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4 width of which is more than 96 inches, inclusive of load, or the
5 height of which exceeds 13½ feet, inclusive of load, and no com-
6 mercial motor vehicle, tractor or trailer shall be operated on any
7 highway in this State the extreme overall length of which exceeds
8 35 feet either for a two-axle four-wheeled vehicle, inclusive of load,
9 or 35 feet either for a three-axle six-wheeled vehicle, inclusive of
10 load, except that a vehicle or vehicle inclusive of load exceeding the
11 above limitations may be operated when a special permit so to
12 operate is secured in advance from the director. The application for
13 such permit shall be accompanied by a fee fixed by the director. A
14 special permit issued by the director shall be in the possession of the
15 operator of the vehicle for which such permit was issued. In com-
16 puting any dimensions of a vehicle, or vehicle and load, for the
17 purposes of this section, there shall not be included in the dimen-
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19 chains or similar fasteners used for the securing of cargo, provided
20 such appliances or fasteners do not exceed the overall limitations
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27 Vehicles in the Department of Law and Public Safety that the
28 proposed width is not unsafe for use on the highways in this State
29 and (2) of the State Highway Department that the proposed width,
30 if in excess of 96 inches, is not in conflict with the requirements
31 of any agency of the United States having jurisdiction over the
32 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways authorized
33 by law. No outside width so prescribed shall be valid if the allow-
34 ance of use of the same would disqualify the State of New Jersey
35 or any department, agency or governmental subdivision thereof
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37 In the case of farm tractors and traction equipment and farm
38 machinery and implements, the maximum width and length shall
39 be such as the Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles shall
40 prescribe by uniform rules and regulations but the operation of
41 such vehicles shall be subject to the provisions of section 39:3-24
42 of this Title and any such vehicle shall not be operated on any
43 highway which is part of the National System of Interstate and
44 Defense Highways or on any highway which has been designated
45 a freeway or parkway as provided by law.

45A In the case of commercial motor vehicles, trailers and semi-
45B trailers including farm trucks, while loaded with hay or straw the
45C maximum width of the load shall not exceed 105½ inches.

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

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

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

66 For the purpose of this Title the gross weight imposed on the
67 highway by the wheels of any one axle of a vehicle shall be deemed
68 to mean the total load transmitted to the road by all wheels whose
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73 of all axles whose centers are on or between two parallel transverse
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78 *of this State which is part of the National System of Interstate*
79 *and Defense Highways; said highways to be governed by the pro-*
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STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 461

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 13, 1974

This bill amends R. S. 39:3-84 to increase the permissible combined tandem axle weight of commercial vehicles from 32,000 to 36,000 pounds. This change would not apply to Interstate Highways, since Federal law limits the weight to 32,000 pounds on these roads.

The bill does not affect the maximum total gross weight permitted for such vehicles—73,280 pounds.

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SENATE AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE, No. 461

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED FEBRUARY 4, 1975

Amend page 3, section 1, line 76, omit "36,000", insert "34,000";
omit "; provided, however, that the provisions of".

Amend page 3, section 1, lines 77-79, omit.

Amend page 3, section 1, line 80, omit "Highway Act of 1956".

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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DATED: FEBRUARY 27, 1975

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