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P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 249, *approved January 4, 2008*
Assembly, No. 1885 (*First Reprint*)

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

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

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

7 39:3-84. a. The following constitute the maximum dimensional
8 limits for width, height and length for any vehicle or combination of
9 vehicles, including load or contents or any part or portion thereof,
10 found or operated on any public road, street or highway or any
11 public or quasi-public property in this State. Violations shall be
12 enforced pursuant to subsection i. of section 5 of P.L.1950, c.142
13 (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 vehicles,
17 including load or contents, except that no device excluded herein
18 shall have by its design or use the capability to carry, transport or
19 otherwise be utilized for cargo.

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

34 As used herein and pursuant to R.S.39:1-1, the term "vehicle"
35 includes, but is not limited to, commercial motor vehicles, trucks,
36 truck tractors, tractors, road tractors, recreation vehicles, or
37 omnibuses. As used herein and pursuant to R.S.39:1-1, the term
38 "combination of vehicles" includes, but is not limited to, vehicles as
39 heretofore designated, when those vehicles are the drawing or
40 power unit of a combination of vehicles and motor-drawn vehicles,
41 such as, but not limited to, trailers, semi-trailers, or other vehicles.
42 As used herein, the term "recycling vehicle" means a commercial
43 motor vehicle used for the collection or transportation of recyclable

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:

¹Senate STR committee amendments adopted June 14, 2007.

1 material; or any truck, trailer or other vehicle approved by the New
2 Jersey Office of Recycling for use by persons engaging in the
3 business of recycling or otherwise providing recycling services in
4 this State; and "recyclable material" means those materials which
5 would otherwise become solid waste, and which may be collected,
6 separated or processed and returned to the economic mainstream in
7 the form of raw materials or products.

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

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

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

38 (4) The maximum overall length of a motor-drawn vehicle, as set
39 forth in this subsection, including load or contents or any part or
40 portion thereof, except as otherwise provided by this subsection,
41 shall not exceed 53 feet when operated as part of a combination of
42 vehicles consisting of one motor-drawn vehicle and a drawing or
43 power unit vehicle not designed, built or otherwise capable of
44 carrying cargo or loads, except that a motor-drawn vehicle, the
45 overall length of which is greater than 48 feet and not more than 53
46 feet, shall be constructed so that the distance between the kingpin of
47 the motor-drawn vehicle and the centerline of its rear axle or rear

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

43 (5) No combination of vehicles, including load or contents,
44 consisting of more than two motor-drawn vehicles, as set forth in
45 this subsection, and any other vehicle, shall be found or operated on
46 any public road, street or highway or any public or quasi-public
47 property in this State.

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

20 (7) The maximum length and outside width of an omnibus found
21 or operated in this State shall be established by rules and
22 regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Transportation,
23 after consultation with the **【Director of the Division of Motor**
24 **Vehicles】** Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
25 Commission and the Superintendent of State Police. Unless
26 otherwise specified in the aforesaid rules and regulations, the
27 maximum outside width shall be 102 inches; any other dimension
28 established for width in the aforesaid rules and regulations shall be
29 based upon a determination that operation of an omnibus with a
30 width 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 of
33 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 traction
40 equipment and farm machinery and implements shall be established
41 by rules and regulations promulgated by the **【Director of the**
42 **Division of Motor Vehicles】** Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
43 Motor Vehicle Commission. The operation of the aforesaid
44 vehicles shall be subject to the provisions of R.S.39:3-24 and they
45 shall not be operated on any highway which is part of the National
46 System of Interstate and Defense Highways or on any highway
47 which has been designated a freeway or parkway as provided by

1 law.

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

14 (10) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (4) and (6) of
15 this subsection pertaining to length, the ~~Director of the Division of~~
16 Motor Vehicles ~~Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor~~
17 Vehicle Commission may adopt rules and regulations specifying
18 maximum length dimensions for any vehicle or combination of
19 vehicles designed, built and utilized solely to transport other motor
20 vehicles.

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

27 (12) The provisions of this subsection pertaining to width shall
28 not apply to a recycling vehicle when that vehicle is used for the
29 collection of recyclable material on a street or highway other than a
30 highway which is designated part of the National System of
31 Interstate and Defense Highways in this State or as a freeway or
32 parkway as provided by law. The maximum outside width of any
33 recycling vehicle so used, including load or contents of any part or
34 portion thereof, shall be no more than 96 inches, except that the
35 width may be up to 105 inches whenever that vehicle is operating at
36 15 miles per hour or less, and access steps are deployed and
37 recyclable materials are actually being collected.

38 (13) The maximum overall length of a recreation vehicle
39 'including any load or truck camper thereon' found or operated in
40 this State shall not exceed 45 feet and 'no combination of a
41 recreation vehicle with any vehicle, including the load thereon, nor
42 any combination of any motor vehicle with any camping trailer,
43 fifth wheel trailer or park trailer attached thereto, as these terms are
44 defined in section 1 of P.L.1991, c.483 (C.46:8C-10), shall exceed
45 65 feet in length. Further, 'the outside width of a recreation vehicle
46 found or operated in this State shall not exceed 102 inches,
47 excluding safety 'devices and retracted shade awnings, and other

1 manufacturer-installed appurtenances which shall not exceed six
2 inches on either side of the vehicle. The Commissioner of
3 Transportation, after consultation with the Chief Administrator of
4 the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, and the Superintendent
5 of the State Police, shall promulgate rules and regulations
6 specifying those portions or parts of the National System of
7 Interstate and Defense Highways, Federal-aid Primary System
8 Highways and public roads, streets, highways, toll roads, freeways
9 or parkways in this State where the recreation vehicle as described
10 in this paragraph may lawfully operate.] appurtenances such as
11 awnings and lights which are integral to the construction of the
12 vehicle, installed by the vehicle's manufacturer or dealer, and do not
13 extend more than three inches wide on each side of the vehicle,
14 provided however, that such vehicles permissibly exceeding the 102
15 inch width with their attached equipment or appurtenances shall
16 only be operated:

