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CHAPTER 39

HOUSE BILL 2197

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-1004, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO VEHICLE SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 28-1004, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

28-1004. Height and length of vehicles and loads; exceptions; definition

A. A vehicle unladen or with a load shall not exceed a height of thirteen feet six inches above the level surface upon which such vehicle stands without a permit issued under the provisions of section 28-1011 or this section. The department with respect to highways under its jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction shall also designate a system of highways that a vehicle unladen or with a load not exceeding fourteen feet above the level surface upon which a vehicle stands may operate without a permit prescribed in subsection B of this section. In designating such streets the local authority shall consider any reasonable restriction including such safety restrictions as structural hazards, street width, and any other safety factors identified by the local authority which may be deemed a hazard to the motoring public.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 28-1011, the department with respect to highways under its jurisdiction and local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdiction may, upon application in writing and good cause being shown, issue a special permit in writing, valid for one

1 year, authorizing the applicant to operate or move a motor vehicle or
2 combination of vehicles upon designated routes in this state, the laden
3 height of which does not exceed fourteen feet. A fee of forty-five dollars
4 shall be assessed for each motor vehicle covered by a permit issued in
5 accordance with the provisions of this subsection. Except as expressly
6 provided in this subsection, one year excess-height special permits are
7 governed by the provisions of section 28-1011.

8 C. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 28-1011, the department
9 with respect to highways under its jurisdiction and local authorities with
10 respect to highways under their jurisdiction may, upon application and good
11 cause being shown, issue a permit pursuant to this chapter, authorizing the
12 applicant to operate or move a motor vehicle upon designated routes in this
13 state, the laden height of which exceeds fourteen feet. A fee of fifteen
14 dollars shall be assessed for each motor vehicle covered by a permit issued
15 in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. Except as expressly
16 provided in this subsection, single-trip special permits are governed by the
17 provisions of section 28-1011.

18 D. A vehicle, including any load on such vehicle, shall not exceed a
19 length of forty feet extreme overall dimension, inclusive of front and rear
20 bumpers. This subsection does not apply to any of the following:

21 1. A semitrailer when used in combination with a truck tractor.

22 2. A truck which is equipped with a conveyor bed, which is used solely
23 as a fiber and forage module mover and which does not exceed forty-eight feet
24 in length.

25 3. An articulated bus or articulated trolley coach which does not
26 exceed a length of sixty feet.

27 4. A bus that is not articulated and does not exceed a length of
28 forty-five feet.

29 5. A recreational vehicle when used in combination with two units if
30 the combination does not exceed a length of sixty-five feet.

31 E. A vehicle transporter may draw only one semitrailer. A combination
32 of vehicles, excluding a vehicle transporter and the semitrailer it draws,
33 coupled together shall not consist of more than two units, except that a
34 truck or truck tractor and semitrailer may draw either one trailer or a
35 forklift. The length of a semitrailer operating in a truck
36 tractor-semitrailer combination or a truck tractor-semitrailer-forklift
37 combination shall not exceed fifty-seven feet six inches, the length of a
38 semitrailer or trailer operating in a truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer
39 combination shall not exceed twenty-eight and one-half feet and the length
40 of a trailer operating in a truck-trailer combination shall not exceed
41 twenty-eight and one-half feet. If the length of a semitrailer is more than
42 fifty-three feet, on all highways in this state, except for the national
43 intercity truck route network designated by the United States secretary of
44 transportation as required by the surface transportation assistance act of

1 1982 or on a system of highways which is designated by a local authority, the
2 overall length of a truck tractor-semitrailer combination shall not exceed
3 sixty-five feet. In designating such streets the local authority shall
4 consider any reasonable restriction including such safety restrictions as
5 structural hazards, street width, and any other safety factors identified by
6 the local authority which may be deemed a hazard to the motoring public.
7 This subsection does not apply to damaged, disabled or abandoned vehicles or
8 combinations of vehicles while being towed by a tow truck in compliance with
9 the provisions of section 28-1007.

10 F. A vehicle transporter and the semitrailer it draws shall not exceed
11 a length of seventy-five feet. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
12 subsection and subsection E of this section, extensions of not more than
13 ~~eighteen inches in length on each end~~ THREE FEET BEYOND THE FOREMOST PART AND
14 SIX FEET BEYOND THE REAR OF THE BED OR BODY of a vehicle or combination of
15 vehicles used to transport manufactured vehicles or fiber and forage shall
16 not be included in measuring the length of such vehicle or combination of
17 vehicles when loaded.

18 G. Pursuant to a permit issued in accordance with section 28-1011, a
19 truck or a truck tractor and semitrailer may draw not more than two trailers
20 or semitrailers. The department shall adopt rules governing the movement and
21 safety of a combination of vehicles under this subsection and authorizing the
22 issuance in advance of prepaid permits. Such rules shall include the
23 adoption of minimum speeds on grades, lighting, signing, identification and
24 braking requirements and any other rules the department deems necessary
25 provided the permit issued pursuant to this subsection is limited only to the
26 following highways within this state:

27 1. An interstate highway that connects with two states which both
28 allow two trailers or semitrailers and such interstate highway does not
29 exceed forty miles between the connecting states.

30 2. Portions of an alternate state route which are located within four
31 miles of, and extend to, the border of this state and an adjacent state which
32 allows two trailers or semitrailers.

33 3. A state route which extends at least ten miles through an Indian
34 reservation, does not cross the Colorado river and is located within twenty
35 miles of, and extends to, the border of this state and an adjacent state
36 which allows two trailers or semitrailers.

37 H. Notwithstanding subsection E of this section:

38 1. A motor vehicle may draw one single axle tow dolly upon which a
39 motor vehicle may be transported. As used in this paragraph "single axle tow
40 dolly" means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle and designed and used
41 exclusively to transport another motor vehicle by which the front or rear
42 wheels of the drawn motor vehicle are mounted on the tow dolly while the
43 other wheels of the drawn motor vehicle remain in contact with the ground.
44 A person shall secure the raised end of any motor vehicle being transported

1 pursuant to this paragraph to the tow dolly by two separate chains, cables
2 or equivalent devices adequate to prevent shifting or separation of the drawn
3 vehicle and the tow dolly.

4 2. A truck or a truck tractor may draw a trailer or semitrailer which
5 does not exceed a length of fifty-seven feet only on the interstate highways
6 or on a highway which is within ten miles of an interstate highway if the
7 trailer or semitrailer is manufactured in this state and is traveling with
8 or without a load from its place of manufacture to be delivered for use
9 outside this state.

10 3. A recreational vehicle may pull two units if all of the following
11 conditions are met:

12 (a) The middle unit is equipped with a fifth wheel and brakes and has
13 a weight equal to or greater than the rear unit.

14 (b) If the rear unit has a gross weight of three thousand pounds or
15 more, it is equipped with brakes.

16 (c) The total combined gross weight of the towed units does not exceed
17 the manufacturer's stated gross vehicle weight of the towing unit.

18 I. For purposes of this section, "recreational vehicle" means a motor
19 vehicle that is designed and customarily used for private pleasure use and
20 includes vehicles commonly called motor homes, pickup trucks with campers and
21 pickup trucks with a fifth wheel trailing device.

22 Sec. 2. Emergency

23 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
24 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
25 law.

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