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and Public Utilities

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

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

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

5 39:3-84. No commercial motor vehicle, tractor, trailer or semi-
6 trailer shall be operated on any highway in this State the outside
7 width of which is more than 96 inches, inclusive of load, or the
8 height of which exceeds 13½ feet, inclusive of load, and no com-
9 mercial motor vehicle, tractor or trailer shall be operated on any
10 highway in this State the extreme over-all length of which exceeds
11 35 feet either for a 2-axle 4-wheeled vehicle, *inclusive of load*, or
12 35 feet either for a 3-axle 6-wheeled vehicle, *inclusive of load*, except
13 that a vehicle or vehicle inclusive of load exceeding the above lim-
14 itations may be operated when a special permit so to operate is
15 secured in advance from the director. The application for such
16 permit shall be accompanied by a fee fixed by the director. A special
17 permit issued by the director shall be in the possession of the
18 operator of the vehicle for which such permit was issued. In com-
19 puting any dimensions of a vehicle, or vehicle and load, for the
20 purposes of this section, there shall not be included in the dimen-
21 sional limitations safety appliances such as mirrors or lights, or
22 chains or similar fasteners used for the securing of cargo, provided
23 such appliances or fasteners do not exceed the over-all limitations
24 established by the director by rule or regulation.

25 In the case of an omnibus the maximum width and length dimen-
26 sions shall be such as the Board of Public Utility Commissioners
27 prescribe, but no outside width in excess of 96 inches shall be pre-
28 scribed with respect to one or more highways specified or otherwise

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

1 described except upon certifications, (1) of the Division of Motor
2 Vehicles in the Department of Law and Public Safety that the
3 proposed width is not unsafe for use on the highways in this State
4 and (2) of the State Highway Department that the proposed width,
5 if in excess of 96 inches, is not in conflict with the requirements
6 of any agency of the United States having jurisdiction over the
7 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways authorized
8 by law. No outside width so prescribed shall be valid if the allow-
9 ance of use of the same would disqualify the State of New Jersey
10 or any department, agency or governmental subdivision thereof
11 for the purpose of receiving Federal highway funds.

12 In the case of farm tractors and traction equipment and farm
13 machinery and implements, the maximum width and length shall
14 be such as the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall
15 prescribe by uniform rules and regulations but the operation of
16 such vehicles shall be subject to the provisions of section 39:3-24
17 of this Title and any such vehicle shall not be operated on any
18 highway which is part of the National System of Interstate and
19 Defense Highways or on any highway which has been designated
20 a freeway or parkway as provided by law.

21 No commercial motor vehicle drawing or having attached thereto
22 any other such vehicle, nor any combination of vehicles, shall be
23 operated on any highway in this State, in excess of a total over-all
24 length, inclusive of load, of 55 feet except a vehicle or a combina-
25 tion of vehicles transporting poles, pilings, structural units or other
26 articles incapable of dismemberment the total over-all length of
27 which, inclusive of load, shall not exceed 70 feet, but the provisions
28 of this paragraph shall not apply to a vehicle nor to any combina-
29 tion of vehicles, operated by a public utility as defined in Revised
30 Statutes 48:2-13 which vehicle or combination of vehicles is used
31 by such public utility in the construction, reconstruction, repair
32 or maintenance of its property or facilities.

33 [Notwithstanding the above limitations, no tractor-semitrailer
34 combination shall be operated on the highways of this State with
35 an over-all length in excess of 50 feet, inclusive of load, when the
36 semitrailer exceeds 40 feet in length.]

37 The gross weight imposed on the highway by the wheels of any
38 one axle of a vehicle shall not exceed 22,400 pounds.

39 For the purpose of this Title the gross weight imposed on the
40 highway by the wheels of any one axle of a vehicle shall be deemed
41 to mean the total load transmitted to the road by all wheels whose
42 centers are included between 2 parallel transverse vertical planes
43 less than 40 inches apart, extending across the full width of the
44 vehicle.

1 The combined gross weight imposed on the highway by all wheels
2 of all axles whose centers are on or between 2 parallel transverse
3 vertical planes spaced 40 inches, but less than 96 inches apart,
4 extending across the full width of the vehicle, shall not exceed
5 32,000 pounds.

6 In addition to the other requirements of this section and not-
7 withstanding any other provision of this Title, no commercial motor
8 vehicle, tractor, trailer or semitrailer shall be operated on any
9 highway in this State with a combined weight of vehicle and load,
10 an axle weight or a vehicle dimension the allowance of which would
11 disqualify the State of New Jersey or any department, agency or
12 governmental subdivision thereof for the purpose of receiving Fed-
13 eral highway funds.

14 2. This act shall take effect immediately.