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1 AN ACT Relating to recreational vehicles; and amending RCW
2 46.44.010 and 46.44.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.010 and 1997 c 63 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The total outside width of any vehicle or load thereon shall not
7 exceed eight and one-half feet: PROVIDED, That no rear vision mirror
8 may extend more than five inches beyond the extreme limits of the body:
9 PROVIDED FURTHER, That excluded from this calculation of width are
10 safety appliances such as clearance lights, rub rails, flexible fender
11 extensions, mud flaps, and splash and spray suppressant devices, and
12 appurtenances such as door handles, door hinges, and turning signal
13 brackets and such other safety appliances and appurtenances as the
14 department may determine are necessary for the safe and efficient
15 operation of motor vehicles: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That no appliances
16 or appurtenances may extend more than three inches beyond the extreme
17 limits of the body: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That the total outside width
18 of noncommercial motor homes, travel trailers, and campers may exceed
19 eight and one-half feet if the excess width is attributable to

1 appurtenances that extend no further than the exterior rearview mirrors
2 of the motor home, tow vehicle, or camper-bearing pickup truck when the
3 mirrors are installed at the distance necessary to provide the
4 appropriate field of view for the vehicle.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.44.030 and 1995 c 26 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

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

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

20 It is unlawful for any person to operate on the highways of this
21 state any combination consisting of a truck and trailer, or log truck
22 and stinger-steered pole trailer, with an overall length, with or
23 without load, in excess of seventy-five feet. However, a combination
24 of vehicles transporting automobiles or boats may have a front overhang
25 of three feet and a rear overhang of four feet beyond this allowed
26 length. "Stinger-steered," as used in this section, means the coupling
27 device is located behind the tread of the tires of the last axle of the
28 towing vehicle.

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

37 The length limitations described in this section are exclusive of
38 safety and energy conservation devices, such as mud flaps and splash

1 and spray suppressant devices, refrigeration units or air compressors,
2 and other devices that the department determines to be necessary for
3 safe and efficient operation of commercial vehicles. No device
4 excluded under this paragraph from the limitations of this section may
5 have, by its design or use, the capability to carry cargo.

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