
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2766

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By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Cairnes and Hatfield)

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1 AN ACT Relating to recreational vehicles; and amending RCW
2 46.44.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.030 and 1995 c 26 s 1 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
10 (~~or~~), school bus, or motor home with an overall length not to exceed
11 forty-six feet, or (3) an articulated auto stage with an overall length
12 not to exceed sixty-one feet.

13 It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways
14 of this state any combination consisting of a tractor and semitrailer
15 that has a semitrailer length in excess of fifty-three feet or a
16 combination consisting of a tractor and two trailers in which the
17 combined length of the trailers exceeds sixty-one feet, with or without
18 load.

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

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

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

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