17 (a) On roadways having travel lanes at least 11 feet in width,
18 unless prohibited by the Department of Transportation or by a
19 municipality based on safety reasons and marked with signs
20 prohibiting such vehicles; or

21 (b) On any roadway of the State when such a vehicle is being
22 operated between roadways permitted under subparagraph (a) of
23 this section and;

24 (i) The location where the recreation vehicle, fifth wheel trailer,
25 park trailer, camping trailer or truck camper is garaged; or

26 (ii) The destination of the recreation vehicle, fifth wheel trailer,
27 park trailer, camping trailer or truck camper; or

28 (iii). A facility for food, fuel, repair, services or rest.¹

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

35 Where enforcement of a weight limit provision of this Title
36 requires a measurement of length between axle centers, the distance
37 between axle centers shall be measured to the nearest whole foot or
38 whole inch, whichever is applicable, and when the measurement
39 includes a fractional part of a foot equaling six inches or more or a
40 fractional part of an inch equaling one-half inch or more, the next
41 larger whole foot or whole inch, whichever is applicable, shall be
42 utilized. The term "tandem axle" as used in this act is defined as a
43 combination of consecutive axles, consisting of only two axles,
44 where the distance between axle centers is 40 inches or more but no
45 more than 96 inches.

46 In addition to the other requirements of this section and
47 notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, no vehicle or

1 combination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall be
2 operated in this State, unless by special permit authorized by this
3 Title, with a gross weight, single or multiple axle weight, or gross
4 weight of two or more consecutive axles, the allowance of which
5 would disqualify the State of New Jersey or any department, agency
6 or governmental subdivision thereof for the purpose of receiving
7 federal highway funds.

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

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

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

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

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

34 (5) On any highway in this State which is part of, or designated
35 as part of, the National Interstate System, as provided at 23 U.S.C.
36 s.103(e), the total gross weight, in pounds, imposed on the highway
37 or other surface by any group of two or more consecutive axles of a
38 vehicle or combination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall
39 not exceed that listed in the following Table of Maximum Gross
40 Weights, for the respective distance, in feet, between the axle
41 centers of the first and last axles of the group of two or more
42 consecutive axles under consideration; except that in addition to the
43 weights specified in that Table, two consecutive sets of tandem
44 axles may carry a gross weight of 34,000 pounds each if the overall
45 distance between the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of
46 tandem axles is 36 feet or more. The gross weight of each set of
47 tandem axles shall not exceed 34,000 pounds and the combined
48 gross weight of the two consecutive sets of tandem axles shall not

1 exceed 68,000 pounds.

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

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10 TABLE OF MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHTS

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12 Distance in feet
 13 between axle
 14 centers of first
 15 and last axles
 16 of any group
 17 of two or more
 18 consecutive axles

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23	3	22400	22400	22400	22400	22400	22400
24	4	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
25	5	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
26	6	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
27	7	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
28	8	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
29	9	39000	42500	42500	42500	42500	42500
30	10	40000	43500	43500	43500	43500	43500
31	11	41000	44000	44000	44000	44000	44000
32	12	42000	45000	50000	50000	50000	50000
33	13	43000	45500	50500	50500	50500	50500
34	14	44000	46500	51500	51500	51500	51500
35	15	44800	47000	52000	52000	52000	52000
36	16	44800	48000	52500	58000	58000	58000
37	17	44800	48500	53500	58500	58500	58500
38	18	44800	49500	54000	59000	59000	59000
39	19	44800	50000	54500	60000	60000	60000
40	20	44800	51000	55500	60500	66000	66000
41	21	44800	51500	56000	61000	66500	66500
42	22	44800	52500	56500	61500	67000	67000
43	23	44800	53000	57500	62500	68000	68000
44	24	44800	54000	58000	63000	68500	74000
45	25	44800	54500	58500	63500	69000	74500
46	26	44800	55500	59500	64000	69500	75000
47	27	44800	56000	60000	65000	70000	75500
48	28	44800	57000	60500	65500	71000	76500

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1	29	44800	57500	61500	66000	71500	77000
2	30	44800	58500	62000	66500	72000	77500
3	31	44800	59000	62500	67500	72500	78000
4	32	44800	60000	63500	68000	73000	78500
5	33	44800	60500	64000	68500	74000	79000
6	34	44800	61500	64500	69000	74500	80000
7	35	44800	62000	65500	70000	75000	80000
8	36	44800	63000	66000	70500	75500	80000
9	37	44800	63500	66500	71000	76000	80000
10	38	44800	64500	67500	71500	77000	80000
11	39	44800	65000	68000	72500	77500	80000
12	40	44800	66000	68500	73000	78000	80000
13	41	44800	66500	69500	73500	78500	80000
14	42	44800	67200	70000	74000	79000	80000
15	43	44800	67200	70500	75000	80000	80000
16	44	44800	67200	71500	75500	80000	80000
17	45	44800	67200	72000	76000	80000	80000
18	46	4800	67200	72500	76500	80000	80000
19	47	44800	67200	73500	77500	80000	80000
20	48	44800	67200	74000	78000	80000	80000
21	49	44800	67200	74500	78500	80000	80000
22	50	44800	67200	75500	79000	80000	80000
23	51	44800	67200	76000	80000	80000	80000
24	52	44800	67200	76500	80000	80000	80000
25	53	44800	67200	77500	80000	80000	80000
26	54	44800	67200	78000	80000	80000	80000
27	55	44800	67200	78500	80000	80000	80000
28	56	44800	67200	79500	80000	80000	80000
29	57	4800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
30	58	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
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44 c. The dimensional and weight restrictions set forth herein shall
45 not apply to a combination of vehicles which includes a disabled
46 vehicle or a combination of vehicles being removed from a highway
47 in this State, provided that such oversize or overweight vehicle
48 combination may not travel on the public highways more than 75

