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By Senators King, Hobbs, and Darneille; by request of Department of Transportation

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1 AN ACT Relating to bringing the state into compliance with the
2 federal FAST act; and amending RCW 46.44.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.030 and 2017 c 76 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public
7 highways of this state any vehicle having an overall length, with or
8 without load, in excess of forty feet. This restriction does not
9 apply to ~~((1))~~ (a) a municipal transit vehicle, ~~((2))~~ (b) auto
10 stage, private carrier bus, school bus, or motor home with an overall
11 length not to exceed forty-six feet, ~~((3))~~ (c) an articulated auto
12 stage with an overall length not to exceed sixty-one feet, excluding
13 a bike rack up to four feet in length, or ~~((4))~~ (d) an auto
14 recycling carrier up to forty-two feet in length manufactured prior
15 to 2005.

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

1 (b) The restriction under this subsection does not apply to two
2 trailers or semitrailers with a total weight that does not exceed
3 twenty-six thousand pounds and when the two trailers or semitrailers
4 do not carry property but constitute inventory property of a
5 manufacturer, distributor, or dealer of such trailers. The total
6 combination under this subsection (2)(b) may not exceed eighty-two
7 feet of overall length.

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

14 (~~These~~) (4)(a) The length limitations under this section do not
15 apply to vehicles transporting poles, pipe, machinery, or other
16 objects of a structural nature that cannot be dismembered and
17 operated by a public utility when required for emergency repair of
18 public service facilities or properties, but in respect to night
19 transportation every such vehicle and load thereon shall be equipped
20 with a sufficient number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker
21 lamps upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark
22 the dimensions of the load.

23 (b) Excluded from the calculation of length under this section
24 are certain devices that provide added safety, energy conservation,
25 or are otherwise necessary, and are not designed or used to carry
26 cargo. The length-exclusive devices must be identified in rules
27 adopted by the department of transportation under RCW 46.44.101.

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