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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 304.170, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the length of driveway saddlemount combinations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 304.170, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 304.170, to read as follows:

304.170. 1. No vehicle operated upon the highways of this state shall
2 have a width, including load, in excess of ninety-six inches, except clearance
3 lights, rearview mirrors or other accessories required by federal, state or city law
4 or regulation; except that, vehicles having a width, including load, not in excess
5 of one hundred two inches, exclusive of clearance lights, rearview mirrors or other
6 accessories required by law or regulations, may be operated on the interstate
7 highways and such other highways as may be designated by the highways and
8 transportation commission for the operation of such vehicles plus a distance not
9 to exceed ten miles from such interstate or designated highway. Provided
10 however, a recreational vehicle as defined in section 700.010, RSMo, may exceed
11 the foregoing width limits if the appurtenances on such recreational vehicle
12 extend no further than the rearview mirrors. Such mirrors may only extend the
13 distance necessary to provide the required field of view before the appurtenances
14 were attached.

15 2. No vehicle operated upon the interstate highway system or upon any
16 route designated by the chief engineer of the state transportation department
17 shall have a height, including load, in excess of fourteen feet. On all other
18 highways, no vehicle shall have a height, including load, in excess of thirteen and
19 one-half feet, except that any vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

20 automobiles or other motor vehicles may have a height, including load, of not
21 more than fourteen feet.

22 3. No single motor vehicle operated upon the highways of this state shall
23 have a length, including load, in excess of forty-five feet, except as otherwise
24 provided in this section.

25 4. No bus, recreational motor vehicle or trackless trolley coach operated
26 upon the highways of this state shall have a length in excess of forty-five feet,
27 except that such vehicles may exceed the forty-five feet length when such excess
28 length is caused by the projection of a front safety bumper or a rear safety
29 bumper or both. Such safety bumper shall not cause the length of the bus or
30 recreational motor vehicle to exceed the forty-five feet length limit by more than
31 one foot in the front and one foot in the rear. The term "safety bumper" means
32 any device which may be fitted on an existing bumper or which replaces the
33 bumper and is so constructed, treated, or manufactured that it absorbs energy
34 upon impact.

35 5. No combination of truck-tractor and semitrailer or truck-tractor
36 equipped with dromedary and semitrailer operated upon the highways of this
37 state shall have a length, including load, in excess of sixty feet; except that in
38 order to comply with the provisions of Title 23 of the United States Code (Public
39 Law 97-424), no combination of truck-tractor and semitrailer or truck-tractor
40 equipped with dromedary and semitrailer operated upon the interstate highway
41 system of this state shall have an overall length, including load, in excess of the
42 length of the truck-tractor plus the semitrailer or truck-tractor equipped with
43 dromedary and semitrailer. The length of such semitrailer shall not exceed
44 fifty-three feet.

45 6. In order to comply with the provisions of Title 23 of the United States
46 Code (Public Law 97-424), no combination of truck-tractor, semitrailer and trailer
47 operated upon the interstate highway system of this state shall have an overall
48 length, including load, in excess of the length of the truck-tractor plus the
49 semitrailer and trailer, neither of which semitrailer or trailer shall exceed
50 twenty-eight feet in length, except that any existing semitrailer or trailer up to
51 twenty-eight and one-half feet in length actually and lawfully operated on
52 December 1, 1982, within a sixty-five foot overall length limit in any state, may
53 continue to be operated upon the interstate highways of this state. On those
54 primary highways not designated by the state highways and transportation
55 commission as provided in subsection 10 of this section, no combination of

56 truck-tractor, semitrailer and trailer shall have an overall length, including load,
57 in excess of sixty-five feet; provided, however, the state highways and
58 transportation commission may designate additional routes for such sixty-five foot
59 combinations.

60 7. Automobile transporters, boat transporters, truck-trailer boat
61 transporter combinations, stinger-steered combination automobile transporters
62 and stinger-steered combination boat transporters having a length not in excess
63 of seventy-five feet may be operated on the interstate highways of this state and
64 such other highways as may be designated by the highways and transportation
65 commission for the operation of such vehicles plus a distance not to exceed ten
66 miles from such interstate or designated highway. All length provisions
67 regarding automobile or boat transporters, truck-trailer boat transporter
68 combinations and stinger-steered combinations shall include a semitrailer length
69 not to exceed fifty-three feet and are exclusive of front and rear overhang, which
70 shall be no greater than a three-foot front overhang and no greater than a
71 four-foot rear overhang.

