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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators RAND, McMANIMON and COWAN

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

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4 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*  
5 *State of New Jersey:*

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

7 39:3-84. a. The following constitute the maximum  
8 dimensional limits for width, height and length for any vehicle or  
9 combination of vehicles, including load or contents or any part or  
10 portion thereof, found or operated on any public road, street or  
11 highway or any public or quasi-public property in this State.  
12 Violations shall be enforced pursuant to subsection i. of section 5  
13 of P.L.1950, c.142 (C.39:3-84.3).

14 The dimensional limitations set forth in this subsection are  
15 exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices necessary for  
16 safe and efficient operation of a vehicle or combination of  
17 vehicles, including load or contents, except that no device  
18 excluded herein shall have by its design or use the capability to  
19 carry, transport or otherwise be utilized for cargo.

20 Any rules and regulations authorized to be promulgated  
21 pursuant to this subsection shall be consistent with any rules and  
22 regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Transportation of  
23 the United States of America, and shall be in accordance with the  
24 provisions of the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,  
25 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.). In addition to the other requirements  
26 of this subsection and notwithstanding any other provision of this  
27 Title, no vehicle or combination of vehicles, including load or  
28 contents or any part or portion thereof, except as otherwise  
29 provided by this subsection shall be operated in this State, unless  
30 by special permit authorized by subsection d. of this section with  
31 a dimension, the allowance of which would disqualify the State of  
32 New Jersey or any department, agency or governmental  
33 subdivision thereof for the purpose of receiving federal highway  
34 funds.

35 As used herein and pursuant to R.S.39:1-1, the term "vehicle"  
36 includes, but is not limited to, commercial motor vehicles,  
37 trucks, truck tractors, tractors, road tractors, or omnibuses. As  
38 used herein and pursuant to R.S.39:1-1, the term "combination of  
39 vehicles" includes, but is not limited to, vehicles as heretofore  
40 designated, when those vehicles are the drawing or power unit of

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted January 6, 1992.

1 a combination of vehicles and motor-drawn vehicles, such as, but  
2 not limited to, trailers, semi-trailers, or other vehicles. As used  
3 herein, the term "recycling vehicle" means a commercial motor  
4 vehicle used for the collection or transportation of recyclable  
5 material; or any truck, trailer or other vehicle approved by the  
6 New Jersey Office of Recycling for use by persons engaging in  
7 the business of recycling or otherwise providing recycling  
8 services in this State; and "recyclable material" means those  
9 materials which would otherwise become solid waste, and which  
10 may be collected, separated or processed and returned to the  
11 economic mainstream in the form of raw materials or products.

12 (1) The maximum outside width of any vehicle or combination  
13 of vehicles, including load or contents of any part or portion  
14 thereof, except as otherwise provided by this subsection, shall be  
15 no more than 102 inches; except that the Commissioner of  
16 Transportation, after consultation with the Director of the  
17 Division of Motor Vehicles and the Superintendent of State  
18 Police, may promulgate rules and regulations for those public  
19 roads, streets or highways or public or quasi-public property in  
20 this State, where it is determined that the interests of public  
21 safety and welfare require the maximum outside width be no  
22 more than 96 inches.

23 (2) The maximum height of any vehicle or combination of  
24 vehicles, including load or contents of any part or portion  
25 thereof, except as otherwise provided by this subsection, shall not  
26 exceed 13 feet, 6 inches.

27 (3) The maximum overall length of any vehicle, as set forth in  
28 this subsection, including load or contents or any part or portion  
29 thereof, except as otherwise provided by this subsection, shall not  
30 exceed [35] 40 feet, except that the overall length of a vehicle,  
31 including load or contents or any part or portion thereof,  
32 otherwise subject to the provisions of this paragraph shall not  
33 exceed 50 feet when transporting poles, pilings, structural units  
34 or other articles which cannot be dismembered, dismantled or  
35 divided. When a vehicle, subject to this paragraph, is the drawing  
36 or power unit of a combination of vehicles, as set forth in this  
37 subsection, the overall length of the combination of vehicles,  
38 including load or contents or any part or portion thereof, shall not  
39 exceed 62 feet. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply  
40 to omnibuses or to vehicles which are not designed, built or  
41 otherwise capable of carrying cargo or loads.

