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HOUSE BILL No. 4585

(By Delegates Warner, Everson and Kems)

Passed March 5, 1996

In Effect from Passage
H. B. 4585

(BY DELEGATES WARNER, EVerson AND KERNS)

[Passed March 5, 1996; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend article one, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section sixty-three; and to amend and reenact section five, article seventeen of said chapter, all relating to traffic regulations, laws of the road; size, weight and load limits; authorizing the transporting of loads on digger/derrick line trucks from sunrise to sunset except in an emergency; and providing a definition of a digger/derrick line truck.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article one, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section sixty-three; and that section five, article seventeen of said chapter be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. WORDS AND PHRASES DEFINED.

§17C-1-63. Digger/derrick line truck.

1 "Digger/derrick line truck" means a truck which is
2 specifically designed and used for transporting and setting
3 utility poles.

ARTICLE 17. SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD.

§17C-17-5. Special load limits.

1 (a) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this article
2 limiting the length of vehicles and loads, the load upon


any vehicle operated alone or the load upon the front
vehicle of a combination of vehicles shall not extend more
than three feet beyond the foremost part of the vehicle,
and the load upon any vehicle operated alone or the load
upon the rear vehicle of a combination of vehicles shall
not extend more than six feet beyond the rear of the bed
or body of such vehicle: Provided, That a digger/derrick
line truck may be operated with a load of no more than
forty feet in length, with the load extending no more than
six feet beyond the foremost part of the truck and no
more than nine feet beyond the rear of the bed of the
body of the truck, between sunrise and sunset except in an
emergency, and the operation of the truck shall comply
with the provisions of section fourteen, article fifteen of
this chapter.

(b) The limitations as to length of vehicles and loads
heretofore stated in section four of this article and
subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to any load
upon a pole trailer when transporting poles or pipes or
structural material which cannot be dismembered:
Provided, That no pole or pipe or other material
exceeding eighty feet in length shall be so transported
unless a permit has first been obtained as authorized in
section eleven of this article.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Randy Schoonover
Chairman Senate Committee

Randy Beamer
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

Darrell Reeder
Clerk of the Senate

Gregory D. Boyce
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Earl Ray Tomblin
President of the Senate

Rick C. Neurohr
Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 13th day of March, 1996.

Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor