

CHAPTER 46

Original House Bill No. 178

VEHICLE LENGTH LIMITATIONS

AN ACT to amend W.S. 31-5-1002(a)(iv), 31-5-1004(d) and (f) and 31-5-1007; and to repeal W.S. 31-5-1002(a)(iv)(A) relating to motor vehicle size and weight limits; deleting the overall length limitation on certain vehicle combinations; establishing length limitations for single vehicles and semitrailers and trailers in vehicle combinations; conforming other provisions; and providing for an effective date.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

**Section 1.** W.S. 31-5-1002(a)(iv), 31-5-1004(d) and (f) and 31-5-1007 are amended to read:

**31-5-1002. Size and weight limitations prescribed.**

(a) All vehicles operated on the highways of this state shall comply with the following:

(iv) Length — all highways:

(B) No combination of vehicles shall consist of more than three (3) single vehicles. No single vehicle shall have an overall length in excess of sixty (60) feet;

(C) In a truck-tractor semitrailer combination, no semitrailer shall exceed sixty (60) feet in length. In a truck-tractor, semitrailer, trailer combination, the length of the semitrailer shall not exceed forty-eight (48) feet and the length of the trailer shall not exceed forty (40) feet including connecting mechanisms. The combined length of the semitrailer and trailer shall not exceed eighty (80) feet including connecting mechanisms, and the longest trailer not including connecting mechanisms shall be the first unit behind the truck tractor. For any other combination of vehicles the overall length shall not exceed eighty-five (85) feet. For the purpose of this section, "truck-tractor" shall be defined as the noncargo carrying power unit that operates in a combination with a semitrailer or trailer, except that a truck-tractor and semitrailer engaged in the transportation of automobiles may transport motor vehicles on part of the power unit.

**31-5-1004. Permits for overweight and oversize vehicles; reimbursement of state cost; designation of certain highways to carry overweight and oversize vehicles.**

(d) In special circumstances of movements of a vehicle without load that exceeds any maximum dimension or weight authorized under W.S. 31-5-1002, the superintendent or his authorized representative may upon application and good cause shown issue a permit in writing effective for an extended period of time, not to exceed one (1) year, authorizing the movement of the vehicle within a restricted area as determined by the superintendent, provided that the size does not exceed seventy-five (75)

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feet in length for a single vehicle and twelve (12) feet in width or fifteen (15) feet in height for a single vehicle or combination of vehicles. The permit fee for an oversize vehicle is thirty dollars (\$30.00). The permit fee for an overweight vehicle is as prescribed in subsection (g) of this section. Extended period permits are not authorized for transportable homes as defined in W.S. 31-4-101.

(f) When an oversize single trip permit is issued, the fee is ten dollars (\$10.00). Should any vehicle including load exceed the dimensions of fifteen (15) feet in width or fifteen (15) feet in height or any single vehicle including load exceed seventy-five (75) feet in length, an additional fee shall be paid on excess of the above limitation computed at the rate of three cents (\$.03) for each foot or fraction thereof for each mile traveled on the highways. In no case shall the total fee for an oversize permit exceed thirty dollars (\$30.00).

**31-5-1007. Special permits for certain combinations of vehicles.** The superintendent may issue special permits, which shall not be in force more than ninety (90) days, authorizing the operation of a combination of motor vehicles on the highways of the state consisting of more than three (3) single units. The permits shall be issued for the purpose of testing the use of such units under actual operating conditions on the highways. The permits shall be issued under the supervision of and under conditions including time, route, equipment and speed determined by the superintendent.

**Section 2.** W.S. 31-5-1002(a)(iv)(A) is repealed.

**Section 3.** This act is effective June 5, 1984.

Approved March 16, 1984.