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99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 304.170, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the length of motor vehicles operated on highways.

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

Section A. Section 304.170, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 304.170, to read as follows:

304.170. 1. No vehicle operated upon the highways of this state shall
2 have a width, including load, in excess of one hundred two inches, except
3 clearance lights, rearview mirrors or other accessories required by federal, state
4 or city law or regulation. Provided however, a recreational vehicle as defined in
5 section 700.010 may exceed the foregoing width limits if the appurtenances on
6 such recreational vehicle extend no further than the rearview mirrors. Such
7 mirrors may only extend the distance necessary to provide the required field of
8 view before the appurtenances were attached.

9 2. No vehicle operated upon the interstate highway system or upon any
10 route designated by the chief engineer of the state transportation department
11 shall have a height, including load, in excess of fourteen feet. On all other
12 highways, no vehicle shall have a height, including load, in excess of thirteen and
13 one-half feet, except that any vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting
14 automobiles or other motor vehicles may have a height, including load, of not
15 more than fourteen feet.

16 3. No single motor vehicle operated upon the highways of this state shall
17 have a length, including load, in excess of forty-five feet, except as otherwise
18 provided in this section.

19 4. No bus, recreational motor vehicle or trackless trolley coach operated

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

20 upon the highways of this state shall have a length in excess of forty-five feet,
21 except that such vehicles may exceed the forty-five feet length when such excess
22 length is caused by the projection of a front safety bumper or a rear safety
23 bumper or both. Such safety bumper shall not cause the length of the bus or
24 recreational motor vehicle to exceed the forty-five feet length limit by more than
25 one foot in the front and one foot in the rear. **Notwithstanding any provision**
26 **of this section to the contrary, an articulated bus, comprised of two or**
27 **more sections connected by a flexible joint or other mechanism, may be**
28 **up to sixty feet in length, not including safety bumpers which may**
29 **extend one foot in front and one foot in the rear, and not including**
30 **bicycle storage racks which may extend over the safety bumper by up**
31 **to five feet when in the down position transporting a bicycle.** The term
32 "safety bumper" means any device which may be fitted on an existing bumper or
33 which replaces the bumper and is so constructed, treated, or manufactured that
34 it absorbs energy upon impact.

35 5. No combination of truck-tractor and semitrailer or truck-tractor
36 equipped with dromedary and semitrailer operated upon the highways of this
37 state shall have a length, including load, in excess of sixty feet; except that in
38 order to comply with the provisions of **Pub. L. 97-424 codified in** Title 23 of the
39 United States Code [(Public Law 97-424)] (**23 U.S.C. Section 101 et al.**), as
40 **amended**, no combination of truck-tractor and semitrailer or truck-tractor
41 equipped with dromedary and semitrailer operated upon the interstate highway
42 system of this state shall have an overall length, including load, in excess of the
43 length of the truck-tractor plus the semitrailer or truck-tractor equipped with
44 dromedary and semitrailer. The length of such semitrailer shall not exceed
45 fifty-three feet.

46 6. In order to comply with the provisions **Pub. L. 97-424 codified in** of
47 Title 23 of the United States Code [(Public Law 97-424)] (**23 U.S.C. Section 101**
48 **et al.**), as **amended**, no combination of truck-tractor, semitrailer and trailer
49 operated upon the interstate highway system of this state shall have an overall
50 length, including load, in excess of the length of the truck-tractor plus the
51 semitrailer and trailer, neither of which semitrailer or trailer shall exceed
52 twenty-eight feet in length, except that any existing semitrailer or trailer up to
53 twenty-eight and one-half feet in length actually and lawfully operated on
54 December 1, 1982, within a sixty-five foot overall length limit in any state, may
55 continue to be operated upon the interstate highways of this state. On those

56 primary highways not designated by the state highways and transportation
57 commission as provided in subsection 10 of this section, no combination of
58 truck-tractor, semitrailer and trailer shall have an overall length, including load,
59 in excess of sixty-five feet; provided, however, the state highways and
60 transportation commission may designate additional routes for such sixty-five foot
61 combinations.