1 miles from the point where such disablement occurred. If the
2 disablement occurred on a limited access highway, the distance to
3 the nearest exit of such highway shall be added to the 75-mile
4 limitation. A heavy-duty tow truck, as defined in section 1 of
5 P.L.1999, c.396 (C.39:3-84.6), shall be permitted, in combination
6 with the towed unit or units, to exceed the axle, dimensional and
7 maximum gross weight limits for tow trucks and towed unit
8 combinations; except that the limit shall not exceed 150,000 pounds
9 gross combined weight. This provision shall not affect the
10 application of section 6 of P.L.1950, c.142 (C.39:3-84.4)
11 concerning driver liability for damages and does not provide an
12 exemption to exceed the height and weight restrictions marked or
13 posted on a bridge or overpass in the State. A heavy-duty tow truck
14 in combination with the towed unit or units shall not be operated at
15 a speed greater than 45 miles per hour when the heavy-duty tow
16 truck in combination with the towed unit or units weighs more than
17 80,000 pounds, or one or more of its axles exceeds the limitations
18 prescribed herein in the Table of Maximum Gross Weights, or the
19 tow truck in combination with the towed unit exceeds maximum
20 length and width standards as prescribed by law.

21 d. The **【Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles】** Chief
22 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission may
23 promulgate rules and regulations, including the establishment of
24 fees, for the issuance, at his discretion and if good cause appears, of
25 a special written permit authorizing the applicant:

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

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

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

44 e. If the Commissioner of Transportation has, by regulations
45 adopted pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,
46 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), designated certain routes within the
47 State for use by a combination of vehicles with a prescribed
48 maximum width or length or consisting of a drawing vehicle and

1 two motor drawn vehicles with a prescribed maximum length, no
2 such combination of vehicles shall be found or operated on any
3 other public road, street or highway or any other public or quasi-
4 public property in this State, unless otherwise permitted by such
5 regulations.

6 (cf: P.L.1999, c.396, s.9)

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8 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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13 Prescribes maximum overall length and width of recreational
14 vehicles.

ASSEMBLY, No. 1885

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOHN F. MCKEON

District 27 (Essex)

SYNOPSIS

Prescribes maximum overall length and width of recreational vehicles.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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

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

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

7 39:3-84. a. The following constitute the maximum dimensional
8 limits for width, height and length for any vehicle or combination of
9 vehicles, including load or contents or any part or portion thereof,
10 found or operated on any public road, street or highway or any
11 public or quasi-public property in this State. Violations shall be
12 enforced pursuant to subsection i. of section 5 of P.L.1950, c.142
13 (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 vehicles,
17 including load or contents, except that no device excluded herein
18 shall have by its design or use the capability to carry, transport or
19 otherwise be utilized for cargo.

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

34 As used herein and pursuant to R.S.39:1-1, the term "vehicle"
35 includes, but is not limited to, commercial motor vehicles, trucks,
36 truck tractors, tractors, road tractors, recreation vehicles, or
37 omnibuses. As used herein and pursuant to R.S.39:1-1, the term
38 "combination of vehicles" includes, but is not limited to, vehicles as
39 heretofore designated, when those vehicles are the drawing or
40 power unit of a combination of vehicles and motor-drawn vehicles,
41 such as, but not limited to, trailers, semi-trailers, or other vehicles.
42 As used herein, the term "recycling vehicle" means a commercial
43 motor vehicle used for the collection or transportation of recyclable
44 material; or any truck, trailer or other vehicle approved by the New
45 Jersey Office of Recycling for use by persons engaging in the

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.

1 business of recycling or otherwise providing recycling services in
2 this State; and "recyclable material" means those materials which
3 would otherwise become solid waste, and which may be collected,
4 separated or processed and returned to the economic mainstream in
5 the form of raw materials or products.

6 (1) The maximum outside width of any vehicle or combination
7 of vehicles, including load or contents of any part or portion
8 thereof, except as otherwise provided by this subsection, shall be no
9 more than 102 inches; except that the Commissioner of
10 Transportation, after consultation with the [Director of the Division
11 of Motor Vehicles] Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
12 Vehicle Commission and the Superintendent of State Police, may
13 promulgate rules and regulations for those public roads, streets or
14 highways or public or quasi-public property in this State, where it is
15 determined that the interests of public safety and welfare require the
16 maximum outside width be no more than 96 inches.

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

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

36 (4) The maximum overall length of a motor-drawn vehicle, as set
37 forth in this subsection, including load or contents or any part or
38 portion thereof, except as otherwise provided by this subsection,
39 shall not exceed 53 feet when operated as part of a combination of
40 vehicles consisting of one motor-drawn vehicle and a drawing or
41 power unit vehicle not designed, built or otherwise capable of
42 carrying cargo or loads, except that a motor-drawn vehicle, the
43 overall length of which is greater than 48 feet and not more than 53
44 feet, shall be constructed so that the distance between the kingpin of
45 the motor-drawn vehicle and the centerline of its rear axle or rear
46 axle group does not exceed 41 feet; the motor-drawn vehicle shall
47 be equipped with a rear-end protection device of substantial

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

41 (5) No combination of vehicles, including load or contents,
42 consisting of more than two motor-drawn vehicles, as set forth in
43 this subsection, and any other vehicle, shall be found or operated on
44 any public road, street or highway or any public or quasi-public
45 property in this State.