42 (4) The maximum overall length of a motor-drawn vehicle, as  
43 set forth in this subsection, including load or contents or any part  
44 or portion thereof, except as otherwise provided by this  
45 subsection, shall not exceed <sup>1</sup>[48 feet] 53 feet<sup>1</sup> when operated as  
46 part of a combination of vehicles consisting of one motor-drawn  
47 vehicle and a drawing or power unit vehicle not designed, built or  
48 otherwise capable of carrying cargo or loads, except that <sup>1</sup>[the] a  
49 motor-drawn vehicle, the overall length of which is greater than

1 a combination of vehicles and motor-drawn vehicles, such as, but  
2 not limited to, trailers, semi-trailers, or other vehicles. As used  
3 herein, the term "recycling vehicle" means a commercial motor  
4 vehicle used for the collection or transportation of recyclable  
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17 Division of Motor Vehicles and the Superintendent of State  
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46 part of a combination of vehicles consisting of one motor-drawn  
47 vehicle and a drawing or power unit vehicle not designed, built or  
48 otherwise capable of carrying cargo or loads, except that <sup>1</sup>[the] a  
49 motor-drawn vehicle, the overall length of which is greater than

1 48 feet and not more than 53 feet, shall be constructed so that  
2 the distance between the kingpin of the motor-drawn vehicle and  
3 the centerline of its rear axle or rear axle group does not exceed  
4 41 feet; the motor-drawn vehicle shall be equipped with a  
5 rear-end protection device of substantial construction consisting  
6 of a continuous lateral beam extending to within four inches of  
7 the lateral extremities of the motor-drawn vehicle and located  
8 not more than 22 inches from the surface as measured with the  
9 vehicle empty and on a level surface; the kingpin of the trailer  
10 shall not be set back further than 3.5 feet from the front of the  
11 semitrailer; the rear overhang, measured from the center of the  
12 rear tandem axles to the rear of the semitrailer shall not exceed  
13 35% of the semitrailer's wheelbase; the tractor wheelbase shall  
14 not exceed 20 feet between the center of the front axle and the  
15 center of the rear single axle or tandem axles; the width of the  
16 semitrailer and the distance between the outside edges of the  
17 trailer tires shall be 102 inches; and the vehicle shall be equipped  
18 with such reflectorization, including but not limited to  
19 side-marker reflectorization strips located between the rear axle  
20 and the rear of the motor-drawn vehicle, as shall be prescribed  
21 by the Division of Motor Vehicles, and as is consistent with any  
22 applicable federal standards concerning reflectorization. The<sup>1</sup>  
23 overall length of a motor-drawn vehicle otherwise subject to the  
24 provisions of this paragraph shall not exceed 63 feet when  
25 transporting poles, pilings, structural units or other articles that  
26 cannot be dismembered, dismantled or divided. The provisions of  
27 this paragraph shall not apply to any vehicle or combination of  
28 vehicles designed, built and utilized solely to transport other  
29 motor vehicles. <sup>1</sup>The Commissioner of Transportation, after  
30 consultation with the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles  
31 and the Superintendent of State Police, shall promulgate rules  
32 and regulations specifying those portions or parts of the National  
33 System of Interstate and Defense Highways, Federal-aid Primary  
34 System Highways and public roads, streets, highways, toll roads,  
35 freeways or parkways in this State where the combination of  
36 vehicles as described in this paragraph may lawfully operate. The  
37 commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations within 120  
38 days after the effective date of this amendatory act to identify a  
39 network of roads with reasonable access for motor-drawn  
40 vehicles greater than 48 feet in length but not more than 53 feet  
41 in length. The commissioner shall, in establishing this network,  
42 consider all portions of the network for 48 foot long and 102 inch  
43 wide motor-drawn vehicles and specify those routes or portions  
44 thereof where motor-drawn vehicles greater than 48 feet in  
45 length but not more than 53 feet in length shall be excluded from  
46 lawful operation for reasons of safety.<sup>1</sup>

47 (5) No combination of vehicles, including load or contents,  
48 consisting of more than two motor-drawn vehicles, as set forth in  
49 this subsection, and any other vehicle, shall be found or operated

1 on any public road, street or highway or any public or  
2 quasi-public property in this State.

