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CHAPTER 39

HOUSE BILL 2186

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 28-1095 AND 28-1108, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
VEHICLE SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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;
5 definitions

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

9 1. A semitrailer when used in combination with a TRUCK OR A truck
10 tractor.

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

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

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

18 5. A recreational vehicle, a power unit, a farm vehicle, a horse
19 trailer or wheeled equipment as defined in section 28-2153 if used in
20 combination with two units and if the combination does not exceed sixty-five
21 feet in length.

22 6. A recreational vehicle as defined in section 41-2142, paragraph 30,
23 subdivision (b) that does not exceed a length of forty-five feet.

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

29 C. The following restrictions apply:

30 1. The length of a semitrailer operating in a truck
31 tractor-semitrailer combination or a truck tractor-semitrailer-forklift
32 combination shall not exceed fifty-seven feet six inches.

33 2. The length of a semitrailer or trailer operating in a truck
34 tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination shall not exceed twenty-eight feet
35 six inches.

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

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

1 any other safety factors identified by the local authority as a hazard to the
2 motoring public.

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

5 6. A TRUCK-SEMITRAILER COMBINATION SHALL NOT EXCEED AN OVERALL LENGTH
6 OF SIXTY-FIVE FEET.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 E. The director of the department of public safety or a county, city
2 or town may enter into a contractual agreement with a towing firm or firms
3 for towing or storage services, or both. At the time of application for a
4 contractual agreement, a towing firm must disclose in writing the owners of
5 the towing firm and, if the owners own other towing firms that are also
6 applying for the same contractual agreement, the names of those towing firms.
7 The contractual agreement shall comply with this section and all rules
8 adopted under this section. Contracts shall be awarded on the basis of
9 competitive bidding. The director of the department of public safety or a
10 county, city or town shall reserve the right to reject all bids. If only one
11 bid is received, the director of the department of public safety or a county,
12 city or town may reject the bid and negotiate a contract without bidding if
13 the negotiated contract is at a price lower than the bid price under the
14 terms and conditions specified in the call for bids.
15 F. The total weight of a tow truck and the towed vehicle is exempt
16 from the maximum total gross weight load allowed under section 28-1100 if a
17 damaged, disabled or abandoned vehicle or vehicle combination is towed.

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by the following vote: 57 Ayes,

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0 Nays, 3 Not Voting

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

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at 2:25 o'clock P M.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 4th day of

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

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