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SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2467

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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Timmons, Stuebe, and Barkis)

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AN ACT Relating to fifth-wheel travel trailers; and amending RCW 46.44.030.

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

Sec. 1. RCW 46.44.030 and 2020 c 110 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways of this state any vehicle having an overall length, with or without load, in excess of ((~~forty~~)) 40 feet. This restriction does not apply to (a) a municipal transit vehicle, (b) auto stage, private carrier bus, school bus, fifth-wheel travel trailer, travel trailer, or motor home with an overall length not to exceed ((~~forty-six~~)) 46 feet, (c) an articulated auto stage with an overall length not to exceed ((~~sixty-one~~)) 61 feet, excluding a bike rack up to four feet in length, or (d) an auto recycling carrier up to ((~~forty-two~~)) 42 feet in length manufactured prior to 2005.

(2)(a) It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways of this state any combination consisting of a tractor and semitrailer that has a semitrailer length in excess of ((~~fifty-three~~)) 53 feet or a combination consisting of a tractor and two trailers in which the combined length of the trailers exceeds ((~~sixty-one~~)) 61 feet, with or without load.

(b) The restriction under this subsection does not apply to two trailers or semitrailers with a total weight that does not exceed ((~~twenty-six thousand~~)) 26,000 pounds and when the two trailers or semitrailers do not carry property but constitute inventory property of a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer of such trailers. The total combination under this subsection (2)(b) may not exceed ((~~eighty-two~~)) 82 feet of overall length.

(3) It is unlawful for any person to operate on the highways of this state any combination consisting of a truck and trailer, or log truck and stinger-steered pole trailer, with an overall length, with or without load, in excess of ((~~seventy-five~~)) 75 feet. "Stinger-steered," as used in this section, means the coupling device is located behind the tread of the tires of the last axle of the towing vehicle.

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

(b) Excluded from the calculation of length under this section are certain devices that provide added safety, energy conservation, or are otherwise necessary, and are not designed or used to carry cargo. The length-exclusive devices must be identified in rules adopted by the department of transportation under RCW 46.44.101.

(c) For the purposes of calculating the overall length of a fifth-wheel travel trailer, the measurement is the distance between the centermost point of the kingpin and the rearmost point of the vehicle, generally referred to as the rear bumper or rear cap.

(5) For purposes of this section:

(a) "Fifth-wheel travel trailer" means a vehicle primarily designed for recreational camping or travel use that does not have its own motive power and is primarily mounted on or hitched within the bed of a pickup truck;

(b) "Kingpin" means a metal pin protruding from the bottom of the front of a fifth-wheel travel trailer that is designed to create a

pivot point for steering, stability, and connecting the truck and fifth-wheel travel trailer.

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