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The Committee on Appropriations (Richter) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Substitute for Amendment (227042) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Between lines 677 and 678
5 insert:

6 Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
7 316.515, Florida Statutes, is amended to read

8 316.515 Maximum width, height, length.—

9 (3) LENGTH LIMITATION.—Except as otherwise provided in this
10 section, length limitations apply solely to a semitrailer or
11 trailer, and not to a truck tractor or to the overall length of
12 a combination of vehicles. No combination of commercial motor



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



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42 extend up to an additional 10 feet beyond the rear of the
43 vehicle, provided said trees are resting against a retaining bar
44 mounted above the truck bed so that the root balls of the trees
45 rest on the floor and to the front of the truck bed and the tops
46 of the trees extend up over and to the rear of the truck bed,
47 and provided the overhanging portion of the load is covered with
48 protective fabric.

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

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

66 And the title is amended as follows:

67 Between lines 42 and 43

68 insert:

69 amending s. 316.515, F.S.; providing that a straight
70 truck may attach a forklift to the rear of the cargo



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bed if it does not exceed a specified length;