
SENATE BILL 5415

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By Senators Becker, Swecker, Stevens, and Honeyford

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1 AN ACT Relating to the lawful operation of a motor vehicle and up
2 to two trailers; and amending RCW 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 and up to two
8 trailers when the operator or driver holds a commercial driver's
9 license. However, it is unlawful for the commercial driver's license
10 holder to operate a motor vehicle with two trailers on a city street
11 except to the extent required to gain access to or from a county road
12 or state highway.

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