
SENATE BILL 6138

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By Senator Ericksen

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1 AN ACT Relating to maximum vehicle lengths; and amending RCW
2 46.44.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.030 and 2005 c 189 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways
7 of this state any vehicle having an overall length, with or without
8 load, in excess of forty-six feet. This restriction does not apply to
9 (1) a municipal transit vehicle, (2) auto stage, private carrier bus,
10 school bus, or motor home with an overall length not to exceed forty-
11 six feet, or (3) an articulated auto stage with an overall length not
12 to exceed sixty-one feet.

13 It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways
14 of this state any combination consisting of a tractor and semitrailer
15 that has a semitrailer length in excess of fifty-three feet or a
16 combination consisting of a tractor and two trailers in which the
17 combined length of the trailers exceeds sixty-one feet, with or without
18 load.

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

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

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

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