

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 5, 2019

3 SENATE BILL NO. 61

By: Bergstrom

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6 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.
7 2011, Section 14-103, as amended by Section 1,
8 Chapter 8, O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section
9 14-103), which relates to width, height and length of
10 vehicle and load; modifying certain length
11 limitations; providing definitions; amending 47 O.S.
2011, Section 14-103B, which relates to automobile
transporters; modifying allowable length limitation;
providing definition; updating statutory language;
and providing an effective date.

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 14-103, as
15 amended by Section 1, Chapter 8, O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2018,
16 Section 14-103), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 14-103. Except as otherwise provided for by this
18 chapter:

19 A. No vehicle, with or without load, shall have a total outside
20 width in excess of one hundred two (102) inches excluding:

- 21 1. Tire bulge;
22 2. Approved safety devices;
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1 3. A retracted awning with a width of eight (8) inches or less
2 or other appurtenance of four (4) inches or less which is attached
3 to the side of a recreational vehicle, as defined in Section 1102 of
4 this title; and

5 4. Pins used as a safety precaution or as a load-assisting
6 device if the pins do not extend the overall width of the vehicle
7 beyond nine (9) feet. The State of Oklahoma hereby declares it has
8 determined, in accordance with 23 C.F.R., Section 658.15, that such
9 pins are necessary for the safe and efficient operation of motor
10 vehicles.

11 The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any person
12 engaged in the hauling of round baled hay with a total outside width
13 of eleven (11) feet or less when the hay is owned by such person and
14 is being hauled for any purpose other than resale. The provisions
15 of this subsection shall also not apply to any county official or
16 employee engaged in the hauling or pulling of a trailer or equipment
17 owned by the county on the county roads of such county.

18 B. No vehicle, with or without load, shall exceed a height of
19 thirteen and one-half (13 1/2) feet, unless a greater height is
20 authorized by a special permit issued by the Commissioner of Public
21 Safety or an authorized representative of the Commissioner in
22 consultation with the Department of Transportation specifying the
23 highways to be used, consistent with public convenience and safety.
24 The prohibitions on movement as prescribed in subsection F of

1 Section 14-101 of this title and paragraph 1 of subsection G of
2 Section 14-101 of this title shall not apply to vehicles operated
3 pursuant to such permits.

4 C. 1. No single truck, with or without load, shall have an
5 overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in excess of
6 forty-five (45) feet.

7 2. No single bus, with or without load, shall have an overall
8 length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in excess of forty-five
9 (45) feet.

10 3. a. On the National Network of Highways which includes the
11 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and
12 four-lane divided Federal Aid Primary System Highways,
13 no semitrailer operating in a truck-
14 tractor/semitrailer combination shall have a length
15 greater than fifty-three (53) feet, except as provided
16 in subsection C of Section 14-118 of this title which
17 shall apply to semitrailers exceeding fifty-three (53)
18 feet but not exceeding fifty-nine (59) feet six (6)
19 inches. On the National System of Interstate and
20 Defense Highways and four-lane divided Federal Aid
21 Primary System Highways, no semitrailer or trailer
22 operating in a truck-tractor/semitrailer and trailer
23 combination shall have a length greater than fifty-
24 three (53) feet.

1 b. On roads and highways not a part of the National
2 System of Interstate and Defense Highways or four-lane
3 divided Federal Aid Primary System Highways, no
4 semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor/semitrailer
5 combination shall have a length greater than fifty-
6 three (53) feet and no semitrailer or trailer
7 operating in a truck-tractor/semitrailer and trailer
8 combination shall have a length greater than twenty-
9 nine (29) feet. Except as provided for in subsection
10 D of Section 14-118 of this title, no other
11 combination of vehicles shall have an overall length,
12 inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in excess of
13 seventy (70) feet on all roads and highways. For the
14 purposes of this paragraph, oil field rig-up trucks
15 shall be considered to be truck-tractors, when towing
16 a trailer or semitrailer.

17 c. On the National Network of Highways the overall length
18 limitation of a towaway trailer transporter
19 combination may exceed length restrictions up to
20 eighty-two (82) feet.

21 d. As used in this section:

22 (1) The term "trailer transporter towing unit" shall
23 mean a power unit that is not used to carry
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1 property when operating in a towaway trailer
2 transporter combination, and

3 (2) The term "towaway trailer transporter
4 combination" shall mean a combination of vehicles
5 consisting of a trailer transporter towing unit
6 and two (2) trailers or semitrailers with a total
7 weight that does not exceed twenty-six thousand
8 (26,000) pounds; and in which the trailers or
9 semitrailers carry no property and constitute
10 inventory property of a manufacturer, distributor
11 or dealer of such trailers or semitrailers.

