

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1967



ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 770

(By Mr. Arvil)



PASSED March 11, 1967

In Effect thirty days from Passage



FILED IN THE OFFICE  
ROBERT D. BAILEY  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
THIS DATE 3-21-67

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[Passed March 11, 1967; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, article seventeen, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the length of school buses.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section four, article seventeen, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 17. SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD.**

**§17C-17-4. Height and length of vehicle and loads.**

1 (a) No vehicle including any load thereon shall exceed

2 a height of twelve feet six inches, except as provided  
3 in section eleven-b of this article, and except that ve-  
4 hicles used as automobile transports including any load  
5 thereon shall not exceed a height of thirteen feet six  
6 inches, but the owners of such automobile transports  
7 shall be responsible to the state road commissioner for  
8 any damage to bridges or other road structures and to  
9 municipalities and utility companies for any damage to  
10 wires, traffic devices or other structures, and to any per-  
11 son suffering property damage when any such damage is  
12 proximately caused by the height of such vehicle or vehi-  
13 cles and load being in excess of twelve feet six inches.

14 (b) No motor vehicle including any load thereon shall  
15 exceed a length of thirty-five feet extreme overall di-  
16 mension, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, except  
17 that any bus, truck or trackless trolley coach equipped  
18 with three axles or any school bus with two axles shall  
19 not exceed an overall length, inclusive of front and rear  
20 bumpers, of forty feet.

21 (c) No combination of vehicles coupled together shall  
22 consist of more than two units and no such combination

23 of vehicles including any load thereon shall have an  
24 overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in  
25 excess of fifty feet, except as provided in section eleven-b  
26 of this article, and except as otherwise provided in re-  
27 spect to the use of a pole trailer as authorized in section  
28 five of this article: *Provided, however,* That the limita-  
29 tion that no combination of vehicles coupled together  
30 shall consist of more than two units shall not apply to  
31 a combination of vehicles coupled together by a saddle  
32 mount device used to transport motor vehicles in a drive-  
33 away service when no more than two saddle mounts are  
34 used: *And provided further,* That equipment used in  
35 said combination meets the requirements of the safety  
36 regulations of the interstate commerce commission.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman Senate Committee

Clayton C Davidson  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Howard Meyer  
Clerk of the Senate

C A Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Howard W Carson  
President of the Senate

H. Laban White  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 17  
day of March, 1967.

Hueyt C. Smith  
Governor



PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR

Date 3/17/67

Time 3:07 p.m.