
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1221

State of Washington**54th Legislature****1995 Regular Session**

By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Johnson, Buck, Cairnes, Hatfield, Chappell and Sheldon)

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1 AN ACT Relating to log trucks and pole trailers; amending RCW
2 46.44.030; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.030 and 1994 c 59 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways
7 of this state any vehicle having an overall length, with or without
8 load, in excess of forty feet. This restriction does not apply to (1)
9 a municipal transit vehicle, (2) auto stage, private carrier bus or
10 school bus with an overall length not to exceed forty-six feet, or (3)
11 an articulated auto stage with an overall length not to exceed sixty-
12 one feet.

13 ((It is unlawful for any person to operate on the highways of this
14 state any combination of vehicles that contains a vehicle in excess of
15 forty-eight feet, with or without load.))

16 It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways
17 of this state any combination consisting of a tractor and semitrailer
18 that has a semitrailer length in excess of fifty-three feet or a
19 combination consisting of a tractor and two trailers in which the

1 combined length of the trailers exceeds sixty-one feet, with or without
2 load.

3 It is unlawful for any person to operate on the highways of this
4 state any combination consisting of a truck and trailer, or log truck
5 and stinger-steered pole trailer, with an overall length, with or
6 without load, in excess of seventy-five feet. However, a combination
7 of vehicles transporting automobiles or boats may have a front overhang
8 of three feet and a rear overhang of four feet beyond this allowed
9 length. "Stinger-steered," as used in this section, means the coupling
10 device is located behind the tread of the tires of the last axle of the
11 towing vehicle.

12 These length limitations do not apply to vehicles transporting
13 poles, pipe, machinery, or other objects of a structural nature that
14 cannot be dismembered and operated by a public utility when required
15 for emergency repair of public service facilities or properties, but in
16 respect to night transportation every such vehicle and load thereon
17 shall be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both
18 sides and marker lamps upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to
19 clearly mark the dimensions of the load.

20 The length limitations described in this section are exclusive of
21 safety and energy conservation devices, such as mud flaps and splash
22 and spray suppressant devices, refrigeration units or air compressors,
23 and other devices that the department determines to be necessary for
24 safe and efficient operation of commercial vehicles. No device
25 excluded under this paragraph from the limitations of this section may
26 have, by its design or use, the capability to carry cargo.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
28 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
29 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
30 June 1, 1995.

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