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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2458**

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**State of Washington                      58th Legislature                      2004 Regular Session**

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

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1            AN ACT Relating to extending the motor vehicle width limit for  
2 recreational vehicle appurtenances; and amending RCW 46.44.010.

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  
7 not exceed eight and one-half feet subject to the following:  
8 (~~PROVIDED, That~~)

9            (1) No rear vision mirror may extend more than five inches beyond  
10 the extreme limits of the body(~~PROVIDED FURTHER, That~~);

11            (2) Excluded from this calculation of width are safety appliances  
12 such as clearance lights, rub rails, flexible fender extensions, mud  
13 flaps, and splash and spray suppressant devices, and appurtenances such  
14 as door handles, door hinges, and turning signal brackets and such  
15 other safety appliances and appurtenances as the department may  
16 determine are necessary for the safe and efficient operation of motor  
17 vehicles(~~AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That~~);

18            (3) No appliances or appurtenances may extend more than three  
19 inches beyond the extreme limits of the body;

1       (4) Campers, motor homes, and travel trailers may exceed the  
2 maximum width established by this section if the excess width is  
3 attributable to an appurtenance that extends no more than six inches  
4 beyond the body of the vehicle and is affixed to the side of the  
5 vehicle at such a height that it does not impair the ability of the  
6 driver to see to the rear of the vehicle. For purposes of this  
7 subsection, the term "appurtenance" is limited to awnings and support  
8 hardware.

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