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By Assemblyman KEEGAN

(Without Reference)

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 of New*  
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 shall  
3 be operated on any highway in this State the outside width of which is more  
4 than 96 inches [, or the extreme over-all length of which exceeds 35 feet either  
5 for a 2-axle 4-wheeled vehicle or 35 feet for a 3-axle 6-wheeled vehicle,] or the  
6 height of which exceeds 13½ feet, *and no commercial motor vehicle, tractor or*  
7 *trailer shall be operated on any highway in this State the extreme over-all*  
8 *length of which exceeds 35 feet either for a 2-axle 4-wheeled vehicle or 35 feet*  
9 *for a 3-axle 6-wheeled vehicle, except that a vehicle exceeding the above limita-*  
9A *tions may be operated when a special permit so to operate is secured in*  
9B *advance from the director[, but the limitations of this paragraph as to over-*  
9C *all length shall not apply to a truck crane, having an over-all length of less*  
9D *than 70 feet, registered as a "constructor" vehicle].*

9E In the case of an omnibus the maximum [over-all] width and length di-  
10 mensions shall be such as the Board of Public Utility Commissioners  
11 prescribe, *but no outside width in excess of 96 inches shall be prescribed with*

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

11A *respect to 1 or more highways specified or otherwise described except upon* 32  
 11B *certifications, (1) of the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of* 33 a  
 11C *Law and Public Safety that the proposed width is not unsafe for use on the* 34  
 11D *highways in this State and (2) of the State Highway Department that the* 35 t  
 11E *proposed width, if in excess of 96 inches, is not in conflict with the require-* 36 t  
 11F *ments of any agency of the United States having jurisdiction over the Na-* 37 F  
 11G *tional System of Interstate and Defense Highways authorized by law. No* 38 t  
 11H *outside width so prescribed shall be valid if the allowance or use of the same* 39  
 11I *would disqualify the State of New Jersey or any department, agency or gov-* 40 a  
 11J *ernmental subdivision thereof for the purpose of receiving Federal highway* 41 s  
 11K *funds.* 42 w

12 No commercial motor vehicle drawing or having attached thereto any 43  
 13 other such vehicle, nor any combination of vehicles, shall be operated on 44 p  
 14 any highway in this State, except a tractor and semitrailer combination not in 45 tl  
 15 excess of a total over-all length, inclusive of load, of 50 feet and a truck and 46 b  
 16 trailer combination not in excess of a total over-all length, inclusive of load, of 47 a  
 17 50 feet, and also except a vehicle or a combination of vehicles transporting 48 p  
 18 poles, pilings, structural units or other articles incapable of dismemberment 49 v  
 19 the total over-all length of which, inclusive of load, shall not exceed 70 feet, 1  
 20 but the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to a vehicle nor to any  
 21 combination of vehicles, operated by a public utility as defined in R. S. 48:2-13  
 22 which vehicle or combination of vehicles is used by such public utility in the  
 23 construction, reconstruction, repair or maintenance of its property or  
 24 facilities.

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

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

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

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

43 Every commercial motor vehicle or motor-drawn vehicle used on the  
44 public highways carrying loads extending beyond the outside dimensions of  
45 the vehicle shall have displayed at the outside extremity of the load a red flag  
46 by day, which shall not be less than 18 inches square, and a red light by night,  
47 and they shall be so hung as to present a full view to the drivers of ap-  
48 proaching vehicles. This red light shall be in addition to the red light pro-  
49 vided for in section 39:3-61 of this Title.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.