46 (6) The maximum overall length of a motor-drawn vehicle, as set
47 forth in this section, including load or contents or any part or

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

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

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

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

13 (10) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (4) and (6) of
14 this subsection pertaining to length, the [Director of the Division of
15 Motor Vehicles] Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
16 Vehicle Commission may adopt rules and regulations specifying
17 maximum length dimensions for any vehicle or combination of
18 vehicles designed, built and utilized solely to transport other motor
19 vehicles.

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

26 (12) The provisions of this subsection pertaining to width shall
27 not apply to a recycling vehicle when that vehicle is used for the
28 collection of recyclable material on a street or highway other than a
29 highway which is designated part of the National System of
30 Interstate and Defense Highways in this State or as a freeway or
31 parkway as provided by law. The maximum outside width of any
32 recycling vehicle so used, including load or contents of any part or
33 portion thereof, shall be no more than 96 inches, except that the
34 width may be up to 105 inches whenever that vehicle is operating at
35 15 miles per hour or less, and access steps are deployed and
36 recyclable materials are actually being collected.

37 (13) The maximum overall length of a recreation vehicle found
38 or operated in this State shall not exceed 45 feet and the outside
39 width of a recreation vehicle found or operated in this State shall
40 not exceed 102 inches, excluding safety devices and retracted shade
41 awnings, and other manufacturer-installed appurtenances which
42 shall not exceed six inches on either side of the vehicle. The
43 Commissioner of Transportation, after consultation with the Chief
44 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, and
45 the Superintendent of the State Police, shall promulgate rules and
46 regulations specifying those portions or parts of the National
47 System of Interstate and Defense Highways, Federal-aid Primary

1 System Highways and public roads, streets, highways, toll roads,
2 freeways or parkways in this State where the recreation vehicle as
3 described in this paragraph may lawfully operate.

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

10 Where enforcement of a weight limit provision of this Title
11 requires a measurement of length between axle centers, the distance
12 between axle centers shall be measured to the nearest whole foot or
13 whole inch, whichever is applicable, and when the measurement
14 includes a fractional part of a foot equaling six inches or more or a
15 fractional part of an inch equaling one-half inch or more, the next
16 larger whole foot or whole inch, whichever is applicable, shall be
17 utilized. The term "tandem axle" as used in this act is defined as a
18 combination of consecutive axles, consisting of only two axles,
19 where the distance between axle centers is 40 inches or more but no
20 more than 96 inches.

21 In addition to the other requirements of this section and
22 notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, no vehicle or
23 combination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall be
24 operated in this State, unless by special permit authorized by this
25 Title, with a gross weight, single or multiple axle weight, or gross
26 weight of two or more consecutive axles, the allowance of which
27 would disqualify the State of New Jersey or any department, agency
28 or governmental subdivision thereof for the purpose of receiving
29 federal highway funds.

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

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

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

43 (3) The combined gross weight imposed on the highway or other
44 surface by all the wheels of consecutive axles of a vehicle or
45 combination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall not
46 exceed 22,400 pounds for each single axle where the distance
47 between consecutive axle centers is more than 96 inches; except
48 that on any highway in this State which is part of, or designated as

1 part of, the National Interstate System, as provided at 23 U.S.C.
2 s.103(e), this single axle limitation shall not apply and in those
3 instances the provisions of this Title as set forth at R.S.39:3-84b.(5)
4 shall apply.

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

8 (5) On any highway in this State which is part of, or designated
9 as part of, the National Interstate System, as provided at 23 U.S.C.
10 s.103(e), the total gross weight, in pounds, imposed on the highway
11 or other surface by any group of two or more consecutive axles of a
12 vehicle or combination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall
13 not exceed that listed in the following Table of Maximum Gross
14 Weights, for the respective distance, in feet, between the axle
15 centers of the first and last axles of the group of two or more
16 consecutive axles under consideration; except that in addition to the
17 weights specified in that Table, two consecutive sets of tandem
18 axles may carry a gross weight of 34,000 pounds each if the overall
19 distance between the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of
20 tandem axles is 36 feet or more. The gross weight of each set of
21 tandem axles shall not exceed 34,000 pounds and the combined
22 gross weight of the two consecutive sets of tandem axles shall not
23 exceed 68,000 pounds.

24 In all cases the combined gross weight for a vehicle or
25 combination of vehicles, including load or contents, or the
26 maximum gross weight for any axle or combination of axles of the
27 vehicle or combination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall
28 not exceed that which is permitted pursuant to this paragraph or
29 R.S.39:3-84b.(2); R.S.39:3-84b.(3); or R.S.39:3-84b.(4) of this act,
30 whichever is the lesser allowable gross weight.

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32 TABLE OF MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHTS

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34 Distance in feet
35 between axle
36 centers of first
37 and last axles
38 of any group
39 of two or more
40 consecutive axles

