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Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and
Economic Development (Brandes) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 301 - 303

and insert:

Section 5. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 316.303,
Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316.303 Television receivers.—

(1) No motor vehicle operated on the highways of this state
shall be equipped with television-type receiving equipment so
located that the viewer or screen is visible from the driver's



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11 seat, unless the vehicle is equipped with autonomous technology,
12 as defined in s. 316.003(90), and is being operated in
13 autonomous mode, as provided in s. 316.85(2); or unless the
14 vehicle is equipped and operating with driver-assistive truck-
15 platooning technology, as defined in s. 316.003(92).

16 (3) This section does not prohibit the use of an electronic
17 display used in conjunction with a vehicle navigation system; or
18 an electronic display used by an operator of a vehicle equipped
19 with autonomous technology, as defined in s. 316.003(90), while
20 the vehicle is being operated in autonomous mode, as provided in
21 s. 316.85(2); or an electronic display used by the operator of a
22 vehicle equipped and operating with driver-assistive truck
23 platooning technology, as defined in s. 316.003(92).

24 Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) and subsection
25 (14) of section 316.515, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

26 316.515 Maximum width, height, length.—

27 (3) LENGTH LIMITATION.—Except as otherwise provided in this
28 section, length limitations apply solely to a semitrailer or
29 trailer, and not to a truck tractor or to the overall length of
30 a combination of vehicles. No combination of commercial motor
31 vehicles coupled together and operating on the public roads may
32 consist of more than one truck tractor and two trailing units.
33 Unless otherwise specifically provided for in this section, a
34 combination of vehicles not qualifying as commercial motor
35 vehicles may consist of no more than two units coupled together;
36 such nonqualifying combination of vehicles may not exceed a
37 total length of 65 feet, inclusive of the load carried thereon,
38 but exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices approved
39 by the department for use on vehicles using public roads.



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40 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a truck
41 tractor-semitrailer combination engaged in the transportation of
42 automobiles or boats may transport motor vehicles or boats on
43 part of the power unit; and, except as may otherwise be mandated
44 under federal law, an automobile or boat transporter semitrailer
45 may not exceed 50 feet in length, exclusive of the load;
46 however, the load may extend up to an additional 6 feet beyond
47 the rear of the trailer. The 50-foot length limitation does not
48 apply to non-stinger-steered automobile or boat transporters
49 that are 65 feet or less in overall length, exclusive of the
50 load carried thereon, or to stinger-steered automobile or boat
51 transporters that are 75 feet or less in overall length,
52 exclusive of the load carried thereon. For purposes of this
53 subsection, a "stinger-steered automobile or boat transporter"
54 is an automobile or boat transporter configured as a semitrailer
55 combination wherein the fifth wheel is located on a drop frame
56 located behind and below the rearmost axle of the power unit.
57 Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), any straight truck or
58 truck tractor-semitrailer combination engaged in the
59 transportation of horticultural trees may allow the load to
60 extend up to an additional 10 feet beyond the rear of the
61 vehicle, provided said trees are resting against a retaining bar
62 mounted above the truck bed so that the root balls of the trees
63 rest on the floor and to the front of the truck bed and the tops
64 of the trees extend up over and to the rear of the truck bed,
65 and provided the overhanging portion of the load is covered with
66 protective fabric.

67 (b) *Semitrailers.*—

68 1. A semitrailer operating in a truck tractor-semitrailer



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69 combination may not exceed 48 feet in extreme overall outside
70 dimension, measured from the front of the unit to the rear of
71 the unit and the load carried thereon, exclusive of safety and
72 energy conservation devices approved by the department for use
73 on vehicles using public roads, unless it complies with
74 subparagraph 2. A semitrailer which exceeds 48 feet in length
75 and is used to transport divisible loads may operate in this
76 state only if issued a permit under s. 316.550 and if such
77 trailer meets the requirements of this chapter relating to
78 vehicle equipment and safety. Except for highways on the tandem
79 trailer truck highway network, public roads deemed unsafe for
80 longer semitrailer vehicles or those roads on which such longer
81 vehicles are determined not to be in the interest of public
82 convenience shall, in conformance with s. 316.006, be restricted
83 by the Department of Transportation or by the local authority to
84 use by semitrailers not exceeding a length of 48 feet, inclusive
85 of the load carried thereon but exclusive of safety and energy
86 conservation devices approved by the department for use on
87 vehicles using public roads. Truck tractor-semitrailer
88 combinations shall be afforded reasonable access to terminals;
89 facilities for food, fuel, repairs, and rest; and points of
90 loading and unloading.

91 2. A semitrailer which is more than 48 feet but not more
92 than 57 ~~53~~ feet in extreme overall outside dimension, as
93 measured pursuant to subparagraph 1., may operate on public
94 roads, except roads on the State Highway System which are
95 restricted by the Department of Transportation or other roads
96 restricted by local authorities, if:

97 a. The distance between the kingpin or other peg that locks



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98 into the fifth wheel of a truck tractor and the center of the
99 rear axle or rear group of axles does not exceed 41 feet, or, in
100 the case of a semitrailer used exclusively or primarily to
101 transport vehicles in connection with motorsports competition
102 events, the distance does not exceed 46 feet from the kingpin to
103 the center of the rear axles; and

104 b. It is equipped with a substantial rear-end underride
105 protection device meeting the requirements of 49 C.F.R. s.
106 393.86, "Rear End Protection."
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108 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

109 And the title is amended as follows:

110 Delete line 41

111 and insert:

112 316.303, F.S.; providing exceptions to the prohibition
113 of certain television-type receiving equipment and
114 certain electronic displays in vehicles; amending s.

115 316.515, F.S.; extending the allowable length of
116 certain semitrailers authorized to operate on public
117 roads under certain conditions; authorizing the

118 Department of