3 (6) The maximum overall length of a motor-drawn vehicle, as  
4 set forth in this section, including load or contents or any part or  
5 portion thereof, except as otherwise provided by this subsection,  
6 when operated as part of a combination of vehicles consisting of  
7 two motor-drawn vehicles and a drawing or power unit vehicle  
8 which is not designed, built or otherwise capable of carrying  
9 cargo or loads, shall not exceed 28 feet for each motor-drawn  
10 vehicle in the combination of vehicles. The provision of this  
11 paragraph shall not apply to any vehicle or combination of  
12 vehicles designed, built and utilized solely to transport other  
13 motor vehicles. The Commissioner of Transportation, after  
14 consultation with the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles  
15 and the Superintendent of State Police, shall promulgate rules  
16 and regulations specifying those portions or parts of the National  
17 System of Interstate and Defense Highways, Federal-aid Primary  
18 System Highways and public roads, streets, highways, toll roads,  
19 freeways or parkways in this State where combinations of  
20 vehicles as described in this paragraph may lawfully operate.

21 (7) The maximum length and outside width of an omnibus found  
22 or operated in this State shall be established by rules and  
23 regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Transportation,  
24 after consultation with the Director of the Division of Motor  
25 Vehicles and the Superintendent of State Police. Unless otherwise  
26 specified in the aforesaid rules and regulations, the maximum  
27 outside width shall be 102 inches; any other dimension established  
28 for width in the aforesaid rules and regulations shall be based  
29 upon a determination that operation of an omnibus with a width  
30 of less than 102 inches, but no less than 96 inches is required  
31 in the interest of public safety on those public roads, streets,  
32 highways, toll roads, freeways, parkways or the National System  
33 of Interstate and Defense Highways in this State specified in the  
34 aforesaid rules and regulations, or that operation of an omnibus  
35 with a width greater than 102 inches is not unsafe on those public  
36 roads, streets, highways, toll roads, freeways, parkways or the  
37 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways in this State  
38 specified in the aforesaid rules and regulations.

39 (8) The maximum width and length of farm tractors and  
40 traction equipment and farm machinery and implements shall be  
41 established by rules and regulations promulgated by the Director  
42 of the Division of Motor Vehicles. The operation of the aforesaid  
43 vehicles shall be subject to the provisions of R.S.39:3-24 and they  
44 shall not be operated on any highway which is part of the  
45 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways or on any  
46 highway which has been designated a freeway or parkway as  
47 provided by law.

48 (9) The maximum outside width of the cargo or load of a  
49 vehicle or combination of vehicles, including farm trucks, loaded

1 with hay or straw shall not exceed 105 1/2 inches, but the  
2 maximum outside width of the vehicle or combination of vehicles,  
3 including farm trucks, shall otherwise comply with the provisions  
4 of paragraph (1) of this subsection. The Commissioner of  
5 Transportation, after consultation with the Director of the  
6 Division of Motor Vehicles and the Superintendent of State  
7 Police, may promulgate rules and regulations establishing a  
8 maximum outside width of 102 inches for the aforesaid cargo or  
9 load when operating on those highways where a greater width is  
10 prohibited by operation of law.

11 (10) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (4) and (6) of  
12 this subsection pertaining to length, the Director of the Division  
13 of Motor Vehicles may adopt rules and regulations specifying  
14 maximum length dimensions for any vehicle or combination of  
15 vehicles designed, built and utilized solely to transport other  
16 motor vehicles.

17 (11) The provisions of this subsection pertaining to length shall  
18 not apply to a vehicle or combination of vehicles or special  
19 mobile equipment operated by a public utility, as defined in  
20 R.S.48:2-13, when that vehicle or combination of vehicles or  
21 special mobile equipment is used by the public utility in the  
22 construction, reconstruction, repair or maintenance of its  
23 property or facilities.