62 7. Automobile transporters, boat transporters, truck-trailer boat
63 transporter combinations, stinger-steered combination automobile transporters
64 and stinger-steered combination boat transporters having a length not in excess
65 of seventy-five feet may be operated on the interstate highways of this state and
66 such other highways as may be designated by the highways and transportation
67 commission for the operation of such vehicles plus a distance not to exceed ten
68 miles from such interstate or designated highway. All length provisions
69 regarding automobile or boat transporters, truck-trailer boat transporter
70 combinations and stinger-steered combinations shall include a semitrailer length
71 not to exceed fifty-three feet and are exclusive of front and rear overhang, which
72 shall be no greater than a three-foot front overhang and no greater than a
73 four-foot rear overhang.

74 8. Driveaway saddlemount combinations having a length not in excess of
75 ninety-seven feet may be operated on the interstate highways of this state and
76 such other highways as may be designated by the highways and transportation
77 commission for the operation of such vehicles plus a distance not to exceed ten
78 miles from such interstate or designated highway. Saddlemount combinations
79 must comply with the safety requirements of Section 393.71 of Title 49 of the
80 Code of Federal Regulations and may contain no more than three saddlemounted
81 vehicles and one fullmount.

82 9. No truck-tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination vehicles operated
83 upon the interstate and designated primary highway system of this state shall
84 have a semitrailer length in excess of twenty-eight feet or twenty-eight and
85 one-half feet if the semitrailer was in actual and lawful operation in any state on
86 December 1, 1982, operating in a truck-tractor semitrailer-semitrailer
87 combination. The B-train assembly is excluded from the measurement of
88 semitrailer length when used between the first and second semitrailer of a
89 truck-tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination, except that when there is no
90 semitrailer mounted to the B-train assembly, it shall be included in the length
91 measurement of the semitrailer.

92 10. The highways and transportation commission is authorized to
93 designate routes on the state highway system other than the interstate system
94 over which those combinations of vehicles of the lengths specified in subsections
95 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this section may be operated. Combinations of vehicles
96 operated under the provisions of subsections 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this section may
97 be operated at a distance not to exceed ten miles from the interstate system and
98 such routes as designated under the provisions of this subsection.

99 11. Except as provided in subsections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of this section,
100 no other combination of vehicles operated upon the primary or interstate
101 highways of this state plus a distance of ten miles from a primary or interstate
102 highway shall have an overall length, unladen or with load, in excess of sixty-five
103 feet or in excess of fifty-five feet on any other highway, except the state highways
104 and transportation commission may designate additional routes for use by
105 sixty-five foot combinations, seventy-five foot stinger-steered combinations or
106 seventy-five foot saddlemount combinations. Any vehicle or combination of
107 vehicles transporting automobiles, boats or other motor vehicles may carry a load
108 which extends no more than three feet beyond the front and four feet beyond the
109 rear of the transporting vehicle or combination of vehicles.

110 12. (1) Except as hereinafter provided, these restrictions shall not apply
111 to agricultural implements operating occasionally on the highways for short
112 distances including tractor parades for fund-raising activities or special events,
113 provided the tractors are driven by licensed drivers during daylight hours only
114 and with the approval of the superintendent of the Missouri state highway patrol;
115 or to self-propelled hay-hauling equipment or to implements of husbandry, or to
116 the movement of farm products as defined in section 400.9-102 or to vehicles
117 temporarily transporting agricultural implements or implements of husbandry or
118 road-making machinery, or road materials or towing for repair purposes vehicles
119 that have become disabled upon the highways; or to implement dealers delivering
120 or moving farm machinery for repairs on any state highway other than the
121 interstate system.

122 (2) Implements of husbandry and vehicles transporting such machinery
123 or equipment and the movement of farm products as defined in section 400.9-102
124 may be operated occasionally for short distances on state highways when operated
125 between the hours of sunrise and sunset by a driver licensed as an operator or
126 chauffeur.

127 13. As used in this chapter the term "implements of husbandry" means

128 all self-propelled machinery operated at speeds of less than thirty miles per hour,
129 specifically designed for, or especially adapted to be capable of, incidental
130 over-the-road and primary offroad usage and used exclusively for the application
131 of commercial plant food materials or agricultural chemicals, and not specifically
132 designed or intended for transportation of such chemicals and materials.

133 14. Sludge disposal units may be operated on all state highways other
134 than the interstate system. Such units shall not exceed one hundred thirty-eight
135 inches in width and may be equipped with over-width tires. Such units shall
136 observe all axle weight limits. The chief engineer of the state transportation
137 department shall issue special permits for the movement of such disposal units
138 and may by such permits restrict the movements to specified routes, days and
139 hours.

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