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2	8	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
3	9	39000	42500	42500	42500	42500	42500
4	10	40000	43500	43500	43500	43500	43500
5	11	41000	44000	44000	44000	44000	44000
6	12	42000	45000	50000	50000	50000	50000
7	13	43000	45500	50500	50500	50500	50500
8	14	44000	46500	51500	51500	51500	51500
9	15	44800	47000	52000	52000	52000	52000
10	16	44800	48000	52500	58000	58000	58000
11	17	44800	48500	53500	58500	58500	58500
12	18	44800	49500	54000	59000	59000	59000
13	19	44800	50000	54500	60000	60000	60000
14	20	44800	51000	55500	60500	66000	66000
15	21	44800	51500	56000	61000	66500	66500
16	22	44800	52500	56500	61500	67000	67000
17	23	44800	53000	57500	62500	68000	68000
18	24	44800	54000	58000	63000	68500	74000
19	25	44800	54500	58500	63500	69000	74500
20	26	44800	55500	59500	64000	69500	75000
21	27	44800	56000	60000	65000	70000	75500
22	28	44800	57000	60500	65500	71000	76500
23	29	44800	57500	61500	66000	71500	77000
24	30	44800	58500	62000	66500	72000	77500
25	31	44800	59000	62500	67500	72500	78000
26	32	44800	60000	63500	68000	73000	78500
27	33	44800	60500	64000	68500	74000	79000
28	34	44800	61500	64500	69000	74500	80000
29	35	44800	62000	65500	70000	75000	80000
30	36	44800	63000	66000	70500	75500	80000
31	37	44800	63500	66500	71000	76000	80000
32	38	44800	64500	67500	71500	77000	80000
33	39	44800	65000	68000	72500	77500	80000
34	40	44800	66000	68500	73000	78000	80000
35	41	44800	66500	69500	73500	78500	80000
36	42	44800	67200	70000	74000	79000	80000
37	43	44800	67200	70500	75000	80000	80000
38	44	44800	67200	71500	75500	80000	80000
39	45	44800	67200	72000	76000	80000	80000
40	46	4800	67200	72500	76500	80000	80000
41	47	44800	67200	73500	77500	80000	80000
42	48	44800	67200	74000	78000	80000	80000
43	49	44800	67200	74500	78500	80000	80000
44	50	44800	67200	75500	79000	80000	80000
45	51	44800	67200	76000	80000	80000	80000
46	52	44800	67200	76500	80000	80000	80000
47	53	44800	67200	77500	80000	80000	80000
48	54	44800	67200	78000	80000	80000	80000

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1	55	44800	67200	78500	80000	80000	80000
2	56	44800	67200	79500	80000	80000	80000
3	57	4800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
4	58	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
5	59	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
6	60	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
7	61	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
8	62	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
9	63	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
10	64	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
11	65	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
12	66	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
13	67	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
14	68	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
15	69	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
16	70	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000

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18 c. The dimensional and weight restrictions set forth herein shall
19 not apply to a combination of vehicles which includes a disabled
20 vehicle or a combination of vehicles being removed from a highway
21 in this State, provided that such oversize or overweight vehicle
22 combination may not travel on the public highways more than 75
23 miles from the point where such disablement occurred. If the
24 disablement occurred on a limited access highway, the distance to
25 the nearest exit of such highway shall be added to the 75-mile
26 limitation. A heavy-duty tow truck, as defined in section 1 of
27 P.L.1999, c.396 (C.39:3-84.6), shall be permitted, in combination
28 with the towed unit or units, to exceed the axle, dimensional and
29 maximum gross weight limits for tow trucks and towed unit
30 combinations; except that the limit shall not exceed 150,000 pounds
31 gross combined weight. This provision shall not affect the
32 application of section 6 of P.L.1950, c.142 (C.39:3-84.4)
33 concerning driver liability for damages and does not provide an
34 exemption to exceed the height and weight restrictions marked or
35 posted on a bridge or overpass in the State. A heavy-duty tow truck
36 in combination with the towed unit or units shall not be operated at
37 a speed greater than 45 miles per hour when the heavy-duty tow
38 truck in combination with the towed unit or units weighs more than
39 80,000 pounds, or one or more of its axles exceeds the limitations
40 prescribed herein in the Table of Maximum Gross Weights, or the
41 tow truck in combination with the towed unit exceeds maximum
42 length and width standards as prescribed by law.

43 d. The [Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles] Chief
44 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission may
45 promulgate rules and regulations, including the establishment of
46 fees, for the issuance, at his discretion and if good cause appears, of
47 a special written permit authorizing the applicant:

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

8 (2) To operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or
9 specialized mobile equipment, transporting a load or cargo that
10 cannot be dismembered, dismantled or divided in order to comply
11 with the dimensional limitations set forth in this act. The special
12 written permit shall be in the possession of the driver or operator of
13 the vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile equipment
14 for which the permit was issued; and

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

19 e. If the Commissioner of Transportation has, by regulations
20 adopted pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,
21 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), designated certain routes within the
22 State for use by a combination of vehicles with a prescribed
23 maximum width or length or consisting of a drawing vehicle and
24 two motor drawn vehicles with a prescribed maximum length, no
25 such combination of vehicles shall be found or operated on any
26 other public road, street or highway or any other public or quasi-
27 public property in this State, unless otherwise permitted by such
28 regulations.

29 (cf: P.L.1999, c.396, s.9)

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill would amend the current law to prescribe the length and
37 width of recreational vehicles. The bill provides that the maximum
38 overall length of a recreation vehicle found or operated in this State
39 shall not exceed 45 feet and the outside width of a recreation
40 vehicle shall not exceed 102 inches, excluding safety devices and
41 retracted shade awnings, and other manufacturer-installed
42 appurtenances which shall not exceed six inches on either side of
43 the vehicle. The Commissioner of Transportation, after consultation
44 with the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
45 Commission, and the Superintendent of the State Police, shall
46 promulgate rules and regulations specifying those portions or parts
47 of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways,
48 Federal-aid Primary System Highways and public roads, streets,

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- 1 highways, toll roads, freeways or parkways in this State where the
- 2 recreation vehicle may lawfully operate.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1885

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 26, 2006

The Assembly Transportation Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1885.

