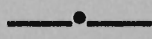


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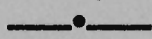
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SENATE BILL NO. 463

(By Mr. Tomblin)



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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections four and eleven-b, article seventeen, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the height and weight of vehicles and loads; length of combination vehicles permitted.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections four and eleven-b, 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
- 2 exceed a height of thirteen feet six inches, but the owner or
- 3 owners of such vehicles shall be responsible for damage to
- 4 any bridge or highway structure and to municipalities for
- 5 any damage to traffic control devices or other highway
- 6 structures where such bridges, devices or structures have a
- 7 vehicle clearance of less than thirteen feet six inches.
- 8 (b) A motor vehicle including any load thereon shall not

9 exceed a length of forty feet extreme overall dimension,
10 inclusive of front and rear bumpers.

11 (c) Except as hereinafter provided, a combination of
12 vehicles coupled together shall not consist of more than two
13 units, and no such combination of vehicles including any
14 load thereon shall have an overall length, inclusive of front
15 and rear bumpers, in excess of fifty-five feet, except as
16 provided in section eleven-b of this article, and except as
17 otherwise provided in respect to the use of a pole trailer as
18 authorized in section five of this article: *Provided*, That the
19 limitation that a combination of vehicles coupled together
20 shall not consist of more than two units shall not apply to a
21 combination of vehicles coupled together by a saddle mount
22 device used to transport motor vehicles in a drive-away
23 service when no more than three saddle mounts are used:
24 *Provided, however*, That equipment used in said
25 combination meets the requirements of the safety
26 regulations of the United States department of
27 transportation and shall not exceed an overall length of
28 more than sixty-five feet.

29 (d) The length limitations for truck tractor-semitrailer
30 combinations and truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer
31 combinations operating on the national system of interstate
32 and defense highways and those classes of qualifying
33 federal-aid primary system highways so designated by the
34 United States secretary of transportation, and those
35 highways providing reasonable access to and from
36 terminals, facilities for food, fuel, repairs and rest, and
37 points of loading and unloading for household goods
38 carriers from such highways, and further, as to other
39 highways so designated by the West Virginia commissioner
40 of highways, shall be as follows: The maximum length of a
41 semitrailer unit operating in a truck tractor-semitrailer
42 combination shall not exceed forty-eight feet in length and
43 the maximum length of any semitrailer or trailer operating
44 in a truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination shall not
45 exceed twenty-eight feet in length and in no event shall any
46 combinations exceed three units, including the truck
47 tractor: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall
48 impose an overall length limitation as to commercial motor
49 vehicles operating in truck tractor-semitrailer or truck
50 tractor-semitrailer-trailer combinations.

§17C-17-11b. Authority of state road commissioner to increase length limitations upon highways designated by him.

1 If, in the opinion of the commissioner of the department
2 of highways, the design, construction and safety of any
3 highway, or portion thereof, are such that the length
4 limitations prescribed in section four (c) of this article can
5 be increased without undue risk of damage to other vehicles
6 lawfully using such highway or portion thereof, to bridges
7 or other road structures, and to municipal and utility
8 company facilities, wires, traffic devices or other
9 structures, the commissioner may, by order, increase the
10 length limitations of vehicles which may be operated upon
11 any such highway, or portion thereof, designated by him in
12 such order and may establish therein the maximum length
13 limitations which shall thereafter be applicable to the
14 highway or portion thereof so designated by him: *Provided*,
15 That the maximum length of any combination of vehicles
16 including any load thereon shall not exceed sixty feet,
17 except as otherwise provided in this article with respect to
18 the size of vehicles: *Provided, however*, That no such order
19 of the commissioner shall establish any height or length
20 limitation in excess of or in conflict with any height or
21 length limitation prescribed by or pursuant to acts of
22 Congress with respect to the national system of interstate
23 defense highways.

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GOVERNOR

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