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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Richter) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 677 and 678
insert:

Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 316.515, Florida Statutes, is amended to read
316.515 Maximum width, height, length.—

(3) LENGTH LIMITATION.—Except as otherwise provided in this section, length limitations apply solely to a semitrailer or trailer, and not to a truck tractor or to the overall length of a combination of vehicles. No combination of commercial motor vehicles coupled together and operating on the public roads may



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13 consist of more than one truck tractor and two trailing units.
14 Unless otherwise specifically provided for in this section, a
15 combination of vehicles not qualifying as commercial motor
16 vehicles may consist of no more than two units coupled together;
17 such nonqualifying combination of vehicles may not exceed a
18 total length of 65 feet, inclusive of the load carried thereon,
19 but exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices approved
20 by the department for use on vehicles using public roads.
21 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a truck
22 tractor-semitrailer combination engaged in the transportation of
23 automobiles or boats may transport motor vehicles or boats on
24 part of the power unit; and, except as may otherwise be mandated
25 under federal law, an automobile or boat transporter semitrailer
26 may not exceed 50 feet in length, exclusive of the load;
27 however, the load may extend up to an additional 6 feet beyond
28 the rear of the trailer. The 50-foot length limitation does not
29 apply to non-stinger-steered automobile or boat transporters
30 that are 65 feet or less in overall length, exclusive of the
31 load carried thereon, or to stinger-steered automobile or boat
32 transporters that are 75 feet or less in overall length,
33 exclusive of the load carried thereon. For purposes of this
34 subsection, a "stinger-steered automobile or boat transporter"
35 is an automobile or boat transporter configured as a semitrailer
36 combination wherein the fifth wheel is located on a drop frame
37 located behind and below the rearmost axle of the power unit.
38 Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), any straight truck or
39 truck tractor-semitrailer combination engaged in the
40 transportation of horticultural trees may allow the load to
41 extend up to an additional 10 feet beyond the rear of the



42 vehicle, provided said trees are resting against a retaining bar
43 mounted above the truck bed so that the root balls of the trees
44 rest on the floor and to the front of the truck bed and the tops
45 of the trees extend up over and to the rear of the truck bed,
46 and provided the overhanging portion of the load is covered with
47 protective fabric.

48 (a) *Straight trucks.*—A straight truck may not exceed a
49 length of 40 feet in extreme overall dimension, exclusive of
50 safety and energy conservation devices approved by the
51 department for use on vehicles using public roads. A fork lift
52 may be attached to the rear of the cargo bed of a straight truck
53 if the fork lift does not extend more than 5 feet beyond the
54 cargo bed. A straight truck may tow no more than one trailer,
55 and the overall length of the truck-trailer combination may not
56 exceed 68 feet, including the load thereon. Notwithstanding any
57 other provisions of this section, a truck-trailer combination
58 engaged in the transportation of boats, or boat trailers whose
59 design dictates a front-to-rear stacking method may not exceed
60 the length limitations of this paragraph exclusive of the load;
61 however, the load may extend up to an additional 6 feet beyond
62 the rear of the trailer.

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64 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

65 And the title is amended as follows:

66 Between lines 42 and 43

67 insert:

68 amending s. 316.515, F.S.; allowing a fork lift to be
69 attached to the rear of a straight truck if the fork
70 lift meets certain requirements;