As reported, this bill would amend the current law to prescribe the length and width of recreational vehicles. The bill provides that the maximum overall length of a recreation vehicle found or operated in this State shall not exceed 45 feet and the outside width of a recreation vehicle shall not exceed 102 inches, excluding safety devices and retracted shade awnings, and other manufacturer-installed appurtenances which shall not exceed six inches on either side of the vehicle. The Commissioner of Transportation, after consultation with the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, and the Superintendent of the State Police, shall promulgate rules and regulations specifying those portions or parts of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, Federal-aid Primary System Highways and public roads, streets, highways, toll roads, freeways or parkways in this State where the recreation vehicle may lawfully operate.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2006-2007 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1885

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 14, 2007

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1885 with committee amendments.

This amended bill would amend the current law to prescribe the length and width of recreation vehicles. The bill provides that the maximum overall length of a recreation vehicle, including any load or truck camper thereon, shall not exceed 45 feet. No combination of any recreation vehicle with any vehicle, including the load thereon, nor any combination of any motor vehicle with any camping trailer, fifth wheel trailer, or park trailer attached thereto, shall exceed 65 feet in length. The outside width of a recreation vehicle shall not exceed 102 inches, excluding certain safety appurtenances. Recreation vehicles permissibly exceeding the 102 inch width with its attached appurtenances shall only be operated on certain roads as prescribed in the bill.

The committee amended the bill to make reference to combinations of vehicles exceeding 65 feet in length, specify the safety appurtenances which were excluded from the outside width requirements, and specify the roadways on which recreation vehicles exceeding 102 inches in width with such equipment are permitted.

With the amendments, this bill is identical to S1424, as amended by the committee on this date.

SENATE, No. 1424

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 27, 2006

Sponsored by:
Senator NICHOLAS J. SACCO
District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

Prescribes maximum overall length and width of recreational vehicles.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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

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

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

7 39:3-84. a. The following constitute the maximum dimensional
8 limits for width, height and length for any vehicle or combination of
9 vehicles, including load or contents or any part or portion thereof,
10 found or operated on any public road, street or highway or any
11 public or quasi-public property in this State. Violations shall be
12 enforced pursuant to subsection i. of section 5 of P.L.1950, c.142
13 (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 vehicles,
17 including load or contents, except that no device excluded herein
18 shall have by its design or use the capability to carry, transport or
19 otherwise be utilized for cargo.

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

34 As used herein and pursuant to R.S.39:1-1, the term "vehicle"
35 includes, but is not limited to, commercial motor vehicles, trucks,
36 truck tractors, tractors, road tractors, recreation vehicles, or
37 omnibuses. As used herein and pursuant to R.S.39:1-1, the term
38 "combination of vehicles" includes, but is not limited to, vehicles as
39 heretofore designated, when those vehicles are the drawing or
40 power unit of a combination of vehicles and motor-drawn vehicles,
41 such as, but not limited to, trailers, semi-trailers, or other vehicles.
42 As used herein, the term "recycling vehicle" means a commercial
43 motor vehicle used for the collection or transportation of recyclable
44 material; or any truck, trailer or other vehicle approved by the New
45 Jersey Office of Recycling for use by persons engaging in the

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.

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1 business of recycling or otherwise providing recycling services in
2 this State; and "recyclable material" means those materials which
3 would otherwise become solid waste, and which may be collected,
4 separated or processed and returned to the economic mainstream in
5 the form of raw materials or products.

6 (1) The maximum outside width of any vehicle or combination
7 of vehicles, including load or contents of any part or portion
8 thereof, except as otherwise provided by this subsection, shall be no
9 more than 102 inches; except that the Commissioner of
10 Transportation, after consultation with the [Director of the Division
11 of Motor Vehicles] Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
12 Vehicle Commission and the Superintendent of State Police, may
13 promulgate rules and regulations for those public roads, streets or
14 highways or public or quasi-public property in this State, where it is
15 determined that the interests of public safety and welfare require the
16 maximum outside width be no more than 96 inches.

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

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

36 (4) The maximum overall length of a motor-drawn vehicle, as set
37 forth in this subsection, including load or contents or any part or
38 portion thereof, except as otherwise provided by this subsection,
39 shall not exceed 53 feet when operated as part of a combination of
40 vehicles consisting of one motor-drawn vehicle and a drawing or
41 power unit vehicle not designed, built or otherwise capable of
42 carrying cargo or loads, except that a motor-drawn vehicle, the
43 overall length of which is greater than 48 feet and not more than 53
44 feet, shall be constructed so that the distance between the kingpin of
45 the motor-drawn vehicle and the centerline of its rear axle or rear
46 axle group does not exceed 41 feet; the motor-drawn vehicle shall
47 be equipped with a rear-end protection device of substantial

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

41 (5) No combination of vehicles, including load or contents,
42 consisting of more than two motor-drawn vehicles, as set forth in
43 this subsection, and any other vehicle, shall be found or operated on
44 any public road, street or highway or any public or quasi-public
45 property in this State.

46 (6) The maximum overall length of a motor-drawn vehicle, as set
47 forth in this section, including load or contents or any part or

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

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

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

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

13 (10) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (4) and (6) of
14 this subsection pertaining to length, the [Director of the Division of
15 Motor Vehicles] Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
16 Vehicle Commission may adopt rules and regulations specifying
17 maximum length dimensions for any vehicle or combination of
18 vehicles designed, built and utilized solely to transport other motor
19 vehicles.

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

26 (12) The provisions of this subsection pertaining to width shall
27 not apply to a recycling vehicle when that vehicle is used for the
28 collection of recyclable material on a street or highway other than a
29 highway which is designated part of the National System of
30 Interstate and Defense Highways in this State or as a freeway or
31 parkway as provided by law. The maximum outside width of any
32 recycling vehicle so used, including load or contents of any part or
33 portion thereof, shall be no more than 96 inches, except that the
34 width may be up to 105 inches whenever that vehicle is operating at
35 15 miles per hour or less, and access steps are deployed and
36 recyclable materials are actually being collected.

