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HOUSE BILL No. 1563

(By Mrs. Wheeler + Mr. Wells)



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H. B. 1563

(By MRS. WEHRLE and MR. WELLS)

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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 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.

1 (a) A vehicle including any load thereon shall not exceed
2 a height of twelve feet six inches, except as provided in section
3 eleven-b of this article, and except that vehicles used as auto-
4 mobile transports including any load thereon shall not exceed
5 a height of thirteen feet six inches, but the owners of such
6 automobile transports shall be responsible to the state road
7 commissioner for any damage to bridges or other road struc-
8 tures and to municipalities and utility companies for any dam-
9 age to wires, traffic devices or other structures, and to any
10 person suffering property damage when any such damage is
11 proximately caused by the height of such vehicle or vehicles
12 and load being in excess of twelve feet six inches.

13 (b) A motor vehicle including any load thereon shall not
14 exceed a length of thirty-five feet extreme overall dimension,
15 inclusive of front and rear bumpers, except that any bus,
16 truck or trackless trolley coach equipped with three axles, any
17 school bus with two axles or any vehicle used to transport
18 passengers by an urban mass transportation authority created
19 pursuant to article twenty-seven, chapter eight of the code shall
20 not exceed an overall length, inclusive of front and rear bump-
21 ers, of forty feet.

22 (c) A combination of vehicles coupled together shall not
23 consist of more than two units and no such combination of
24 vehicles including any load thereon shall have an overall
25 length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in excess of fifty
26 feet, except as provided in section eleven-b of this article, and
27 except as otherwise provided in respect to the use of a pole
28 trailer as authorized in section five of this article: *Provided,*
29 That the limitation that a combination of vehicles coupled to-
30 gether shall not consist of more than two units shall not apply
31 to a combination of vehicles coupled together by a saddle
32 mount device used to transport motor vehicles in a drive-away
33 service when no more than two saddle mounts are used:
34 *Provided, however,* That equipment used in said combination
35 meets the requirements of the safety regulations of the inter-
36 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 C. Johnston Jr
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect ninety days from passage.

Todd C. Wick
Clerk of the Senate

W. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

H. T. Bottelton Jr
President of the Senate

Clayton M. Lee Jr
Speaker House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *21*
day of *March*, 1980.

Paul D. Taylor
Governor

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