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### AN ACT

To repeal section 304.170, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to motor vehicle width restrictions.

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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Section A. Section 304.170, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 304.170, to read as follows: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 [ninety-six] **one hundred two** inches, except clearance lights, rearview mirrors or other accessories required by federal, state or city law or regulation[; except that, vehicles having a width, including load, not in excess of one hundred two inches, exclusive of clearance lights, rearview mirrors or other accessories required by law or regulations, may be operated on the interstate highways and such other highways as may be designated by the highways and transportation commission for the operation of such vehicles plus a distance not to exceed ten miles from such interstate or designated highway]. 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.

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.

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

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

21           4. No bus, recreational motor vehicle or trackless trolley coach operated upon the  
22 highways of this state shall have a length in excess of forty-five feet, except that such vehicles  
23 may exceed the forty-five feet length when such excess length is caused by the projection of a  
24 front safety bumper or a rear safety bumper or both. Such safety bumper shall not cause the  
25 length of the bus or recreational motor vehicle to exceed the forty-five feet length limit by more  
26 than one foot in the front and one foot in the rear.

27 The term "safety bumper" means any device which may be fitted on an existing bumper or which  
28 replaces the bumper and is so constructed, treated, or manufactured that it absorbs energy upon  
29 impact.

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

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

48 in excess of sixty-five feet; provided, however, the state highways and transportation commission  
49 may designate additional routes for such sixty-five foot combinations.

50 7. Automobile transporters, boat transporters, truck-trailer boat transporter combinations,  
51 stinger-steered combination automobile transporters and stinger-steered combination boat  
52 transporters having a length not in excess of seventy-five feet may be operated on the interstate  
53 highways of this state and such other highways as may be designated by the highways and  
54 transportation commission for the operation of such vehicles plus a distance not to exceed ten  
55 miles from such interstate or designated highway. All length provisions regarding automobile  
56 or boat transporters, truck-trailer boat transporter combinations and stinger-steered combinations  
57 shall include a semitrailer length not to exceed fifty-three feet and are exclusive of front and rear  
58 overhang, which shall be no greater than a three-foot front overhang and no greater than a  
59 four-foot rear overhang.

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

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

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

81 11. Except as provided in subsections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of this section, no other  
82 combination of vehicles operated upon the primary or interstate highways of this state plus a  
83 distance of ten miles from a primary or interstate highway shall have an overall length, unladen

84 or with load, in excess of sixty-five feet or in excess of fifty-five feet on any other highway,  
85 except the state highways and transportation commission may designate additional routes for use  
86 by sixty-five foot combinations, seventy-five foot stinger-steered combinations or seventy-five  
87 foot saddlemount combinations. Any vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting  
88 automobiles, boats or other motor vehicles may carry a load which extends no more than three  
89 feet beyond the front and four feet beyond the rear of the transporting vehicle or combination of  
90 vehicles.

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

99 (2) Implements of husbandry and vehicles transporting such machinery or equipment and  
100 the movement of farm products as defined in section 400.9-109, RSMo, may be operated  
101 occasionally for short distances on state highways when operated between the hours of sunrise  
102 and sunset by a driver licensed as an operator or chauffeur.

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

108 14. [The purpose of this section is to permit a single trip per day by the implement of  
109 husbandry from the source of supply to a given farm.

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

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