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By Senator Benton

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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 driveway 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, snowmobiles,
10 or nonhighway vehicles as defined in RCW 46.09.020. 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 and
13 rear to front progressive braking. The trailers must be connected by
14 hitches designed and attached in such a manner to be capable of towing
15 the gross weight of the trailers in tow.

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