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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-6,290,
2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide a length
3 exception for semitrailers transporting baled livestock
4 forage; and to repeal the original section.
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 60-6,290, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 60-6,290 (1)(a) No vehicle shall exceed a length of forty
4 feet, extreme overall dimensions, inclusive of front and rear bumpers
5 including load, except that:

6 (i) A bus or a motor home, as defined in section 71-4603,
7 may exceed the forty-foot limitation but shall not exceed a length of
8 forty-five feet;

9 (ii) A truck-tractor may exceed the forty-foot
10 limitation;

11 (iii) A semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor single
12 semitrailer combination, which semitrailer was actually and lawfully
13 operating in the State of Nebraska on December 1, 1982, may exceed
14 the forty-foot limitation; ~~and~~

15 (iv) A semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor single
16 semitrailer combination, which semitrailer was not actually and
17 lawfully operating in the State of Nebraska on December 1, 1982, may
18 exceed the forty-foot limitation but shall not exceed a length of
19 fifty-three feet including load; and -

20 (v) A semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor single
21 semitrailer combination, while transporting baled livestock forage,
22 may exceed the forty-foot limitation but shall not exceed a length of
23 fifty-nine feet six inches including load.

24 (b) No combination of vehicles shall exceed a length of
25 sixty-five feet, extreme overall dimensions, inclusive of front and

1 rear bumpers and including load, except:

2 (i) One truck and one trailer, loaded or unloaded, used
3 in transporting implements of husbandry to be engaged in harvesting,
4 while being transported into or through the state during daylight
5 hours if the total length does not exceed seventy-five feet including
6 load;

7 (ii) A truck-tractor single semitrailer combination;

8 (iii) A truck-tractor semitrailer trailer combination,
9 but the semitrailer trailer portion of such combination shall not
10 exceed sixty-five feet inclusive of connective devices; and

11 (iv) A driveaway saddlemount vehicle transporter
12 combination and driveaway saddlemount with fullmount vehicle
13 transporter combination, but the total overall length shall not
14 exceed ninety-seven feet.

15 (c) A truck shall be construed to be one vehicle for the
16 purpose of determining length.

17 (d) A trailer shall be construed to be one vehicle for
18 the purpose of determining length.

19 (2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to:

20 (a) Extra-long vehicles which have been issued a permit
21 pursuant to section 60-6,292;

22 (b) Vehicles which have been issued a permit pursuant to
23 section 60-6,299;

24 (c) The temporary moving of farm machinery during
25 daylight hours in the normal course of farm operations;

1 (d) The movement of unbaled livestock forage vehicles,
2 loaded or unloaded;

3 (e) The movement of public utility or other construction
4 and maintenance material and equipment at any time;

5 (f) Farm equipment dealers hauling, driving, delivering,
6 or picking up farm equipment or implements of husbandry within the
7 county in which the dealer maintains his or her place of business, or
8 in any adjoining county or counties, and return;

9 (g) The overhang of any motor vehicle being hauled upon
10 any lawful combination of vehicles, but such overhang shall not
11 exceed the distance from the rear axle of the hauled motor vehicle to
12 the closest bumper thereof;

13 (h) The overhang of a combine to be engaged in
14 harvesting, while being transported into or through the state driven
15 during daylight hours by a truck-tractor semitrailer combination, but
16 the length of the semitrailer, including overhang, shall not exceed
17 sixty-three feet and the maximum semitrailer length shall not exceed
18 fifty-three feet;

19 (i) Any self-propelled specialized mobile equipment with
20 a fixed load when the requirements of subdivision (2)(i) of section
21 60-6,288 are met; or

22 (j) One truck-tractor two trailer combination or one
23 truck-tractor semitrailer trailer combination used in transporting
24 equipment utilized by custom harvesters under contract to
25 agricultural producers to harvest wheat, soybeans, or milo during the

1 months of April through November but the length of the property-
2 carrying units, excluding load, shall not exceed eighty-one feet six
3 inches.

4 (3) The length limitations of this section shall be
5 exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices such as rearview
6 mirrors, turnsignal lights, marker lights, steps and handholds for
7 entry and egress, flexible fender extensions, mudflaps and splash and
8 spray suppressant devices, load-induced tire bulge, refrigeration
9 units or air compressors, and other devices necessary for safe and
10 efficient operation of commercial motor vehicles, except that no
11 device excluded from the limitations of this section shall have by
12 its design or use the capability to carry cargo.

13 Sec. 2. Original section 60-6,290, Reissue Revised
14 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.