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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1056

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FLANIGAN.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 304.170, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to auto transporters.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 304.170, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 304.170, to read as follows:

304.170. 1. No vehicle operated upon the highways of this state shall have a width, including load, in excess of one hundred two inches, except clearance lights, rearview mirrors or other accessories required by federal, state or city law or regulation. Provided however, a recreational vehicle as defined in section 700.010, RSMo, may exceed the foregoing width limits if the appurtenances on such recreational vehicle extend no further than the rearview mirrors. Such mirrors may only extend the distance necessary to provide the required field of view before the appurtenances were attached.

2. No vehicle operated upon the interstate highway system or upon any route designated by the chief engineer of the state transportation department shall have a height, including load, in excess of fourteen feet. On all other highways, no vehicle shall have a height, including load, in excess of thirteen and one-half feet, except that any vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting automobiles or other motor vehicles may have a height, including load, of not more than fourteen feet.

3. No single motor vehicle operated upon the highways of this state shall have a length, including load, in excess of forty-five feet, except as otherwise provided in this section.

4. No bus, recreational motor vehicle or trackless trolley coach operated upon the highways of this state shall have a length in excess of forty-five feet, except that such vehicles

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

18 may exceed the forty-five feet length when such excess length is caused by the projection of a  
19 front safety bumper or a rear safety bumper or both. Such safety bumper shall not cause the  
20 length of the bus or recreational motor vehicle to exceed the forty-five feet length limit by more  
21 than one foot in the front and one foot in the rear. The term "safety bumper" means any device  
22 which may be fitted on an existing bumper or which replaces the bumper and is so constructed,  
23 treated, or manufactured that it absorbs energy upon impact.

24 **5. No truck auto transporter operated on the highways of this state shall have a**  
25 **length in excess of fifty-three feet, exclusive of front and rear overhang, which shall be no**  
26 **greater than a three-foot front overhang and no greater than a four-foot rear overhang.**  
27 **For purposes of this subsection, "truck auto transporter" means a single truck designed**  
28 **for use as an auto transporter.**

29 **6.** No combination of truck-tractor and semitrailer or truck-tractor equipped with  
30 dromedary and semitrailer operated upon the highways of this state shall have a length, including  
31 load, in excess of sixty feet; except that in order to comply with the provisions of Title 23 of the  
32 United States Code (Public Law 97-424), no combination of truck-tractor and semitrailer or  
33 truck-tractor equipped with dromedary and semitrailer operated upon the interstate highway  
34 system of this state shall have an overall length, including load, in excess of the length of the  
35 truck-tractor plus the semitrailer or truck-tractor equipped with dromedary and semitrailer. The  
36 length of such semitrailer shall not exceed fifty-three feet.

37 [6.] **7.** In order to comply with the provisions of Title 23 of the United States Code  
38 (Public Law 97-424), no combination of truck-tractor, semitrailer and trailer operated upon the  
39 interstate highway system of this state shall have an overall length, including load, in excess of  
40 the length of the truck-tractor plus the semitrailer and trailer, neither of which semitrailer or  
41 trailer shall exceed twenty-eight feet in length, except that any existing semitrailer or trailer up  
42 to twenty-eight and one-half feet in length actually and lawfully operated on December 1, 1982,  
43 within a sixty-five foot overall length limit in any state, may continue to be operated upon the  
44 interstate highways of this state. On those primary highways not designated by the state  
45 highways and transportation commission as provided in subsection 10 of this section, no  
46 combination of truck-tractor, semitrailer and trailer shall have an overall length, including load,  
47 in excess of sixty-five feet; provided, however, the state highways and transportation commission  
48 may designate additional routes for such sixty-five foot combinations.

49 [7.] **8.** Automobile transporters, boat transporters, truck-trailer boat transporter  
50 combinations, stinger-steered combination automobile transporters and stinger-steered  
51 combination boat transporters having a length not in excess of seventy-five feet may be operated  
52 on the interstate highways of this state and such other highways as may be designated by the  
53 highways and transportation commission for the operation of such vehicles plus a distance not

54 to exceed ten miles from such interstate or designated highway. All length provisions regarding  
55 automobile or boat transporters, truck-trailer boat transporter combinations and stinger-steered  
56 combinations shall include a semitrailer length not to exceed fifty-three feet and are exclusive  
57 of front and rear overhang, which shall be no greater than a three-foot front overhang and no  
58 greater than a four-foot rear overhang.

