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By Senators Zeiger, Saldaña, Hobbs, King, and Warnick

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1 AN ACT Relating to travel trailers; and amending RCW 46.44.030.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.030 and 2018 c 105 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public
6 highways of this state any vehicle having an overall length, with or
7 without load, in excess of forty feet. This restriction does not
8 apply to (a) a municipal transit vehicle, (b) auto stage, private
9 carrier bus, school bus, travel trailer, or motor home with an
10 overall length not to exceed forty-six feet, (c) an articulated auto
11 stage with an overall length not to exceed sixty-one feet, excluding
12 a bike rack up to four feet in length, or (d) an auto recycling
13 carrier up to forty-two feet in length manufactured prior to 2005.

14 (2)(a) It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public
15 highways of this state any combination consisting of a tractor and
16 semitrailer that has a semitrailer length in excess of fifty-three
17 feet or a combination consisting of a tractor and two trailers in
18 which the combined length of the trailers exceeds sixty-one feet,
19 with or without load.

20 (b) The restriction under this subsection does not apply to two
21 trailers or semitrailers with a total weight that does not exceed

1 twenty-six thousand pounds and when the two trailers or semitrailers
2 do not carry property but constitute inventory property of a
3 manufacturer, distributor, or dealer of such trailers. The total
4 combination under this subsection (2)(b) may not exceed eighty-two
5 feet of overall length.

6 (3) It is unlawful for any person to operate on the highways of
7 this state any combination consisting of a truck and trailer, or log
8 truck and stinger-steered pole trailer, with an overall length, with
9 or without load, in excess of seventy-five feet. "Stinger-steered,"
10 as used in this section, means the coupling device is located behind
11 the tread of the tires of the last axle of the towing vehicle.

12 (4)(a) The length limitations under this section do not apply to
13 vehicles transporting poles, pipe, machinery, or other objects of a
14 structural nature that cannot be dismembered and operated by a public
15 utility when required for emergency repair of public service
16 facilities or properties, but in respect to night transportation
17 every such vehicle and load thereon shall be equipped with a
18 sufficient number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker lamps
19 upon the extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the
20 dimensions of the load.

21 (b) Excluded from the calculation of length under this section
22 are certain devices that provide added safety, energy conservation,
23 or are otherwise necessary, and are not designed or used to carry
24 cargo. The length-exclusive devices must be identified in rules
25 adopted by the department of transportation under RCW 46.44.101.

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