37 (13) The maximum overall length of a recreation vehicle found
38 or operated in this State shall not exceed 45 feet and the outside
39 width of a recreation vehicle found or operated in this State shall
40 not exceed 102 inches, excluding safety devices and retracted shade
41 awnings, and other manufacturer-installed appurtenances which
42 shall not exceed six inches on either side of the vehicle. The
43 Commissioner of Transportation, after consultation with the Chief
44 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, and
45 the Superintendent of the State Police, shall promulgate rules and
46 regulations specifying those portions or parts of the National
47 System of Interstate and Defense Highways, Federal-aid Primary

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1 System Highways and public roads, streets, highways, toll roads,
2 freeways or parkways in this State where the recreation vehicle as
3 described in this paragraph may lawfully operate.

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

10 Where enforcement of a weight limit provision of this Title
11 requires a measurement of length between axle centers, the distance
12 between axle centers shall be measured to the nearest whole foot or
13 whole inch, whichever is applicable, and when the measurement
14 includes a fractional part of a foot equaling six inches or more or a
15 fractional part of an inch equaling one-half inch or more, the next
16 larger whole foot or whole inch, whichever is applicable, shall be
17 utilized. The term "tandem axle" as used in this act is defined as a
18 combination of consecutive axles, consisting of only two axles,
19 where the distance between axle centers is 40 inches or more but no
20 more than 96 inches.

21 In addition to the other requirements of this section and
22 notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, no vehicle or
23 combination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall be
24 operated in this State, unless by special permit authorized by this
25 Title, with a gross weight, single or multiple axle weight, or gross
26 weight of two or more consecutive axles, the allowance of which
27 would disqualify the State of New Jersey or any department, agency
28 or governmental subdivision thereof for the purpose of receiving
29 federal highway funds.

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

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

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

43 (3) The combined gross weight imposed on the highway or other
44 surface by all the wheels of consecutive axles of a vehicle or
45 combination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall not
46 exceed 22,400 pounds for each single axle where the distance
47 between consecutive axle centers is more than 96 inches; except
48 that on any highway in this State which is part of, or designated as

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1 part of, the National Interstate System, as provided at 23 U.S.C.
2 s.103(e), this single axle limitation shall not apply and in those
3 instances the provisions of this Title as set forth at R.S.39:3-84b.(5)
4 shall apply.

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

8 (5) On any highway in this State which is part of, or designated
9 as part of, the National Interstate System, as provided at 23 U.S.C.
10 s.103(e), the total gross weight, in pounds, imposed on the highway
11 or other surface by any group of two or more consecutive axles of a
12 vehicle or combination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall
13 not exceed that listed in the following Table of Maximum Gross
14 Weights, for the respective distance, in feet, between the axle
15 centers of the first and last axles of the group of two or more
16 consecutive axles under consideration; except that in addition to the
17 weights specified in that Table, two consecutive sets of tandem
18 axles may carry a gross weight of 34,000 pounds each if the overall
19 distance between the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of
20 tandem axles is 36 feet or more. The gross weight of each set of
21 tandem axles shall not exceed 34,000 pounds and the combined
22 gross weight of the two consecutive sets of tandem axles shall not
23 exceed 68,000 pounds.

24 In all cases the combined gross weight for a vehicle or
25 combination of vehicles, including load or contents, or the
26 maximum gross weight for any axle or combination of axles of the
27 vehicle or combination of vehicles, including load or contents, shall
28 not exceed that which is permitted pursuant to this paragraph or
29 R.S.39:3-84b.(2); R.S.39:3-84b.(3); or R.S.39:3-84b.(4) of this act,
30 whichever is the lesser allowable gross weight.

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32 TABLE OF MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHTS

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34 Distance in feet
35 between axle
36 centers of first
37 and last axles
38 of any group
39 of two or more
40 consecutive axles

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1	7	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
2	8	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000	34000
3	9	39000	42500	42500	42500	42500	42500
4	10	40000	43500	43500	43500	43500	43500
5	11	41000	44000	44000	44000	44000	44000
6	12	42000	45000	50000	50000	50000	50000
7	13	43000	45500	50500	50500	50500	50500
8	14	44000	46500	51500	51500	51500	51500
9	15	44800	47000	52000	52000	52000	52000
10	16	44800	48000	52500	58000	58000	58000
11	17	44800	48500	53500	58500	58500	58500
12	18	44800	49500	54000	59000	59000	59000
13	19	44800	50000	54500	60000	60000	60000
14	20	44800	51000	55500	60500	66000	66000
15	21	44800	51500	56000	61000	66500	66500
16	22	44800	52500	56500	61500	67000	67000
17	23	44800	53000	57500	62500	68000	68000
18	24	44800	54000	58000	63000	68500	74000
19	25	44800	54500	58500	63500	69000	74500
20	26	44800	55500	59500	64000	69500	75000
21	27	44800	56000	60000	65000	70000	75500
22	28	44800	57000	60500	65500	71000	76500
23	29	44800	57500	61500	66000	71500	77000
24	30	44800	58500	62000	66500	72000	77500
25	31	44800	59000	62500	67500	72500	78000
26	32	44800	60000	63500	68000	73000	78500
27	33	44800	60500	64000	68500	74000	79000
28	34	44800	61500	64500	69000	74500	80000
29	35	44800	62000	65500	70000	75000	80000
30	36	44800	63000	66000	70500	75500	80000
31	37	44800	63500	66500	71000	76000	80000
32	38	44800	64500	67500	71500	77000	80000
33	39	44800	65000	68000	72500	77500	80000
34	40	44800	66000	68500	73000	78000	80000
35	41	44800	66500	69500	73500	78500	80000
36	42	44800	67200	70000	74000	79000	80000
37	43	44800	67200	70500	75000	80000	80000
38	44	44800	67200	71500	75500	80000	80000
39	45	44800	67200	72000	76000	80000	80000
40	46	4800	67200	72500	76500	80000	80000
41	47	44800	67200	73500	77500	80000	80000
42	48	44800	67200	74000	78000	80000	80000
43	49	44800	67200	74500	78500	80000	80000
44	50	44800	67200	75500	79000	80000	80000
45	51	44800	67200	76000	80000	80000	80000
46	52	44800	67200	76500	80000	80000	80000
47	53	44800	67200	77500	80000	80000	80000
48	54	44800	67200	78000	80000	80000	80000

