

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 589

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by inserting after "for"
2 fire apparatus, for length of vehicles, for

3 Amend Bill, page 1, by inserting between lines 16 and 17

4 Section 2. Sections 4906 and 4923(a)(2), (b.1) and (c) of
5 Title 75 are amended to read:

6 § 4906. Fire apparatus and emergency vehicles.

7 This chapter does not apply to fire apparatus being operated
8 on the highway unless specifically provided otherwise. The
9 weight requirements of this chapter do not apply to emergency
10 vehicles as defined in 23 U.S.C. § 127(r)(2) (relating to
11 vehicle weight limitations-Interstate System). In lieu of the
12 weight requirements of this chapter, the requirements of 23
13 U.S.C. § 127(r)(1) shall apply to emergency vehicles.

14 § 4923. Length of vehicles.

15 (a) Motor vehicles.--

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17 (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to the following:

18 (i) A motor vehicle equipped with a boom or boomlike
19 device if the vehicle does not exceed 55 feet.

20 (ii) A bus, school bus or motor home which does not
21 exceed 45 feet.

22 (iii) An articulated bus which does not exceed 63
23 feet.

24 (iv) An automobile or boat transporter which does
25 not exceed 45 feet, exclusive of an overhang of not more
26 than three feet on the front and four feet on the rear.
27 An automobile transporter shall not be prohibited from
28 the transport of cargo or general freight on a backhaul
29 if the automobile transporter complies with the weight
30 limitations for a truck tractor and semitrailer
31 combination.

32 (b.1) Combinations.--

33 (1) The length of a single trailer being towed by a
34 truck tractor shall not exceed 53 feet provided the distance
35 between the kingpin and the center line of the rear axle or
36 rear axle group does not exceed 41 feet or, in the case of a
37 trailer used exclusively or primarily to transport vehicles

1 in connection with motor sports competition events, does not
2 exceed 46 feet.

3 (2) For a double trailer, the length of each trailer
4 being towed in combination by a truck tractor shall not
5 exceed 28 1/2 feet.

6 (3) The overall length of the combination of a truck
7 tractor with a conventional fifth wheel and an auto or boat
8 transporter shall not exceed 65 feet, exclusive of an
9 overhang of not more than three feet on the front and four
10 feet on the rear of the combination.

11 (4) The overall length of a stinger-steered auto or boat
12 transporter combination shall not exceed [75] 80 feet,
13 exclusive of an overhang of not more than [three] four feet
14 on the front and [four] six feet on the rear of the
15 combination. A stinger-steered automobile transporter shall
16 not be prohibited from the transport of cargo or general
17 freight on a backhaul if the stinger-steered automobile
18 transporter complies with the weight limitations for a truck
19 tractor and semitrailer combination.

20 (5) The overall length of a saddle-mount combination
21 shall not exceed 75 feet.

22 (6) The overall length of a maxi-cube combination shall
23 not exceed 65 feet.

24 (7) A combination consisting of any tow truck towing a
25 disabled motor vehicle to a place of repairs or other place
26 of safety.

27 (8) A combination transporting articles that,
28 themselves, do not exceed 70 feet in length and are
29 nondivisible as to length.

30 (9) The overall length of a towaway trailer transporter
31 combination shall not exceed 82 feet.

32 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
33 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
34 subsection:

35 "Automobile or boat transporter." A truck of a total length
36 not greater than 45 feet, exclusive of an overhang of not more
37 than three feet on the front and four feet on the rear of the
38 vehicle configured by the manufacturer to haul either
39 automobiles, light trucks or boats.

40 "Towaway trailer transporter combination." As follows:

41 (1) a combination of vehicles consisting of a trailer
42 transporter towing unit and two trailers or semitrailers with
43 a total weight that does not exceed 26,000 pounds; and

44 (2) the trailers or semitrailers carry no property and
45 constitute inventory property of a manufacturer, distributor
46 or dealer of the trailers or semitrailers.

47 "Trailer transporter towing unit." A power unit that is not
48 used to carry property when operating in a towaway trailer
49 transporter combination.

50 Amend Bill, page 1, line 17, by striking out "2" and

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3 Amend Bill, page 2, line 22, by striking out "3" and
4 inserting
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6 Amend Bill, page 4, line 6, by striking out "4" and inserting
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8 Amend Bill, page 4, line 17, by striking out "5" and
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