24 (12) The provisions of this subsection pertaining to width shall  
25 not apply to a recycling vehicle when that vehicle is used for the  
26 collection of recyclable material on a street or highway other  
27 than a highway which is designated part of the National System  
28 of Interstate and Defense Highways in this State or as a freeway  
29 or parkway as provided by law. The maximum outside width of  
30 any recycling vehicle so used, including load or contents of any  
31 part or portion thereof, shall be no more than 96 inches, except  
32 that the width may be up to 105 inches whenever that vehicle is  
33 operating at 15 miles per hour or less, and access steps are  
34 deployed and recyclable materials are actually being collected.

35 b. No vehicle or combination of vehicles, including load or  
36 contents, found or operated on any public road, street or highway  
37 or any public or quasi-public property in this State shall exceed  
38 the weight limitations set forth in this Title. Violations shall be  
39 enforced pursuant to subsection j. of section 5 of P.L.1950, c.142  
40 (C.39:3-84.3).

41 Where enforcement of a weight limit provision of this Title  
42 requires a measurement of length between axle centers, the  
43 distance between axle centers shall be measured to the nearest  
44 whole foot or whole inch, whichever is applicable, and when the  
45 measurement includes a fractional part of a foot equaling six  
46 inches or more or a fractional part of an inch equaling one-half  
47 inch or more, the next larger whole foot or whole inch, whichever  
48 is applicable, shall be utilized. The term "tandem axle" as used  
49 in this act is defined as a combination of consecutive axles,

1 consisting of only two axles, where the distance between axle  
2 centers is 40 inches or more but no more than 96 inches.

3 In addition to the other requirements of this section and  
4 notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, no vehicle or  
5 combination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall be  
6 operated in this State, unless by special permit authorized by this  
7 Title, with a gross weight, single or multiple axle weight, or gross  
8 weight of two or more consecutive axles, the allowance of which  
9 would disqualify the State of New Jersey or any department,  
10 agency or governmental subdivision thereof for the purpose of  
11 receiving federal highway funds.

12 (1) The gross weight imposed on the highway or other surface  
13 by the wheels of any one axle of a vehicle or combination of  
14 vehicles, including load or contents, shall not exceed 22,400  
15 pounds.

16 For the purpose of this Title the combined gross weight  
17 imposed on the highway or other surface by all the wheels of any  
18 one axle of a vehicle or combination of vehicles, including load or  
19 contents, shall be deemed to mean the total gross weight of all  
20 wheels whose axle centers are spaced less than 40 inches apart.

21 (2) The gross weight imposed on the highway or other surface  
22 by all the wheels of all consecutive axles of a vehicle or  
23 combination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall not  
24 exceed 34,000 pounds where the distance between consecutive  
25 axle centers is 40 inches or more, but no more than 96 inches  
26 apart.

27 (3) The combined gross weight imposed on the highway or  
28 other surface by all the wheels of consecutive axles of a vehicle  
29 or combination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall not  
30 exceed 22,400 pounds for each single axle where the distance  
31 between consecutive axle centers is more than 96 inches; except  
32 that on any highway in this State which is part of, or designated  
33 as part of, the National Interstate System, as provided at 23  
34 U.S.C. § 103(e), this single axle limitation shall not apply and in  
35 those instances the provisions of this Title as set forth at  
36 R.S.39:3-84b.(5) shall apply.

37 (4) The maximum total gross weight imposed on the highway or  
38 other surface by a vehicle or combination of vehicles, including  
39 load or contents, shall not exceed 80,000 pounds.

40 (5) On any highway in this State which is part of, or designated  
41 as part of, the National Interstate System, as provided at 23  
42 U.S.C. § 103(e), the total gross weight, in pounds, imposed on the  
43 highway or other surface by any group of two or more  
44 consecutive axles of a vehicle or combination of vehicles,  
45 including load or contents, shall not exceed that listed in the  
46 following Table of Maximum Gross Weights, for the respective  
47 distance, in feet, between the axle centers of the first and last  
48 axles of the group of two or more consecutive axles under  
49 consideration; except that in addition to the weights specified in



1 that Table, two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a  
 2 gross weight of 34,000 pounds each if the overall distance  
 3 between the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of tandem  
 4 axles is 36 feet or more. The gross weight of each set of tandem  
 5 axles shall not exceed 34,000 pounds and the combined gross  
 6 weight of the two consecutive sets of tandem axles shall not  
 7 exceed 68,000 pounds.

