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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CHANGES IN PERMISSIBLE VEHICLE DIMENSIONS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill changes the legal height of unladen and laden vehicles to 14 feet and 6 inches, restricts the use of certain vehicle combinations, and increases the maximum legal gross weight of vehicles that use alternative fuel.

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

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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

3 **42-4-504. Height and length of vehicles.** (1) ~~No~~ A DRIVER
4 SHALL NOT DRIVE A vehicle EITHER unladen or with load ~~shall exceed~~
5 THAT EXCEEDS a height of ~~thirteen feet; except that vehicles with a height~~
6 ~~of fourteen feet six inches shall be operated only on highways designated~~
7 ~~by the~~ FOURTEEN FEET SIX INCHES. THE department of transportation
8 SHALL DESIGNATE HIGHWAYS WITH OVERHEAD HIGHWAY STRUCTURES
9 THAT HAVE LESS THAN FOURTEEN FEET SIX INCHES OF VERTICAL
10 CLEARANCE. A DRIVER SHALL NOT DRIVE A VEHICLE UNDER A STRUCTURE
11 IF THE VEHICLE'S HEIGHT EXCEEDS THE DEPARTMENT'S DESIGNATED
12 VERTICAL CLEARANCE FOR THE STRUCTURE.

13 (4.5) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsection (4) of this
14 section, ~~the following combinations of vehicles shall not exceed~~
15 ~~seventy-five feet in total overall length~~ DRIVERS SHALL NOT DRIVE THE
16 FOLLOWING COMBINATIONS OF VEHICLES:

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

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

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

27 (I) Safety devices ~~however, such safety devices shall~~ THAT ARE

- 1 not ~~be~~ designed or used for carrying cargo;
- 2 (II) Automobiles or boats being transported;
- 3 (III) Any extension device that may be used for loading beyond
- 4 the extreme front or rear ends of a vehicle or combination of vehicles;
- 5 except that the projection of a load, including any extension devices
- 6 loaded to the front of the vehicle, ~~shall~~ MUST not extend more than four
- 7 feet beyond the extreme front of the grill of ~~such~~ THE vehicle and ~~no~~ THE
- 8 load or extension device ~~may~~ MUST NOT extend more than six feet ~~to~~
- 9 BEYOND the extreme rear of the vehicle; AND
- 10 (d) TOWAWAY TRAILER TRANSPORTER COMBINATIONS THAT:
- 11 (I) EXCEED EIGHTY-TWO FEET IN OVERALL LENGTH;
- 12 (II) CARRY PROPERTY;
- 13 (III) EXCEED AN OVERALL WEIGHT OF TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND
- 14 POUNDS;
- 15 (IV) CONSIST OF MORE THAN A SINGLE TOWING UNIT AND TWO
- 16 TRAILERS OR SEMITRAILERS; OR
- 17 (V) DO NOT CONSTITUTE INVENTORY PROPERTY OF A
- 18 MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR, OR DEALER OF THE TRAILER OR
- 19 SEMITRAILER.

20 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-508, **amend**

21 (1.5) as follows:

22 **42-4-508. Gross weight of vehicles and loads.** (1.5) The gross

23 weight limits provided in subsection (1) of this section ~~are increased~~

24 INCREASE, BUT by ~~one~~ NO MORE THAN TWO thousand pounds, for any

25 vehicle or combination of vehicles if the vehicle or combination of

26 vehicles contains an alternative fuel system and operates on alternative

27 fuel or both alternative and conventional fuel. ~~The provisions of this~~

1 subsection (1.5) apply only when the vehicle or combination of vehicles
2 is operated on a highway that is not on the interstate system as defined in
3 section ~~43-2-101 (2)~~, C.R.S. For the purposes of this subsection (1.5),
4 "alternative fuel" has the same meaning provided in section 25-7-106.8
5 (1) (a), C.R.S.

6 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
7 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
8 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
9 general assembly (August 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11,
10 2016); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1
11 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,
12 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part
13 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election
14 to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the
15 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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