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By Representatives R. Fisher, Betrozoff, R. Meyers and McLean; by request of Department of Transportation.

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1 AN ACT Relating to vehicle size and weight restrictions; and
2 amending RCW 46.44.034 and 46.44.037.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.034 and 1961 c 12 s 46.44.034 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The load, or any portion of any vehicle, operated alone upon
7 the public highway of this state, or the load, or any portion of the
8 front vehicle of a combination of vehicles, shall not extend more than
9 three feet beyond the front wheels of such vehicle, or the front
10 bumper, if equipped with front bumper.

11 (2) No vehicle shall be operated upon the public highways with any
12 part of the permanent structure or load extending in excess of fifteen
13 feet beyond the center of the last axle of such vehicle. This
14 subsection does not apply to "specialized equipment" designated under
15 49 U.S.C. ú 2311 that is operated on the interstate highway system,

1 those designated portions of the federal-aid primary system, and routes
2 constituting reasonable access from such highways to terminals and
3 facilities for food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.44.037 and 1985 c 351 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 46.44.036 and subject to such
7 rules and regulations governing their operation as may be adopted by
8 the state department of transportation, operation of the following
9 combinations is lawful:

10 (1) A combination consisting of a truck tractor, a semitrailer, and
11 another semitrailer or a full trailer. In this combination a converter
12 gear used to convert a semitrailer into a full trailer shall be
13 considered to be a part of the full trailer and not a separate vehicle.
14 A converter gear being pulled without load and not used to convert a
15 semitrailer into a full trailer may be substituted in lieu of a full
16 trailer or a semitrailer in any lawful combination;

17 (2) A combination not exceeding seventy-five feet in overall length
18 consisting of (~~three~~) four trucks or truck tractors used in driveaway
19 service where (~~two~~) three of the vehicles are towed by the (~~third~~)
20 fourth in (~~double~~) triple saddlemount position;

21 (3) A combination consisting of a truck tractor carrying a freight
22 compartment no longer than eight feet, a semitrailer, and another
23 semitrailer or full trailer that meets the legal length requirement for
24 a truck and trailer combination set forth in RCW 46.44.030.