12 4. No combination of vehicles shall consist of more than two
13 units, except:

- 14 a. one truck and semitrailer or truck-tractor/semitrailer
15 combination may tow one complete trailer or
16 semitrailer, or
- 17 b. vans, suburbans, blazers or other similar types of
18 vehicles and self-propelled recreational vehicles with
19 a three-quarter (3/4) ton or more rated capacity may
20 tow a semitrailer and one complete trailer or
21 semitrailer for recreational purposes only, provided
22 the overall length, inclusive of the front and rear
23 bumpers, does not exceed sixty-five (65) feet.

1 5. Poles and gas lines used to maintain public utility
2 services, not to include new construction, may be moved during
3 daylight hours, and during nighttime hours only in an emergency,
4 subject to traffic and road restrictions promulgated by the
5 Commissioner of Public Safety, when the overall length does not
6 exceed eighty (80) feet. When this length is exceeded, these loads
7 are subject to the requirements of Section 14-118 of this title.

8 6. For the purposes of paragraphs 1, 3, and 4 of this
9 subsection, the length of unitized equipment, which is defined to be
10 equipment so constructed and attached to a rubber-tired vehicle that
11 the vehicle and load become a unit and are for all practical
12 purposes inseparable, shall be the length of the vehicle itself, and
13 shall not include any protrusion of the equipment load so
14 constructed or attached. ~~Said~~ The equipment shall not protrude for
15 a distance greater than two-thirds (2/3) of the wheel base of ~~said~~
16 the vehicle, shall not impair the driver's vision, and if less than
17 seven (7) feet above the roadway, shall be safely marked, flagged or
18 illuminated. Any such protruding structure shall be securely held
19 in place to prevent dropping or swaying. Unitized equipment shall
20 carry such safety equipment as shall be determined to be necessary
21 for the safety, health, and welfare of the driving public by the
22 Commissioner of Public Safety.

23 7. For the purposes of paragraphs 1, 3, and 4 of this
24 subsection, a truck-tractor, when being towed by another vehicle

1 with the wheels of its steering axle raised off the roadway, shall
2 be considered to be a semitrailer as defined in Section 1-162 of
3 this title.

4 8. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 3 of this subsection
5 shall not apply to any contractor or subcontractor, or agents or
6 employees of any contractor or subcontractor, while engaged in
7 transporting material to the site of a project being constructed by,
8 for, or on behalf of this state or any city, town, county, or
9 subdivision of this state.

10 9. Special mobilized machinery, as defined in Section 1102 of
11 this title, which exceeds the size provisions of this section shall
12 only use the highways of the State of Oklahoma by special permit
13 issued by the Commissioner of Public Safety or an authorized
14 representative of the Commissioner. Such special permit shall be:

- 15 a. a single-trip permit issued under the provisions of
16 Section 14-116 of this title, or
17 b. a special annual oversize permit issued for one (1)
18 calendar year period upon payment of a fee of Ten
19 Dollars (\$10.00) plus any amount as provided by
20 subsection H of Section 14-118 of this title.

21 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 14-103B, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 14-103B. A. Any automobile transporter vehicle or
24 combination of automobile transporter vehicles operated under the

1 provisions of Section 14-103 of this title may carry an extension of
2 load, ~~said~~ the extension not to exceed three (3) feet beyond the
3 front nor more than four (4) feet beyond the rear of the vehicle or
4 combination of vehicles thereof.

5 B. Any stinger-steered automobile transporter operated under
6 the provisions of Section 14-103 of this title may have an overall
7 length up to eighty (80) feet with an extension of load, with the
8 extension not to exceed four (4) feet beyond the front nor more than
9 six (6) feet beyond the rear of the vehicle or combination of
10 vehicles.

11 C. No automobile transporter vehicle, unladen or with load,
12 shall exceed a height of fourteen and one-half (14 1/2) feet.

13 D. An automobile transporter shall not be prohibited from the
14 transport of cargo or general freight on a backhaul, provided it
15 complies with weight limitations for a truck tractor and semitrailer
16 combination. As used in this section, "backhaul" means the return
17 trip of a vehicle transporting cargo or general freight, including
18 when carrying goods back over all or part of the same route.

19 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
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