

ASSEMBLY, No. 285

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT TO

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 285

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, paragraph 14(b) of the Constitution, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 285, with my objections, for reconsideration.

This bill was introduced to provide clearly that the statutory width limitation on commercial motor vehicles contained in R. S. 39:3-83 and 39:3-84 applies to the dimensions of the load as well as to the vehicle itself. The need for this clarification arose when the Superior Court recently ruled that the present limitation applied only to the dimensions of the vehicle itself, State v Patfol, Inc., 76 N. J. Super. 287 (App. Div. 1962) reargument denied 76 N. J. Super. 572 (App. Div. 1962). It also provides that the dimensions of the safety equipment, which are not included in measuring the width of the vehicle for the purpose of these sections, shall be regulated by the Director of Motor Vehicles. I am in complete agreement with the intent of these amendments.

After the bill was introduced, however, it was amended to permit the use of any size truck tractor where the length of the semitrailer does not exceed 40 feet in length. This would permit an exception to the present 50 foot limitation on the length on the truck tractor and semitrailer combination.

Until recently there was a 35 foot limitation on the length of semitrailers. The Legislature was persuaded to delete this so that the trucking industry could use longer semitrailers with modern shorter truck tractors and still be within the over-all 50 foot limitation. The purpose of this amendment is to permit those companies still utilizing older model truck tractors to benefit by the deletion of the 35 foot limitation on the length of semitrailers.

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Although I can understand the desire of these companies to use longer trailers in order to remain in competition I cannot approve of such an unlimited exception. Pursuant to this amendment, certain tractor and semitrailer combinations could be as long as 58 1/2 feet. I would, therefore, recommend that such a combination be permitted provided that the over-all length does not exceed 53 feet. I have been informed that such an exception would not endanger our roads or create a traffic hazard and would in most cases meet the needs of the proponents of this amendment. I also recommend that the bill be amended to clarify the right of the director to charge a fee for a special permit.

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Respectfully,

RICHARD J. HUGHES

GOVERNOR

[SEAL]

Attest:

LAWRENCE BILDER

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70 ing any other provision of this Title, no commercial motor vehicle, tractor,
71 trailer or semitrailer shall be operated on any highway in this State with a
72 combined weight of vehicle and load, an axle weight or a vehicle dimension the
73 allowance of which would disqualify the State of New Jersey or any depart-
74 ment, agency or governmental subdivision thereof for the purpose of receiv-
75 ing Federal highway funds.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.