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SENATE BILL 6578

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By Senators Haugen, McCaslin and Gardner

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1 AN ACT Relating to lawful vehicle combinations; and amending RCW  
2 46.44.037.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.037 and 1991 c 143 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 four trucks or truck tractors used in driveaway service

1 where three of the vehicles are towed by the fourth in triple  
2 saddlemount position;

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

7 (4) A combination consisting of a motor vehicle weighing more than  
8 four thousand pounds unladen, a travel trailer not exceeding twenty-two  
9 feet in length, and a trailer designed for hauling a boat with a  
10 maximum gross weight of one thousand pounds. The vehicles in  
11 combination must not exceed sixty-five feet in length and must have a  
12 braking capacity in excess of the gross weight of the combination. The  
13 trailers must be connected by hitches designed and attached in such a  
14 manner to be capable of towing the gross weight of the trailer(s) in  
15 tow.

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