72 8. Driveaway saddlemount combinations having a length not in excess of
73 ~~[seventy-five]~~ **ninety-seven** feet may be operated on the interstate highways of
74 this state and such other highways as may be designated by the highways and
75 transportation commission for the operation of such vehicles plus a distance not
76 to exceed ten miles from such interstate or designated highway. Saddlemount
77 combinations must comply with the safety requirements of Section 393.71 of Title
78 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations and may contain no more than three
79 saddlemounted vehicles and one fullmount.

80 9. No truck-tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination vehicles operated
81 upon the interstate and designated primary highway system of this state shall
82 have a semitrailer length in excess of twenty-eight feet or twenty-eight and
83 one-half feet if the semitrailer was in actual and lawful operation in any state on
84 December 1, 1982, operating in a truck-tractor semitrailer-semitrailer
85 combination. The B-train assembly is excluded from the measurement of
86 semitrailer length when used between the first and second semitrailer of a
87 truck-tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination, except that when there is no
88 semitrailer mounted to the B-train assembly, it shall be included in the length
89 measurement of the semitrailer.

90 10. The highways and transportation commission is authorized to
91 designate routes on the state highway system other than the interstate system

92 over which those combinations of vehicles of the lengths specified in subsections
93 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this section may be operated. Combinations of vehicles
94 operated under the provisions of subsections 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this section may
95 be operated at a distance not to exceed ten miles from the interstate system and
96 such routes as designated under the provisions of this subsection.

97 11. Except as provided in subsections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of this section,
98 no other combination of vehicles operated upon the primary or interstate
99 highways of this state plus a distance of ten miles from a primary or interstate
100 highway shall have an overall length, unladen or with load, in excess of sixty-five
101 feet or in excess of fifty-five feet on any other highway, except the state highways
102 and transportation commission may designate additional routes for use by
103 sixty-five foot combinations, seventy-five foot stinger-steered combinations or
104 seventy-five foot saddlemount combinations. Any vehicle or combination of
105 vehicles transporting automobiles, boats or other motor vehicles may carry a load
106 which extends no more than three feet beyond the front and four feet beyond the
107 rear of the transporting vehicle or combination of vehicles.

108 12. (1) Except as hereinafter provided, these restrictions shall not apply
109 to agricultural implements operating occasionally on the highways for short
110 distances, or to self-propelled hay-hauling equipment or to implements of
111 husbandry, or to the movement of farm products as defined in section 400.9-109,
112 RSMo, or to vehicles temporarily transporting agricultural implements or
113 implements of husbandry or roadmaking machinery, or road materials or towing
114 for repair purposes vehicles that have become disabled upon the highways; or to
115 implement dealers delivering or moving farm machinery for repairs on any state
116 highway other than the interstate system.

117 (2) Implements of husbandry and vehicles transporting such machinery
118 or equipment and the movement of farm products as defined in section 400.9.109,
119 RSMo, may be operated occasionally for short distances on state highways when
120 operated between the hours of sunrise and sunset by a driver licensed as an
121 operator or chauffeur.

122 13. As used in this chapter the term "implements of husbandry" means
123 all self-propelled machinery operated at speeds of less than thirty miles per hour,
124 specifically designed for, or especially adapted to be capable of, incidental
125 over-the-road and primary offroad usage and used exclusively for the application
126 of commercial plant food materials or agricultural chemicals, and not specifically
127 designed or intended for transportation of such chemicals and materials.

128 14. The purpose of this section is to permit a single trip per day by the
129 implement of husbandry from the source of supply to a given farm.

130 15. Sludge disposal units may be operated on all state highways other
131 than the interstate system. Such units shall not exceed one hundred thirty-eight
132 inches in width and may be equipped with over-width tires. Such units shall
133 observe all axle weight limits. The chief engineer of the state transportation
134 department shall issue special permits for the movement of such disposal units
135 and may by such permits restrict the movements to specified routes, days and
136 hours.

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