

CHAPTER 11 LAWS OF N. J. 1973

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SENATE, No. 895

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 13, 1972

By Senator PARKER

Referred to Committee on Law, Public Safety and Defense

AN ACT concerning motor vehicles and amending R. S. 39:3-84.

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

1 1. R. S. 39:3-84 is amended to read as follows:

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

22 In the case of an omnibus the maximum width and length dimen-
23 sions shall be such as the Board of Public Utility Commissioners
24 prescribe, but no outside width in excess of 96 inches shall be pre-
25 scribed with respect to one or more highways specified or otherwise
26 described except upon certifications, (1) of the Division of Motor
27 Vehicles in the Department of Law and Public Safety that the

28 proposed width is not unsafe for use on the highways in this State
29 and (2) of the State Highway Department that the proposed width,
30 if in excess of 96 inches, is not in conflict with the requirements
31 of any agency of the United States having jurisdiction over the
32 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways authorized
33 by law. No outside width so prescribed shall be valid if the allow-
34 ance of use of the same would disqualify the State of New Jersey
35 or any department, agency or governmental subdivision thereof
36 for the purpose of receiving Federal highway funds.

37 In the case of farm tractors and traction equipment and farm
38 machinery and implements, the maximum width and length shall
39 be such as the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall
40 prescribe by uniform rules and regulations but the operation of
41 such vehicles shall be subject to the provisions of section 39:3-24
42 of this Title and any such vehicle shall not be operated on any
43 highway which is part of the National System of Interstate and
44 Defense Highways or on any highway which has been designated
45 a freeway or parkway as provided by law.

46 *In the case of commercial motor vehicles, trailers and semi-*
47 *trailers including farm trucks, while loaded with hay or straw the*
48-49 *maximum width of the load shall not exceed 105 1/2 inches.*

50 No commercial motor vehicle drawing or having attached thereto
51 any other such vehicle, nor any combination of vehicles, shall be
52 operated on any highway in this State, in excess of a total over-all
53 length, inclusive of load, of 55 feet except a vehicle or a combina-
54 tion of vehicles transporting poles, pilings, structural units or other
55 articles incapable of dismemberment the total overall length of
56 which, inclusive of load, shall not exceed 70 feet, but the provisions
57 of this paragraph shall not apply to a vehicle nor to any combina-
58 tion of vehicles, operated by a public utility as defined in R. S.
59 48:2-13 which vehicle or combination of vehicles is used by such
60 public utility in the construction, reconstruction, repair or main-
61 tenance of its property or facilities.

61A Notwithstanding the above limitations, a combination of vehicles
61B designed, built and used to transport other motor vehicles may
61C carry a load which exceeds the 55 feet overall length, provided,
61D however, the total load overhang shall be limited to 5 feet and may
61E not exceed 3 feet at either the front or rear and that the overhang
61F shall be above the height of the average passenger car.

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

64 For the purpose of this Title the gross weight imposed on the
65 highway by the wheels of any one axle of a vehicle shall be deemed

66 to mean the total load transmitted to the road by all wheels whose
67 centers are included between two parallel transverse vertical planes
68 less than 40 inches apart, extending across the full width of the
69 vehicle.

70 The combined gross weight imposed on the highway by all wheels
71 of all axles whose centers are on or between two parallel transverse
72 vertical planes spaced 40 inches, but less than 96 inches apart,
73 extending across the full width of the vehicle, shall not exceed
74 32,000 pounds.

75 In addition to the other requirements of this section and not-
76 withstanding any other provision of this Title, no commercial motor
77 vehicle, tractor, trailer or semitrailer shall be operated on any
78 highway in this State with a combined weight of vehicle and load,
79 an axle weight or a vehicle dimension the allowance of which would
80 disqualify the State of New Jersey or any department, agency or
81 governmental subdivision thereof for the purpose of receiving Fed-
82 eral highway funds.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 895

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 8, 1972

R. S. 39:3-84 prohibits the operation on any highway of this State of any motor vehicle, tractor, trailer, or semitrailer which has an outside width greater than 96 inches.

Senate Bill No. 895 would allow the width to be up to 105½ inches for any commercial motor vehicle, trailer and semitrailer, including farm trucks, while loaded with hay or straw.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

JANUARY 25, 1973

FOR RELEASE:
IMMEDIATE

Governor William T. Cahill today signed into law two bills that will help New Jersey farmers.

✓ Senate Bill No. 895, sponsored by Senator Barry T. Parker (R., Burlington), permits farm vehicles while loaded with hay or straw to exceed the maximum width provisions. This law will enable farmers to economically transport hay and straw.

✓ Assembly Bill No. 1363, sponsored by Assemblyman James Hurley, (R., Cape May), which exempts farmers and their markets from the licensing and fee provisions of the wholesale food establishment act.

The Governor also signed:

Senate Bill No. 670, sponsored by Senator Alfred N. Beadleston (R., Monmouth), which provides that the real estate sales ratio records (Form SR 1-A) of the Local Property Tax Bureau, in the possession of the county boards of taxation containing information relating to the sale of real property is deemed to be public record for the purpose of P.L. 1963, c. 73.

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