WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1980

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 1563

(By Mrs. Mahone & Mr. Wells)

Passed March 8, 1980
In Effect Ninety Days From Passage
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 allowing buses in mass transportation to be a length of up to forty feet.

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 vehicles and loads.

(a) A vehicle including any load thereon shall not exceed a height of twelve feet six inches, except as provided in section eleven-b of this article, and except that vehicles used as automobile transports including any load thereon shall not exceed a height of thirteen feet six inches, but the owners of such automobile transports shall be responsible to the state road commissioner for any damage to bridges or other road structures and to municipalities and utility companies for any damage to wires, traffic devices or other structures, and to any person suffering property damage when any such damage is proximately caused by the height of such vehicle or vehicles and load being in excess of twelve feet six inches.
(b) A motor vehicle including any load thereon shall not exceed a length of thirty-five feet extreme overall dimension, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, except that any bus, truck or trackless trolley coach equipped with three axles, any school bus with two axles or any vehicle used to transport passengers by an urban mass transportation authority created pursuant to article twenty-seven, chapter eight of the code shall not exceed an overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, of forty feet.

c) A combination of vehicles coupled together shall not consist of more than two units and no such combination of vehicles including any load thereon shall have an overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in excess of fifty feet, except as provided in section eleven-b of this article, and except as otherwise provided in respect to the use of a pole trailer as authorized in section five of this article: Provided, That the limitation that a combination of vehicles coupled together shall not consist of more than two units shall not apply to a combination of vehicles coupled together by a saddle mount device used to transport motor vehicles in a drive-away service when no more than two saddle mounts are used: Provided, however, That equipment used in said combination meets the requirements of the safety regulations of the inter-state commerce commission.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

James L. Davis
Chairman Senate Committee

Clarence L. Chadwick
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

J. M. White
Clerk of the Senate

(R. Blankenhay)
Clerk of the House of Delegates

J. T. Battle
President of the Senate

(T. M. Lee)
Speaker House of Delegates

The within ______________ this the __________

day of ______________, 1980.

[Signature]
Governor