

SENATE, No. 103

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 9, 1942

By Mr. HENDRICKSON

Referred to Committee on Transportation

AN ACT concerning motor vehicles, and amending section 39:3-84 of the Revised Statutes.

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2 *Jersey:*

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

2 39:3-84. No commercial motor vehicle, tractor, trailer or semitrailer
3 shall be operated on any highway in this State the outside width of which
4 is more than ninety-six inches, except vehicles in operation on June tenth,
5 one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, which, by reason of the substi-
6 tution of pneumatic tires for other types of tires, exceed the above limit,
7 or the extreme over-all length of which exceeds [twenty-eight] thirty-five
8 feet either for a two-axle four-wheeled vehicle [,] or thirty-five feet for a
9 three-axle six-wheeled vehicle, or the height of which exceeds twelve and one-
10 half feet, except that a vehicle exceeding the above limitation may be operated
11 when a special permit so to operate is secured in advance from the commis-
11½ sioner.

12 In the case of an omnibus the maximum over-all length dimension shall
13 be such as the Board of Public Utility Commissioners prescribes.

14 No commercial motor vehicle drawing or having attached thereto any
15 other such vehicle, nor any combination of vehicles, shall be operated on
16 any highway in the State, except a tractor and semitrailer combination

17 not in excess of a total over-all length of forty-five feet and a truck and
18 trailer combination not in excess of a total over-all length of fifty feet, and
19 also except a vehicle or a combination of vehicles transporting poles, pil-
20 ings, structural units or other articles incapable of dismemberment the total
21 over-all length of which shall not exceed seventy feet. All of the aforesaid
22 dimensions shall be inclusive of the load.

23 No commercial motor vehicle, tractor, trailer or semitrailer shall be oper-
24 ated on any highway in this State having a combined weight of vehicle and
25 load or more than (a) thirty thousand pounds in the case of a two-axle
26 four-wheeled vehicle, (b) forty thousand pounds in the case of a three-axle
27 six-wheeled vehicle, (c) sixty thousand pounds in the case of a tractor and
28 semitrailer combination, and (d) sixty thousand pounds in the case of a
29 truck and trailer combination.

30 The limitations as to combined weights and lengths of vehicle and load as
31 applied to vehicles in operation on June tenth, one thousand nine hundred
32 and thirty-five, or manufactured or constructed prior to January first, one
33 thousand nine hundred and thirty-six, shall not be effective until January
34 first, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one.

35 Every commercial motor vehicle or motor-drawn vehicle used on the
36 public highways carrying loads extending beyond the outside dimensions
37 of the vehicle shall have displayed at the outside extremity of the load a red
38 flag by day, which shall not be less than eighteen inches square, and a red
39 light by night, and they shall be so hung as to present a full view to the
40 drivers of approaching vehicles. This red light shall be in addition to the
41 red light provided for in section 39:3-61 of this Title.

42 A person violating this section shall be subject to a fine not exceeding
43 one hundred dollars. In default of the payment thereof imprisonment in
44 the county jail for a period not exceeding ten days shall be imposed.

45 Nothing contained in either section 39:3-20 or section 39:4-73 of this
46 Title shall be construed to supersede or repeal the provisions of this section.

STATEMENT

This act is approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and seeks to unify the length of trucks with our sister States. This act is sponsored by Commission on Interstate Co-operation.

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