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AN ACT to amend and reenact §17C-17-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, related to modifying the statutory limitation on the length of school buses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §17C-17-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, 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, may not exceed
2 a height of thirteen feet six inches, but the owner or owners
3 of such vehicles shall be responsible for damage to any
4 bridge or highway structure and to municipalities for any
5 damage to traffic control devices or other highway structures
6 where such bridges, devices or structures have a vehicle
7 clearance of less than thirteen feet six inches.

8 (b) A motor vehicle, including any load thereon, may not
9 exceed a length of forty feet extreme overall dimension,

10 inclusive of front and rear bumper: *Provided*, that a motor
11 home and school bus may not exceed a length of forty-five
12 feet, exclusive of front and rear bumpers.

13 (c) Except as hereinafter provided in this subsection or in
14 subsection (d) of this section, a combination of vehicles
15 coupled together may not consist of more than two units and
16 no combination of vehicles including any load thereon shall
17 have an overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers,
18 in excess of fifty-five feet except as provided in section
19 eleven-b of this article and except as otherwise provided in
20 respect to the use of a pole trailer as authorized in section five
21 of this article. The limitation that a combination of vehicles
22 coupled together may not consist of more than two units may
23 not apply to: (1) A combination of vehicles coupled together
24 by a saddle-mount device used to transport motor vehicles in
25 a drive-away service when no more than three saddle mounts
26 are used, if equipment used in the combination meets the
27 requirements of the safety regulations of the United States
28 Department of Transportation and may not exceed an overall
29 length of more than seventy-five feet; or (2) a combination of
30 vehicles coupled together, one of which is a travel trailer or
31 folding camping trailer having an overall length, exclusive of
32 front and rear bumpers, not exceeding sixty-five feet.

33 (d) A combination of two vehicles coupled together, one
34 of which is a motor home, or a combination of vehicles
35 coupled together, one of which is a travel trailer or folding
36 camping trailer, may not exceed an overall length, exclusive
37 of front and rear bumpers of sixty-five feet.

38 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a), (b),
39 (c) and (d) of this section, the commissioner may designate,
40 upon his or her own motion or upon the petition of an
41 interested party, a combination vehicle length not to exceed
42 seventy feet.

43 (f) The length limitations for truck tractor-semitrailer
44 combinations and truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer
45 combinations operating on the national system of interstate

46 and defense highways and those classes of qualifying federal-
47 aid primary system highways so designated by the United
48 States secretary of transportation and those highways
49 providing reasonable access to and from terminals, facilities
50 for food, fuel, repairs and rest and points of loading and
51 unloading for household goods carriers from such highways
52 and further, as to other highways so designated by the West
53 Virginia commissioner of highways, shall be as follows: The
54 maximum length of a semitrailer unit operating in a truck
55 tractor-semitrailer combination shall not exceed forty-eight
56 feet in length except where semitrailers have an axle spacing
57 of not more than thirty-seven feet between the rear axle of the
58 truck tractor and the front axle of the semitrailer, such
59 semitrailer shall be allowed to be not more than fifty-three
60 feet in length and the maximum length of any semitrailer or
61 trailer operating in a truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer
62 combination may not exceed twenty-eight feet in length and
63 in no event shall any combinations exceed three units,
64 including the truck tractor: *Provided*, That nothing herein
65 contained shall impose an overall length limitation as to
66 commercial motor vehicles operating in truck
67 tractor-semitrailer or truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer
68 combinations.

69 (g) The commissioner shall publish annually an official
70 map designating the highways of the state and the various
71 maximum vehicle lengths relating thereto.

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




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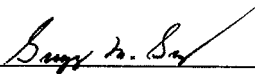
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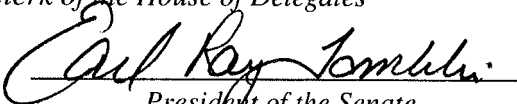
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Clerk of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Delegates



President of the Senate



Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 2nd
day of April, 2007.



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