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CHAPTER 52
HOUSE BILL 2486

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-1095, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO VEHICLE LENGTH.

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

2 Section 1. Section 28-1095, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 28-1095. Vehicle length; exceptions; permits; rules; definition

5 A. A vehicle, including any load on the vehicle, shall not exceed a
6 length of forty feet extreme overall dimension, including front and rear
7 bumpers. This subsection does not apply to any of the following:

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

9 2. A truck that is equipped with a conveyor bed, that is used solely
10 as a fiber and forage module mover and that does not exceed forty-eight feet
11 in length.

12 3. An articulated bus or articulated trolley coach that does not
13 exceed a length of sixty feet.

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

16 5. A recreational vehicle if used in combination with two units and
17 if the combination does not exceed sixty-five feet in length.

18 6. A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 41-2142, PARAGRAPH 30,
19 SUBDIVISION (b) THAT DOES NOT EXCEED A LENGTH OF FORTY-FIVE FEET.

20 B. A vehicle transporter may draw only one semitrailer. A combination
21 of vehicles, excluding a vehicle transporter and the semitrailer it draws,
22 that is coupled together shall not consist of more than two units, except
23 that a truck or truck tractor and semitrailer may draw either one trailer or
24 a forklift.

25 C. The following restrictions apply:

26 1. The length of a semitrailer operating in a truck
27 tractor-semitrailer combination or a truck tractor-semitrailer-forklift
28 combination shall not exceed fifty-seven feet six inches.

29 2. The length of a semitrailer or trailer operating in a truck
30 tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination shall not exceed twenty-eight feet
31 six inches.

32 3. The length of a trailer operating in a truck-trailer combination
33 shall not exceed twenty-eight feet six inches.

34 4. If the length of a semitrailer is more than fifty-three feet, the
35 overall length of a truck tractor-semitrailer combination shall not exceed
36 sixty-five feet on all highways, except for the national intercity truck
37 route network designated by the United States secretary of transportation as
38 required by the surface transportation assistance act of 1982 or on a system
39 of highways that is designated by a local authority. In designating the
40 streets, the local authority shall consider any reasonable restriction
41 including such safety restrictions as structural hazards and street width and
42 any other safety factors identified by the local authority as a hazard to the
43 motoring public.

44 5. A vehicle transporter and the semitrailer it draws shall not exceed
45 a length of seventy-five feet.

1 D. Subsection B and subsection C, paragraphs 1 through 4 of this
2 section do not apply to damaged, disabled or abandoned vehicles or
3 combinations of vehicles while being towed by a tow truck in compliance with
4 section 28-1108.

5 E. Notwithstanding subsections B and C of this section, extensions of
6 not more than three feet beyond the foremost part and six feet beyond the
7 rear bed or body of a vehicle or combination of vehicles used to transport
8 manufactured vehicles or fiber and forage shall not be included in measuring
9 the length of the vehicle or combination of vehicles when loaded.

10 F. Pursuant to a permit issued pursuant to section 28-1103, a truck
11 or a truck tractor and semitrailer may draw not more than two trailers or
12 semitrailers. The department shall adopt rules governing the movement and
13 safety of a combination of vehicles under this subsection and authorizing the
14 issuance in advance of prepaid permits. The rules shall include the adoption
15 of minimum speeds on grades, lighting, signing, identification and braking
16 requirements and any other rules the department deems necessary. The permit
17 issued pursuant to this subsection is limited to the following highways:

18 1. An interstate highway that connects with two states if both states
19 allow two trailers or semitrailers and if the interstate highway does not
20 exceed forty miles between the connecting states.

21 2. Portions of an alternate state route that are located within four
22 miles of and extend to the border of this state and an adjacent state that
23 allows two trailers or semitrailers.

24 3. A state route that extends at least ten miles through an Indian
25 reservation, that does not cross the Colorado river and that is located
26 within twenty miles of and extends to the border of this state and an
27 adjacent state that allows two trailers or semitrailers.

28 G. Notwithstanding subsections B and C of this section:

29 1. A motor vehicle may draw one single axle tow dolly on which a motor
30 vehicle may be transported. A person shall secure the raised end of any
31 motor vehicle being transported pursuant to this paragraph to the tow dolly
32 by two separate chains, cables or equivalent devices adequate to prevent
33 shifting or separation of the drawn vehicle and the tow dolly. As used in
34 this paragraph, "single axle tow dolly" means a vehicle drawn by a motor
35 vehicle and designed and used exclusively to transport another motor vehicle
36 by which the front or rear wheels of the drawn motor vehicle are mounted on
37 the tow dolly while the other wheels of the drawn motor vehicle remain in
38 contact with the ground.

39 2. A truck or a truck tractor may draw a trailer or semitrailer that
40 does not exceed a length of fifty-seven feet only on an interstate highway
41 or on a highway that is within ten miles of an interstate highway if the
42 trailer or semitrailer is manufactured in this state and is traveling with
43 or without a load from its place of manufacture to be delivered for use
44 outside this state.

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

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

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

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

9 H. For purposes of this section, "recreational vehicle" means a motor
10 vehicle that is designed and customarily used for private pleasure use,
11 including vehicles commonly called motor homes, pickup trucks with campers
12 and pickup trucks with a fifth wheel trailing device.

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0 Nays, 2 Not Voting

3 Nays, 0 Not Voting

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
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This Bill was received by the Governor this

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at 1:30 o'clock P M.

Stacy Marshall
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
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This Bill was received by the Secretary of State
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