59 [8.] 9. Driveaway saddlemount combinations having a length not in excess of  
60 ninety-seven feet may be operated on the interstate highways of this state and such other  
61 highways as may be designated by the highways and transportation commission for the operation  
62 of such vehicles plus a distance not to exceed ten miles from such interstate or designated  
63 highway. Saddlemount combinations must comply with the safety requirements of Section  
64 393.71 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations and may contain no more than three  
65 saddlemounted vehicles and one fullmount.

66 [9.] 10. No truck-tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination vehicles operated upon the  
67 interstate and designated primary highway system of this state shall have a semitrailer length in  
68 excess of twenty-eight feet or twenty-eight and one-half feet if the semitrailer was in actual and  
69 lawful operation in any state on December 1, 1982, operating in a truck-tractor  
70 semitrailer-semitrailer combination. The B-train assembly is excluded from the measurement  
71 of semitrailer length when used between the first and second semitrailer of a truck-tractor  
72 semitrailer-semitrailer combination, except that when there is no semitrailer mounted to the  
73 B-train assembly, it shall be included in the length measurement of the semitrailer.

74 [10.] 11. The highways and transportation commission is authorized to designate routes  
75 on the state highway system other than the interstate system over which those combinations of  
76 vehicles of the lengths specified in subsections 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this section may be operated.  
77 Combinations of vehicles operated under the provisions of subsections 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this  
78 section may be operated at a distance not to exceed ten miles from the interstate system and such  
79 routes as designated under the provisions of this subsection.

80 [11.] 12. Except as provided in subsections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of this section, no other  
81 combination of vehicles operated upon the primary or interstate highways of this state plus a  
82 distance of ten miles from a primary or interstate highway shall have an overall length, unladen  
83 or with load, in excess of sixty-five feet or in excess of fifty-five feet on any other highway,  
84 except the state highways and transportation commission may designate additional routes for use  
85 by sixty-five foot combinations, seventy-five foot stinger-steered combinations or seventy-five  
86 foot saddlemount combinations. Any vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting  
87 automobiles, boats or other motor vehicles may carry a load which extends no more than three  
88 feet beyond the front and four feet beyond the rear of the transporting vehicle or combination of  
89 vehicles.

90 [12.] **13.** (1) Except as hereinafter provided, these restrictions shall not apply to  
91 agricultural implements operating occasionally on the highways for short distances, or to  
92 self-propelled hay-hauling equipment or to implements of husbandry, or to the movement of  
93 farm products as defined in section [400.9-109] **400.9-102**, RSMo, or to vehicles temporarily  
94 transporting agricultural implements or implements of husbandry or roadmaking machinery, or  
95 road materials or towing for repair purposes vehicles that have become disabled upon the  
96 highways; or to implement dealers delivering or moving farm machinery for repairs on any state  
97 highway other than the interstate system.

98 (2) Implements of husbandry and vehicles transporting such machinery or equipment and  
99 the movement of farm products as defined in section 400.9.109, RSMo, may be operated  
100 occasionally for short distances on state highways when operated between the hours of sunrise  
101 and sunset by a driver licensed as an operator or chauffeur.

102 [13.] **14.** As used in this chapter the term "implements of husbandry" means all  
103 self-propelled machinery operated at speeds of less than thirty miles per hour, specifically  
104 designed for, or especially adapted to be capable of, incidental over-the-road and primary offroad  
105 usage and used exclusively for the application of commercial plant food materials or agricultural  
106 chemicals, and not specifically designed or intended for transportation of such chemicals and  
107 materials.

108 [14.] **15.** Sludge disposal units may be operated on all state highways other than the  
109 interstate system. Such units shall not exceed one hundred thirty-eight inches in width and may  
110 be equipped with over-width tires. Such units shall observe all axle weight limits. The chief  
111 engineer of the state transportation department shall issue special permits for the movement of  
112 such disposal units and may by such permits restrict the movements to specified routes, days and  
113 hours.

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