

CHAPTER 142

TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL 16-1298

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Melton, Esgar, Mitsch Bush;
also SENATOR(S) Cooke, Baumgardner, Scott, Sonnenberg.

AN ACT

CONCERNING CHANGES IN PERMISSIBLE VEHICLE DIMENSIONS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-504, **amend** (1) and (4.5) as follows:

42-4-504. Height and length of vehicles. (1) ~~No~~ A DRIVER SHALL NOT DRIVE A vehicle EITHER unladen or with load ~~shall exceed~~ THAT EXCEEDS a height of ~~thirteen feet, except that vehicles with a height of fourteen feet six inches shall be operated only on highways designated by the~~ FOURTEEN FEET SIX INCHES. THE department of transportation SHALL DESIGNATE HIGHWAYS WITH OVERHEAD HIGHWAY STRUCTURES THAT HAVE LESS THAN FOURTEEN FEET SIX INCHES OF VERTICAL CLEARANCE. A DRIVER SHALL NOT DRIVE A VEHICLE UNDER A STRUCTURE IF THE VEHICLE'S HEIGHT EXCEEDS THE DEPARTMENT'S DESIGNATED VERTICAL CLEARANCE FOR THE STRUCTURE.

(4.5) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsection (4) of this section, ~~the following combinations of vehicles shall not exceed seventy-five feet in total overall length~~ DRIVERS SHALL NOT DRIVE THE FOLLOWING COMBINATIONS OF VEHICLES:

(a) Saddlemount combinations consisting of ~~no~~ more than four units OR SADDLEMOUNT COMBINATIONS EXCEEDING NINETY-SEVEN FEET IN OVERALL LENGTH;

(b) Laden truck tractor-semitrailer combinations EXCEEDING SEVENTY-FIVE FEET IN OVERALL LENGTH; ~~and~~

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

(c) ~~Specialized equipment~~ STINGER-STEERED VEHICLE COMBINATIONS ~~used in combination~~ for transporting automobiles or boats AND WHOSE TOTAL OVERALL LENGTH EXCEEDS EIGHTY FEET; EXCEPT THAT ~~the overall length of such combination shall be exclusive of~~ THESE COMBINATIONS EXCLUDES:

(I) Safety devices ~~however, such safety devices shall~~ THAT ARE ~~not be~~ designed or used for carrying cargo;

(II) Automobiles or boats being transported;

(III) Any extension device that may be used for loading beyond the extreme front or rear ends of a vehicle or combination of vehicles; except that the projection of a load, including any extension devices loaded to the front of the vehicle, ~~shall~~ MUST not extend more than four feet beyond the extreme front of the grill of ~~such~~ THE vehicle and ~~no~~ THE load or extension device ~~may~~ MUST NOT extend more than six feet ~~to~~ BEYOND the extreme rear of the vehicle; AND

(d) TOWAWAY TRAILER TRANSPORTER COMBINATIONS THAT:

(I) EXCEED EIGHTY-TWO FEET IN OVERALL LENGTH;

(II) CARRY PROPERTY;

(III) EXCEED AN OVERALL WEIGHT OF TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND POUNDS;

(IV) CONSIST OF MORE THAN A SINGLE TOWING UNIT AND TWO TRAILERS OR SEMITRAILERS; OR

(V) DO NOT CONSTITUTE INVENTORY PROPERTY OF A MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, OR DEALER OF THE TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-508, **amend** (1.5) as follows:

42-4-508. Gross weight of vehicles and loads. (1.5) The gross weight limits provided in subsection (1) of this section ~~are increased~~ INCREASE, BUT by ~~one~~ NO MORE THAN TWO thousand pounds, for any vehicle or combination of vehicles if the vehicle or combination of vehicles contains an alternative fuel system and operates on alternative fuel or both alternative and conventional fuel. ~~The provisions of this subsection (1.5) apply only when the vehicle or combination of vehicles is operated on a highway that is not on the interstate system as defined in section 43-2-101 (2), C.R.S.~~ For the purposes of this subsection (1.5), "alternative fuel" has the same meaning provided in section 25-7-106.8 (1) (a), C.R.S.

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date - applicability. (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a referendum petition is

filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

(2) This act applies to offenses committed on or after the applicable effective date of this act.

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