

from Cornell's ACIR data for passenger cars that there is a greater frequency of serious accidents and fatalities on rural highways than in urban streets; ACIR however uses "accident severity" as a statistical control. This question points out the need for better accident data including "exposure" data and "accident severity" of both the ICC group and the nonregulated, intrastate segment of the fleet.

The matter of "others" killed in truck accidents is an important indicator and bears some further exploration. Table 4 shows some data on the three most injurious types of accidents from separate ICC studies of regulated carriers (5, 6). Here the ratio of "others" killed per truck driver varies with type of accident. The average number for "other" people killed per driver is 5.93 compared to the general fleet record of 2.19 as just discussed.^a This may be related to truck size and an indication of greater severity of accidents in the ICC group. The ratio of highest in the Truck to Automobile class of collisions where about 35 "others" are killed per driver killed—it is unfortunate to be in the passenger car in such contests. When trucks collide with trucks about 2 "others" are killed per driver fatality and in single vehicle accidents, where trucks frequently run off the road, hardly any but drivers are killed.

EXHIBIT 1.—SINGLE AXLE LIMIT ON INTERSTATE SYSTEM

[In pounds]

[Present Federal limit, 18,000 pounds; proposed Federal limit, 20,000 pounds]

Present State limits	Statutory limit	Tolerance	Legal limit	Present State limits	Statutory limit	Tolerance	Legal limit
Alabama.....	18,000	1,800	19,800	New Hampshire.....	22,400		22,400
Alaska.....	20,000		20,000	New Jersey.....	22,400	1,120	23,520
Arizona.....	18,000		18,000	New Mexico.....	21,600		21,600
Arkansas.....	18,000		18,000	New York.....	22,400		22,400
California.....	18,000		18,000	North Carolina.....	18,000	1,000	19,000
Colorado.....	18,000		18,000	North Dakota.....	18,000		18,000
Connecticut.....	22,400	448	22,848	Ohio.....	19,000		19,000
Delaware.....	20,000		20,000	Oklahoma.....	18,000		18,000
District of Columbia.....	22,000		22,000	Oregon.....	18,000		18,000
Florida.....	20,000	2,000	22,000	Pennsylvania.....	22,400	672	23,072
Georgia.....	18,000	2,340	20,340	Rhode Island.....	22,400		22,400
Hawaii.....	24,000		24,000	South Carolina.....	20,000		20,000
Idaho.....	18,000		18,000	South Dakota.....	18,000		18,000
Illinois.....	18,000		18,000	Tennessee.....	18,000		18,000
Indiana.....	18,000		18,000	Texas.....	18,000		18,000
Iowa.....	18,000	540	18,540	Utah.....	18,000		18,000
Kansas.....	18,000		18,000	Vermont.....	22,400		22,400
Kentucky.....	18,000	900	18,900	Virginia.....	18,000		18,000
Louisiana.....	18,000		18,000	Washington.....	18,000		18,000
Maine.....	22,000		22,000	West Virginia.....	18,000	900	18,900
Maryland.....	22,400		22,400	Wisconsin.....	19,500		19,500
Massachusetts.....	22,400		22,400	Wyoming.....	18,000		18,000
Michigan.....	18,000		18,000	Number of States at:			
Minnesota.....	18,000		18,000	18,000 lbs.....			25
Mississippi.....	18,000		18,000	18,001 to 20,000 lbs.....			11
Missouri.....	18,000		18,000	20,001 lbs. and over.....			15
Montana.....	18,000		18,000				
Nebraska.....	18,000	900	18,900	Total.....			51
Nevada.....	18,000		18,000				

^aThese ratios are not directly comparable as they are derived in different manners. They are so vastly different in magnitude, however, that confidence in the gross trend indicated is high. Another indicated topic for research.