

ASSEMBLY, No. 475

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Mr. LASSANS

Referred to Committee on Highways, Transportation and Public Utilities

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles and traffic regulation, and amending section  
39:3-84 of the Revised Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New*  
2 *Jersey:*

1 1. Section 39:3-84 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as fol-  
2 lows:

3 39:3-84. No commercial motor vehicle, tractor, trailer or semitrailer  
4 shall be operated on any highway in this State the outside width of which  
5 is more than 96 inches, or the extreme over-all length of which exceeds 35  
6 feet either for a 2-axle 4-wheeled vehicle or 35 feet for a 3-axle 6-wheeled  
7 vehicle, or the height of which exceeds 13½ feet, except that a vehicle ex-  
8 ceeding the above limitations may be operated when a special permit so to  
9 operate is secured in advance from the director.

10 In the case of an omnibus the maximum over-all length dimension shall  
11 be such as the Board of Public Utility Commissioners prescribe.

12 No commercial motor vehicle drawing or having attached thereto any  
13 other such vehicle, nor any combination of vehicles, shall be operated on any  
14 highway in this State, except a tractor and semitrailer combination not in  
15 excess of a total over-all length, *inclusive of load*, of 45 feet and a truck and  
16 trailer combination not in excess of a total over-all length, *inclusive of load*,

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted  
and is intended to be omitted in the law.

17 of 50 feet, and also except a vehicle or a combination of vehicles transport-  
18 ing poles, pilings, structural units or other articles incapable of dismember-  
19 ment the total over-all length of which, *inclusive of load*, shall not exceed  
20 70 feet[.] , *but the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to a vehicle*  
21 *nor to any combination of vehicles, operated by a public utility as defined*  
22 *in R. S. 48:2-13 which vehicle or combination of vehicles is used by such*  
23 *public utility in the construction, reconstruction, repair or maintenance of*  
24 *its property or facilities. [All of the aforesaid dimensions shall be inclusive*  
25 *of the load.]*

26 Subject to the provisions of section 39:3-82 and the axle weight limita-  
27 tions of this section, no commercial motor vehicle, tractor, trailer or semi-  
28 trailer shall be operated on any highway in this State having a combined  
29 weight of vehicle and load of more than (a) 30,000 pounds in the case of  
30 a 2-axle 4-wheeled vehicle, (b) 40,000 pounds in the case of a 3-axle 6-wheeled  
31 vehicle, (c) 60,000 pounds in the case of a tractor and semitrailer combina-  
32 tion, and (d) 60,000 pounds in the case of a truck and trailer combination.

33 The gross weight imposed on the highway by the wheels of any 1 axle  
34 of a vehicle shall not exceed 22,400 pounds.

35 For the purpose of this Title the gross weight imposed on the highway  
36 by the wheels of any 1 axle of a vehicle shall be deemed to mean the total  
37 load transmitted to the road by all wheels whose centers are included be-  
38 tween 2 parallel transverse vertical planes less than 40 inches apart, ex-  
39 tending across the full width of the vehicle.

40 The combined gross weight imposed on the highway by all wheels of all  
41 axles whose centers are on or between 2 parallel transverse vertical planes  
42 spaced 40 inches, but less than 96 inches apart, extending across the full  
43 width of the vehicle, shall not exceed 32,000 pounds.

44 Every commercial motor vehicle or motor-drawn vehicle used on the  
45 public highways carrying loads extending beyond the outside dimensions of  
46 the vehicle shall have displayed at the outside extremity of the load a red  
47 flag by day, which shall not be less than 18 inches square, and a red light

48 by night, and they shall be so hung as to present a full view to the drivers  
49 of approaching vehicles. This red light shall be in addition to the red light  
50 provided for in section 39:3-61 of this Title.

1      2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

The public utilities of this State are constantly expanding, maintaining and repairing their facilities in order to render necessary and adequate service to the public, in connection with which it is necessary to move equipment and poles by vehicles or combination of vehicles. This bill will enable utilities to carry out such functions expeditiously without violating the law as to lengths of vehicles, inclusive of load.