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1	55	44800	67200	78500	80000	80000	80000
2	56	44800	67200	79500	80000	80000	80000
3	57	4800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
4	58	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
5	59	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
6	60	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
7	61	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
8	62	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
9	63	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
10	64	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
11	65	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
12	66	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
13	67	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
14	68	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
15	69	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000
16	70	44800	67200	80000	80000	80000	80000

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18 c. The dimensional and weight restrictions set forth herein shall
19 not apply to a combination of vehicles which includes a disabled
20 vehicle or a combination of vehicles being removed from a highway
21 in this State, provided that such oversize or overweight vehicle
22 combination may not travel on the public highways more than 75
23 miles from the point where such disablement occurred. If the
24 disablement occurred on a limited access highway, the distance to
25 the nearest exit of such highway shall be added to the 75-mile
26 limitation. A heavy-duty tow truck, as defined in section 1 of
27 P.L.1999, c.396 (C.39:3-84.6), shall be permitted, in combination
28 with the towed unit or units, to exceed the axle, dimensional and
29 maximum gross weight limits for tow trucks and towed unit
30 combinations; except that the limit shall not exceed 150,000 pounds
31 gross combined weight. This provision shall not affect the
32 application of section 6 of P.L.1950, c.142 (C.39:3-84.4)
33 concerning driver liability for damages and does not provide an
34 exemption to exceed the height and weight restrictions marked or
35 posted on a bridge or overpass in the State. A heavy-duty tow truck
36 in combination with the towed unit or units shall not be operated at
37 a speed greater than 45 miles per hour when the heavy-duty tow
38 truck in combination with the towed unit or units weighs more than
39 80,000 pounds, or one or more of its axles exceeds the limitations
40 prescribed herein in the Table of Maximum Gross Weights, or the
41 tow truck in combination with the towed unit exceeds maximum
42 length and width standards as prescribed by law.

43 d. The [Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles] Chief
44 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission may
45 promulgate rules and regulations, including the establishment of
46 fees, for the issuance, at his discretion and if good cause appears, of
47 a special written permit authorizing the applicant:

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

8 (2) To operate or move a vehicle or combination of vehicles or
9 specialized mobile equipment, transporting a load or cargo that
10 cannot be dismembered, dismantled or divided in order to comply
11 with the dimensional limitations set forth in this act. The special
12 written permit shall be in the possession of the driver or operator of
13 the vehicle or combination of vehicles or special mobile equipment
14 for which the permit was issued; and

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

19 e. If the Commissioner of Transportation has, by regulations
20 adopted pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,
21 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), designated certain routes within the
22 State for use by a combination of vehicles with a prescribed
23 maximum width or length or consisting of a drawing vehicle and
24 two motor drawn vehicles with a prescribed maximum length, no
25 such combination of vehicles shall be found or operated on any
26 other public road, street or highway or any other public or quasi-
27 public property in this State, unless otherwise permitted by such
28 regulations.

29 (cf: P.L.1999, c.396, s.9)

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill would amend the current law to prescribe the length and
37 width of recreation vehicles. The bill provides that the maximum
38 overall length of a recreation vehicle found or operated in this State
39 shall not exceed 45 feet and the outside width of a recreation
40 vehicle shall not exceed 102 inches, excluding safety devices and
41 retracted shade awnings, and other manufacturer-installed
42 appurtenances which shall not exceed six inches on either side of
43 the vehicle. The Commissioner of Transportation, after consultation
44 with the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
45 Commission, and the Superintendent of the State Police, shall
46 promulgate rules and regulations specifying those portions or parts
47 of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways,
48 Federal-aid Primary System Highways and public roads, streets,

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- 1 highways, toll roads, freeways or parkways in this State where the
- 2 recreation vehicle may lawfully operate.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1424

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 14, 2007

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1424 with committee amendments.

This amended bill would amend the current law to prescribe the length and width of recreation vehicles. The bill provides that the maximum overall length of a recreation vehicle, including any load or truck camper thereon, shall not exceed 45 feet. No combination of any recreation vehicle with any vehicle, including the load thereon, nor any combination of any motor vehicle with any camping trailer, fifth wheel trailer, or park trailer attached thereto, shall exceed 65 feet in length. The outside width of a recreation vehicle shall not exceed 102 inches, excluding certain safety appurtenances. Recreation vehicles permissibly exceeding the 102 inch width with their attached appurtenances shall only be operated on certain roads as prescribed in the bill.

The committee amended the bill to make reference to combinations of vehicles exceeding 65 feet in length, specify the safety appurtenances which were excluded from the outside width requirements, and specify the roadways on which recreation vehicles exceeding 102 inches in width with such equipment are permitted.

With these amendments, this bill is identical to A1885, as amended by the committee on this date.