8 In all cases the combined gross weight for a vehicle or  
 9 combination of vehicles, including load or contents, or the  
 10 maximum gross weight for any axle or combination of axles of  
 11 the vehicle or combination of vehicles, including load or contents,  
 12 shall not exceed that which is permitted pursuant to this  
 13 paragraph or R.S.39:3-84b.(2); R.S.39:3-84b.(3); or  
 14 R.S.39:3-84b.(4) of this act, whichever is the lesser allowable  
 15 gross weight.

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 17 **TABLE OF MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHTS**

18	Distance in feet						
19	between axle						
20	centers of first						
21	and last axles						
22	of any group						
23	of two or more						
24	consecutive axles						
25		2	3	4	5	6	7
26		axles	axles	axles	axles	axles	axles
27	3	22400	22400	22400	22400	22400	22400
28	4	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
29	5	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
30	6	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
31	7	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
32	8	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
33	9	39000	42500	42500	42500	42500	42500
34	10	40000	43500	43500	43500	43500	43500
35	11	41000	44000	44000	44000	44000	44000
36	12	42000	45000	50000	50000	50000	50000
37	13	43000	45500	50500	50500	50500	50500
38	14	44000	46500	51500	51500	51500	51500
39	15	44800	47000	52000	52000	52000	52000
40	16	44800	48000	52500	58000	58000	58000
41	17	44800	48500	53500	58500	58500	58500
42	18	44800	49500	54000	59000	59000	59000
43	19	44800	50000	54500	60000	60000	60000
44	20	44800	51000	55500	60500	66000	66000
45	21	44800	51500	56000	61000	66500	66500
46	22	44800	52500	56500	61500	67000	67000
47	23	44800	53000	57500	62500	68000	68000
48	24	44800	54000	58000	63000	68500	74000
49	25	44800	54500	58500	63500	69000	74500

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1	26	44800	55500	59500	64000	69500	75000
2	27	44800	56000	60000	65000	70000	75500
3	28	44800	57000	60500	65500	71000	76500
4	29	44800	57500	61500	66000	71500	77000
5	30	44800	58500	62000	66500	72000	77500
6	31	44800	59000	62500	67500	72500	78000
7	32	44800	60000	63500	68000	73000	78500
8	33	44800	60500	64000	68500	74000	79000
9	34	44800	61500	64500	69000	74500	80000
10	35	44800	62000	65500	70000	75000	80000
11	36	44800	63000	66000	70500	75500	80000
12	37	44800	63500	66500	71000	76000	80000
13	38	44800	64500	67500	71500	77000	80000
14	39	44800	65000	68000	72500	77500	80000
15	40	44800	66000	68500	73000	78000	80000
16	41	44800	66500	69500	73500	78500	80000
17	42	44800	67200	70000	74000	79000	80000
18	43	44800	67200	70500	75000	80000	80000
19	44	44800	67200	71500	75500	80000	80000
20	45	44800	67200	72000	76000	80000	80000
21	46	44800	67200	72500	76500	80000	80000
22	47	44800	67200	73500	77500	80000	80000
23	48	44800	67200	74000	78000	80000	80000
24	49	44800	67200	74500	78500	80000	80000
25	50	44800	67200	75500	79000	80000	80000
26	51	44800	67200	76000	80000	80000	80000
27	52	44800	67200	76500	80000	80000	80000
28	53	44800	67200	77500	80000	80000	80000
29	54	44800	67200	78000	80000	80000	80000
30	55	44800	67200	78500	80000	80000	80000
31	56	44800	67200	79500	80000	80000	80000
32	57	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
33	58	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
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35	60	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
36	61	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
37	62	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
38	63	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
39	64	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
40	65	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
41	66	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
42	67	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
43	68	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
44	69	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
45	70	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000

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47 c. The dimensional and weight restrictions set forth herein  
48 shall not apply to a combination of vehicles which includes a  
49 disabled vehicle or a combination of vehicles being removed from

1 a highway in this State, provided that such oversize or overweight  
2 vehicle combination may not travel on the public highways more  
3 than five miles from the point where such disablement occurred.  
4 If the disablement occurred on a limited access highway, the  
5 distance to the nearest exit of such highway shall be added to the  
6 five-mile limitation.

