graders, road rollers, scarifiers,
earthmoving carryalls and scrapers, power shovels and draglines,
mobile and self-propelled cranes and accessory support vehicles,
and earthmoving equipment. The term does not include house
trailers, dump trucks, truck-mounted transit mixers, ~~cranes or~~
~~shovels,~~ or other vehicles designed for the transportation of

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persons or property to which machinery has been attached.

Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 316.550, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.550 Operations not in conformity with law; special permits.—

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the Department of Transportation may issue a mobile crane special blanket permit for any of the following purposes:

(a) To authorize a mobile crane to operate on and ~~A permit may authorize a self-propelled truck crane operating~~ off the Interstate Highway System while towing ~~to tow~~ a motor vehicle that ~~which~~ does not weigh more than 5,000 pounds if the combined weight of the crane and such motor vehicle does not exceed 95,000 pounds. Notwithstanding s. 320.01(7) or (12), mobile ~~truck~~ cranes that tow another motor vehicle under ~~the provision~~ of this subsection shall be taxed under ~~the provisions of~~ s. 320.08(5) (b) .

(b) To authorize a mobile crane and accessory support vehicles that are up to 12 feet in width, 14 feet 6 inches in height, and 100 feet in length to operate on and off the Interstate Highway System at all hours except as restricted under a local travel-related curfew.

(c) To authorize a mobile crane and accessory support vehicles which, due to their design for special use, exceed the weight limits established in s. 316.535 to operate on and off the Interstate Highway System.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.