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LEGISLATIVE BILL 735

FINAL READING

Introduced by Friesen, 34.

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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend
2 section 60-6,290, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to
3 provide a length limit exception for an articulated bus vehicle
4 operated by a transit authority as prescribed; and to repeal the
5 original section.

6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 60-6,290, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2014, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (vi) An articulated bus vehicle operated by a transit authority
24 created pursuant to section 14-1803 may exceed the forty-foot limitation.
25 For purposes of this subdivision (vi), an articulated bus vehicle shall
26 not exceed sixty-five feet in length.

27 (b) No combination of vehicles shall exceed a length of sixty-five
28 feet, extreme overall dimensions, inclusive of front and rear bumpers and
29 including load, except:

30 (i) One truck and one trailer, loaded or unloaded, used in
31 transporting implements of husbandry to be engaged in harvesting, while

1 being transported into or through the state during daylight hours if the
2 total length does not exceed seventy-five feet including load;

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

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

7 (iv) A driveaway saddlemount vehicle transporter combination and
8 driveaway saddlemount with fullmount vehicle transporter combination, but
9 the total overall length shall not exceed ninety-seven feet.

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

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

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

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

17 (b) Vehicles which have been issued a permit pursuant to section
18 60-6,299;

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

21 (d) The movement of unbaled livestock forage vehicles, loaded or
22 unloaded;

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

25 (f) Farm equipment dealers or their representatives as authorized
26 under section 60-6,382 driving, delivering, or picking up farm equipment
27 or implements of husbandry within the county in which the dealer
28 maintains his or her place of business, or in any adjoining county or
29 counties, and return;

30 (g) The overhang of any motor vehicle being hauled upon any lawful
31 combination of vehicles, but such overhang shall not exceed the distance

1 from the rear axle of the hauled motor vehicle to the closest bumper
2 thereof;

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

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

11 (j) One truck-tractor two trailer combination or one truck-tractor
12 semitrailer trailer combination used in transporting equipment utilized
13 by custom harvesters under contract to agricultural producers to harvest
14 wheat, soybeans, or milo during the months of April through November but
15 the length of the property-carrying units, excluding load, shall not
16 exceed eighty-one feet six inches.

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

26 Sec. 2. Original section 60-6,290, Revised Statutes Cumulative
27 Supplement, 2014, is repealed.