7 d. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may  
8 promulgate rules and regulations, including the establishment of  
9 fees, for the issuance, at his discretion and if good cause appears,  
10 of a special written permit authorizing the applicant:

11 (1) To operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or  
12 special mobile equipment, transporting one piece loads that  
13 cannot be dismembered, dismantled or divided in order to comply  
14 with the weight limitations set forth in this act. The special  
15 written permit issued by the director shall be in the possession of  
16 the driver or operator of the vehicle or combination of vehicles  
17 or special mobile equipment for which said permit was issued; and

18 (2) To operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or  
19 specialized mobile equipment, transporting a load or cargo that  
20 cannot be dismembered, dismantled or divided in order to comply  
21 with the dimensional limitations set forth in this act. The special  
22 written permit shall be in the possession of the driver or operator  
23 of the vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile  
24 equipment for which the permit was issued; and

25 (3) Under emergency conditions, to operate or move a type of  
26 vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile equipment of  
27 a size or weight, including load or contents, which exceeds the  
28 maximum size or weight limitations specified in this act.

29 (cf: P.L.1991,c.115,s.1)

30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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33 TRANSPORTATION

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35 Prescribes 40-foot limitation for length of single unit commercial  
36 motor vehicle.

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7 c. The dimensional and weight restrictions set forth herein  
8 shall not apply to a combination of vehicles which includes a  
9 disabled vehicle or a combination of vehicles being removed from  
10 a highway in this State, provided that such oversize or overweight  
11 vehicle combination may not travel on the public highways more  
12 than five miles from the point where such disablement occurred.  
13 If the disablement occurred on a limited access highway, the  
14 distance to the nearest exit of such highway shall be added to the  
15 five-mile limitation.

16 d. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles may  
17 promulgate rules and regulations, including the establishment of  
18 fees, for the issuance, at his discretion and if good cause appears,  
19 of a special written permit authorizing the applicant:

20 (1) To operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or  
21 special mobile equipment, transporting one piece loads that  
22 cannot be dismembered, dismantled or divided in order to comply  
23 with the weight limitations set forth in this act. The special  
24 written permit issued by the director shall be in the possession of  
25 the driver or operator of the vehicle or combination of vehicles  
26 or special mobile equipment for which said permit was issued; and

27 (2) To operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or  
28 specialized mobile equipment, transporting a load or cargo that  
29 cannot be dismembered, dismantled or divided in order to comply  
30 with the dimensional limitations set forth in this act. The special  
31 written permit shall be in the possession of the driver or operator  
32 of the vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile  
33 equipment for which the permit was issued; and

34 (3) Under emergency conditions, to operate or move a type of  
35 vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile equipment of  
36 a size or weight, including load or contents, which exceeds the  
37 maximum size or weight limitations specified in this act.

38 (cf: P.L.1989,c.47,s.1)

39 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### 42 STATEMENT

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44 This bill provides for a 40-foot length limitation for single unit  
45 commercial motor vehicles, which is a change from the current  
46 35-foot limitation. The only other state still at 35 feet is New  
47 York. Indiana permits 36 feet while the other states permit 40  
48 feet or greater.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2659**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 1991

The Assembly Transportation Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2659 of 1991, with committee amendments.

This bill provides for a length limitation of 40 feet for single unit commercial motor vehicles.

Current law limits the length of single unit commercial motor vehicles to 35 feet. All other states except Indiana, which permits 36 feet, permit 40 feet or greater.

The committee amendments made technical corrections to include in the bill's language changes in the law which have occurred since the bill was drafted.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2659

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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DATED: FEBRUARY 28, 1991

The Senate Transportation and Public Utilities Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 2659.

This bill provides for a 40-foot limitation for single unit commercial motor vehicles, which is a change from the current 35-foot limitation. All other states except Indiana, which permits 36 feet, permit 40 feet or greater.