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HOUSE BILL 2335

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-1095, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO VEHICLE
REGULATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 28-1095, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 28-1095. Vehicle length; exceptions; permits; rules;
5 definitions
6 A. A vehicle, including any load on the vehicle, shall not exceed a
7 length of forty feet extreme overall dimension, including front and rear
8 bumpers. This subsection does not apply to any of the following:
9 1. A semitrailer when used in combination with a truck tractor.
10 2. A truck that is equipped with a conveyor bed, that is used solely
11 as a fiber and forage module mover and that does not exceed forty-eight feet
12 in length.
13 3. An articulated bus or articulated trolley coach that does not
14 exceed a length of sixty feet.
15 4. A bus that is not articulated and that does not exceed a length of
16 forty-five feet.
17 5. A recreational vehicle, A POWER UNIT, A FARM VEHICLE, A HORSE
18 TRAILER OR WHEELED EQUIPMENT AS DEFINED IN SECTION 28-2153 if used in
19 combination with two units and if the combination does not exceed sixty-five
20 feet in length.
21 6. A recreational vehicle as defined in section 41-2142, paragraph 30,
22 subdivision (b) that does not exceed a length of forty-five feet.
23 B. A vehicle transporter may draw only one semitrailer. A combination
24 of vehicles, excluding a vehicle transporter and the semitrailer it draws,
25 that is coupled together shall not consist of more than two units, except
26 that a truck or truck tractor and semitrailer may draw either one trailer or
27 a forklift.
28 C. The following restrictions apply:
29 1. The length of a semitrailer operating in a truck
30 tractor-semitrailer combination or a truck tractor-semitrailer-forklift
31 combination shall not exceed fifty-seven feet six inches.
32 2. The length of a semitrailer or trailer operating in a truck
33 tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination shall not exceed twenty-eight feet
34 six inches.
35 3. The length of a trailer operating in a truck-trailer combination
36 shall not exceed twenty-eight feet six inches.
37 4. If the length of a semitrailer is more than fifty-three feet, the
38 overall length of a truck tractor-semitrailer combination shall not exceed
39 sixty-five feet on all highways, except for the national intercity truck
40 route network designated by the United States secretary of transportation as
41 required by the surface transportation assistance act of 1982 or on a system
42 of highways that is designated by a local authority. In designating the
43 streets, the local authority shall consider any reasonable restriction
44 including such safety restrictions as structural hazards and street width and

1 any other safety factors identified by the local authority as a hazard to the
2 motoring public.

3 5. A vehicle transporter and the semitrailer it draws shall not exceed
4 a length of seventy-five feet.

5 D. Subsection B and subsection C, paragraphs 1 through 4 of this
6 section do not apply to damaged, disabled or abandoned vehicles or
7 combinations of vehicles while being towed by a tow truck in compliance with
8 section 28-1108.

9 E. Notwithstanding subsections B and C of this section, extensions of
10 not more than three feet beyond the foremost part and six feet beyond the
11 rear bed or body of a vehicle or combination of vehicles used to transport
12 manufactured vehicles or fiber and forage shall not be included in measuring
13 the length of the vehicle or combination of vehicles when loaded.

14 F. Pursuant to a permit issued pursuant to section 28-1103, a truck or
15 a truck tractor and semitrailer may draw not more than two trailers or
16 semitrailers. The department shall adopt rules governing the movement and
17 safety of a combination of vehicles under this subsection and authorizing the
18 issuance in advance of prepaid permits. The rules shall include the adoption
19 of minimum speeds on grades, lighting, signing, identification and braking
20 requirements and any other rules the department deems necessary. The permit
21 issued pursuant to this subsection is limited to the following highways:

22 1. An interstate highway that connects with two states if both states
23 allow two trailers or semitrailers and if the interstate highway does not
24 exceed forty miles between the connecting states.

25 2. Portions of an alternate state route that are located within four
26 miles of and extend to the border of this state and an adjacent state that
27 allows two trailers or semitrailers.

28 3. A state route that extends at least ten miles through an Indian
29 reservation, that does not cross the Colorado river and that is located
30 within twenty miles of and extends to the border of this state and an
31 adjacent state that allows two trailers or semitrailers.

32 G. Notwithstanding subsections B and C of this section:

33 1. A motor vehicle may draw one single axle tow dolly on which a motor
34 vehicle may be transported. A person shall secure the raised end of any
35 motor vehicle being transported pursuant to this paragraph to the tow dolly
36 by two separate chains, cables or equivalent devices adequate to prevent
37 shifting or separation of the drawn vehicle and the tow dolly. ~~As used in~~
38 **FOR THE PURPOSES OF** this paragraph, "single axle tow dolly" means a vehicle
39 drawn by a motor vehicle and designed and used exclusively to transport
40 another motor vehicle by which the front or rear wheels of the drawn motor
41 vehicle are mounted on the tow dolly while the other wheels of the drawn
42 motor vehicle remain in contact with the ground.

43 2. A truck or a truck tractor may draw a trailer or semitrailer that
44 does not exceed a length of fifty-seven feet only on an interstate highway or
45 on a highway that is within ten miles of an interstate highway if the trailer

1 or semitrailer is manufactured in this state and is traveling with or without
2 a load from its place of manufacture to be delivered for use outside this
3 state.

4 3. A recreational vehicle may pull two units if all of the following
5 conditions are met:

6 (a) The middle unit is equipped with a fifth wheel and brakes. **THE**
7 **MIDDLE UNIT MAY BE A FARM VEHICLE OR A HORSE TRAILER** and ~~has~~ **SHALL HAVE** a
8 weight equal to or greater than the rear unit.

9 (b) If the rear unit has a gross weight of three thousand pounds or
10 more, it is equipped with brakes.

11 (c) The total combined gross weight of the towed units does not exceed
12 the manufacturer's stated gross vehicle weight of the towing unit.

13 H. For purposes of this section: ~~;~~

14 1. **"FARM VEHICLE" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 28-2514.**

15 2. "Recreational vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is designed and
16 customarily used for private pleasure, including vehicles commonly called
17 motor homes, pickup trucks with campers and pickup trucks with a fifth wheel
18 trailing device.