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HOUSE BILL NO. 216

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GUEST.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 304.170 and 304.260, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to tractor parades, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Sections 304.170 and 304.260, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 304.170 and 304.260, to read as follows:

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

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

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

16 4. No bus, recreational motor vehicle or trackless trolley coach operated upon the
17 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 combination of truck-tractor and semitrailer or truck-tractor equipped with
25 dromedary and semitrailer operated upon the highways of this state shall have a length, including
26 load, in excess of sixty feet; except that in order to comply with the provisions of Title 23 of the
27 United States Code (Public Law 97-424), no combination of truck-tractor and semitrailer or
28 truck-tractor equipped with dromedary and semitrailer operated upon the interstate highway
29 system of this state shall have an overall length, including load, in excess of the length of the
30 truck-tractor plus the semitrailer or truck-tractor equipped with dromedary and semitrailer. The
31 length of such semitrailer shall not exceed fifty-three feet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

85 12. (1) Except as hereinafter provided, these restrictions shall not apply to agricultural
86 implements operating occasionally on the highways for short distances[,] **including tractor**
87 **parades for fund-raising activities and other special community events involving tractors,**
88 **and the operation of such implements on the highway to and from such events, provided**
89 **the tractors are driven during daylight hours only and only on specified routes;** or to

90 self-propelled hay-hauling equipment or to implements of husbandry, or to the movement of
91 farm products as defined in section [400.9-109] **400.9-102**, RSMo, or to vehicles temporarily
92 transporting agricultural implements or implements of husbandry or roadmaking machinery, or
93 road materials or towing for repair purposes vehicles that have become disabled upon the
94 highways; or to implement dealers delivering or moving farm machinery for repairs on any state
95 highway other than the interstate system.

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

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

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

304.260. Farm tractors when using the highways in traveling from one field or farm to
2 another, or to or from places of delivery or repair, **or when participating in tractor parades**
3 **for fund-raising activities** are exempt from the provisions of the law relating to registration and
4 display of number plates, but shall comply with all the other provisions hereof. The state
5 highways and transportation commission shall have the power and authority to prescribe the type
6 of road upon which such tractors may be used and may exclude the use of such tractors or the
7 use of trucks of any particular weight from the use of certain designated roads or types of roads,
8 by the posting of signs along or upon such roads or any part thereof.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary for the immediate preservation of the
2 public health, welfare, peace, and safety, section A is hereby declared to be an emergency act
3 within the meaning of the constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full force and effect
4 upon its passage and approval.

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