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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Drake offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 555 and 556, insert:

Section 10. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 316.515, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (16) is added to that section, 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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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, or to stinger-steered
35 automobile transporters that are 80 feet or less in overall
36 length, exclusive of the load carried thereon. For purposes of
37 this subsection, a "stinger-steered automobile or boat
38 transporter" is an automobile or boat transporter configured as

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39 a semitrailer combination wherein the fifth wheel is located on
40 a drop frame located behind and below the rearmost axle of the
41 power unit. Automobile transporters operating under this
42 subsection may backhaul cargo or general freight when the weight
43 limits of s. 316.535 are not exceeded. Notwithstanding
44 paragraphs (a) and (b), any straight truck or truck tractor-
45 semitrailer combination engaged in the transportation of
46 horticultural trees may allow the load to extend up to an
47 additional 10 feet beyond the rear of the vehicle, provided said
48 trees are resting against a retaining bar mounted above the
49 truck bed so that the root balls of the trees rest on the floor
50 and to the front of the truck bed and the tops of the trees
51 extend up over and to the rear of the truck bed, and provided
52 the overhanging portion of the load is covered with protective
53 fabric.

54 (a) Straight trucks.—A straight truck may not exceed a
55 length of 40 feet in extreme overall dimension, exclusive of
56 safety and energy conservation devices approved by the
57 department for use on vehicles using public roads. A straight
58 truck may attach a forklift to the rear of the cargo bed,
59 provided the overall combined length of the vehicle and the
60 forklift does not exceed 50 feet. A straight truck may tow no
61 more than one trailer, and the overall length of the truck-
62 trailer combination may not exceed 68 feet, including the load
63 thereon. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, a

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64 truck-trailer combination engaged in the transportation of
65 boats, or boat trailers whose design dictates a front-to-rear
66 stacking method may not exceed the length limitations of this
67 paragraph exclusive of the load; however, the load may extend up
68 to an additional 6 feet beyond the rear of the trailer.

69 (b) Semitrailers.—

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

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89 vehicles using public roads. Truck tractor-semitrailer
90 combinations shall be afforded reasonable access to terminals;
91 facilities for food, fuel, repairs, and rest; and points of
92 loading and unloading.

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

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

106 b. It is equipped with a substantial rear-end underride
107 protection device meeting the requirements of 49 C.F.R. s.
108 393.86, "Rear End Protection."

109 (c) Tandem trailer trucks.-

110 1. Except for semitrailers and trailers of up to 28 1/2
111 feet in length which existed on December 1, 1982, and which were
112 actually and lawfully operating on that date, no semitrailer or
113 trailer operating in a truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer

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114 combination may exceed a length of 28 feet in extreme overall
115 outside dimension, measured from the front of the unit to the
116 rear of the unit and the load carried thereon, exclusive of
117 safety and energy conservation devices approved by the
118 Department of Transportation for use on vehicles using public
119 roads.

120 2. Tandem trailer trucks conforming to the weight and size
121 limitations of this chapter and in immediate transit to or from
122 a terminal facility as defined in this chapter may operate on
123 the public roads of this state except for residential
124 neighborhood streets restricted by the Department of
125 Transportation or local jurisdictions. In addition, the
126 Department of Transportation or local jurisdictions may restrict
127 these vehicles from using streets and roads under their
128 maintenance responsibility on the basis of safety and
129 engineering analyses, provided that the restrictions are
130 consistent with the provisions of this chapter. The Department
131 of Transportation shall develop safety and engineering standards
132 to be used by all jurisdictions when identifying public roads
133 and streets to be restricted from tandem trailer truck
134 operations.

135 3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, within 5
136 miles of the Federal National Network for large trucks, tandem
137 trailer trucks shall be afforded access to terminals; facilities

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138 for food, fuel, repairs, and rest; and points of loading and
139 unloading.

140 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
141 special law to the contrary, all local system tandem trailer
142 truck route review procedures must be consistent with those
143 adopted by the Department of Transportation.

144 5. Tandem trailer trucks employed as household goods
145 carriers and conforming to the weight and size limitations of
146 this chapter shall be afforded access to points of loading and
147 unloading on the public streets and roads of this state, except
148 for streets and roads that have been restricted from use by such
149 vehicles on the basis of safety and engineering analyses by the
150 jurisdiction responsible for maintenance of the streets and
151 roads.

152 (d) Maxi-cube vehicles.—Maxi-cube vehicles shall be
153 allowed to operate on routes open to tandem trailer trucks under
154 the same conditions applicable to tandem trailer trucks as
155 specified by this section.

156 (4) LOAD EXTENSION LIMITATION.—The load upon any vehicle
157 operated alone, or the load upon the front vehicle of a
158 combination of vehicles, may not extend more than 3 feet beyond
159 the front wheels of the vehicle or the front bumper of the
160 vehicle if it is equipped with a bumper. However, the load upon
161 any stinger-steered automobile transporter may not extend more
162 than 4 feet beyond the front bumper of the vehicle.

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163 (a) The limitations of this subsection do not apply to
164 bicycle racks carrying bicycles on public sector transit
165 vehicles.

166 (b) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a
167 front-end loading collection vehicle, when:

168 1. The front-end loading mechanism and container or
169 containers are in the lowered position;

170 2. The vehicle is engaged in collecting solid waste or
171 recyclable or recovered materials;

172 3. The vehicle is being operated at speeds less than 20
173 miles per hour with the vehicular hazard-warning lights
174 activated; and

175 4. The extension does not exceed 8 feet 6 inches.

176 (16) TOWAWAY TRAILER TRANSPORTER COMBINATIONS.-An unladen
177 power unit may tow two trailers or semitrailers when the
178 combination is not used to carry property, the overall
179 combination length does not exceed 82 feet, and the total gross
180 weight of the combination does not exceed 26,000 pounds. The
181 trailers or semitrailers must constitute inventory property of a
182 manufacturer, distributor, or dealer of such trailers or
183 semitrailers.

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187 Remove line 40 and insert:

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188 television or video; amending s. 316.515, F.S.;

189 revising length and load extension limitations for

190 stinger-steered automobile transporters; authorizing

191 automobile transporters to backhaul certain cargo or

192 freight under certain circumstances; authorizing an

193 unladen power unit to tow a certain combination of

194 trailers or semitrailers under certain circumstances;

195 amending s. 316.85, F.S.;

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