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Referred to Committee on Highways, Transportation and Public Utilities

AN ACT concerning motor vehicles, and amending sections 39:3-24 and 39:3-84 of the Revised Statutes and repealing section 1 of P. L. 1941, c. 31.

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 height of which exceeds 13½ feet, and no commercial
5 motor vehicle, tractor or trailer shall be operated on any highway in this
6 State the extreme over-all length of which exceeds 35 feet either for a 2-axle
7 4-wheeled vehicle or 35 feet for a 3-axle 6-wheeled vehicle, except that a
8 vehicle exceeding the above limitations may be operated when a special
9 permit so to operate is secured in advance from the director.

10 In the case of an omnibus the maximum width and length dimensions
11 shall be such as the Board of Public Utility Commissioners prescribe, but
12 no outside width in excess of 96 inches shall be prescribed with respect to
13 1 or more highways specified or otherwise described except upon certifica-
14 tions, (1) of the Division of Motor Vehicles in the Department of Law and
15 Public Safety that the proposed width is not unsafe for use on the highways
16 in this State and (2) of the State Highway Department that the proposed

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

17 width, if in excess of 96 inches, is not in conflict with the requirements of
18 any agency of the United States having jurisdiction over the National
19 System of Interstate and Defense Highways authorized by law. No outside
20 width so prescribed shall be valid if the allowance or use of the same would
21 disqualify the State of New Jersey or any department, agency or govern-
22 mental subdivision thereof for the purpose of receiving Federal highway
23 funds.

24 *In the case of farm tractors and traction equipment and farm machinery*
25 *and implements, the maximum width and length shall be such as the Director*
26 *of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall prescribe by uniform rules and*
27 *regulations but the operation of such vehicles shall be subject to the pro-*
28 *visions of section 39:3-24 of this Title and any such vehicle shall not be op-*
29 *erated on any highway which is part of the National System of Interstate*
30 *and Defense Highways or on any highway which has been designated a free-*
31 *way or parkway as provided by law.*

32 No commercial motor vehicle drawing or having attached thereto any
33 other such vehicle, nor any combination of vehicles, shall be operated on any
34 highway in this State, except a tractor and semitrailer combination not in
35 excess of a total over-all length, inclusive of load, of 50 feet and a truck
36 and trailer combination not in excess of a total over-all length, inclusive of
37 load, of 50 feet, and also except a vehicle or a combination of vehicles trans-
38 porting poles, pilings, structural units or other articles incapable of dismem-
39 berment the total over-all length of which, inclusive of load, shall not exceed
40 70 feet, but the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to a vehicle nor
41 to any combination of vehicles, operated by a public utility as defined in
42 R. S. 48:2-13 which vehicle or combination of vehicles is used by such public
43 utility in the construction, reconstruction, repair or maintenance of its prop-
44 erty or facilities.

45 Subject to the provisions of section 39:3-82 and the axle weight limita-
46 tions of this section, no commercial motor vehicle, tractor, trailer or semi-
47 trailer shall be operated on any highway in this State having a combined

48 weight of vehicle and load of more than (a) 30,000 pounds in the case of a
49 2-axle 4-wheeled vehicle, (b) 40,000 pounds in the case of a 3-axle 6-wheeled
50 vehicle, (c) 60,000 pounds in the case of a tractor and semitrailer combina-
51 tion, and (d) 60,000 pounds in the case of a truck and trailer combination.

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

54 For the purpose of this Title the gross weight imposed on the highway
55 by the wheels of any 1 axle of a vehicle shall be deemed to mean the total load
56 transmitted to the road by all wheels whose centers are included between
57 2 parallel transverse vertical planes less than 40 inches apart, extending
58 across the full width of the vehicle.

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

63 Every commercial motor vehicle or motor-drawn vehicle used on the
64 public highways carrying loads extending beyond the outside dimensions of
65 the vehicle shall have displayed at the outside extremity of the load a red
66 flag by day, which shall not be less than 18 inches square, and a red light by
67 night, and they shall be so hung as to present a full view to the drivers of
68 approaching vehicles. This red light shall be in addition to the red light
69 provided for in section 39:3-61 of this Title.

1 2. Section 39:3-24 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 39:3-24. (a) The [commissioner] *director* shall [license] *register* farm
4 tractors and traction equipment used for farm operation to travel upon the
5 public highways [at a speed not exceeding 18 miles per hour, in cases
6 where the same are equipped with rubber tires or, if without rubber tires,
7 where coverings of wood or other substances are attached to the wheels in
8 such manner as to present a smooth surface to the highways and in accordance
9 with the regulations the commissioner adopts]. The fee for [the license]

10 *such registration shall be \$3.00 per annum, whether the [license] registration*
11 *is issued for the yearly period or only a portion thereof. Such traction*
12 *[engines] equipment or farm tractors may draw [agricultural] farm ma-*
13 *chinery and implements while in transit from 1 farm to another without*
13A *additional [license] registration therefor[; provided, the wheels of such*
13B *agricultural machinery and implements are covered with wood or other sub-*
14 *stance so as to present a smooth surface to the highway in accordance with*
15 *the regulations of the commissioner if the same is not equipped with rubber*
15A *tires].*

16 *(b) The director may register motor vehicles, not for hire, used ex-*
17 *clusively as farm machinery or farm implements, to travel upon the public*
18 *highways, from 1 farm, or portion thereof, to another farm, or portion*
19 *thereof, both owned or managed by the registered owner of the vehicle or*
20 *vehicles. The fee for such registration shall be \$1.00 per annum, whether the*
21 *registration is issued for a yearly period or only a portion thereof. Any ve-*
22 *hicle so registered and any truck registered pursuant to the provisions of*
23 *39:3-25 of this Title may draw not more than 1 vehicle used exclusively on*
24 *the farm and a vehicle so drawn need not be registered.*

25 *(c) Any vehicle registered pursuant to this section shall not be operated*
26 *on a public highway at any time from sunset to sunrise and shall be operated*
27 *in accordance with uniform rules and regulations prescribed by the Director*
28 *of the Division of Motor Vehicles. Such rules and regulations shall specify*
29 *the coverings that may be used on the wheels of such vehicles, the days, hours*
30 *and conditions under which such vehicles can be operated, the circumstance*
31 *under which escort vehicles shall be required, the distance that may be trav-*
32 *eled upon the public highways and such other requirements or restrictions*
33 *as may be necessary to protect the safety of the users of the public highways.*

1 3. Section 1 of P. L. 1941, c. 31, is hereby repealed.

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately.