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HOUSE BILL 1064

Short Title: Axle Requirements for Certain Trucks.

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Sponsors: Representative Robinson.

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Referred to: Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE AXLE REQUIREMENTS FOR MOTOR HOMES AND CERTAIN TRUCKS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 116(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) A single vehicle ~~having two~~ regardless of the number of axles shall not exceed ~~35-45~~ feet in length of extreme overall dimensions inclusive of front and rear bumpers. Provided, however, a bus or motor home with two axles ~~may be up to~~ shall not exceed 40 feet in length overall of dimensions inclusive of front and rear bumpers. ~~A vehicle having three axles shall not exceed 40 feet in length overall of dimensions inclusive of front and rear bumpers.~~ Provided, further, trucks transporting unprocessed cotton from farm to gin shall not exceed 48 feet in length overall of dimensions inclusive of front and rear bumpers. A truck-tractor and semitrailer shall be regarded as two vehicles for the purpose of determining lawful length and license taxes."

Sec. 2. G.S. 2-4.01(27) reads as rewritten:

"(27) Passenger Vehicles. –

- a. Excursion passenger vehicles. – Vehicles transporting persons on sight-seeing or travel tours.
- b. For hire passenger vehicles. – Vehicles transporting persons for compensation. This classification shall not include vehicles operated as ambulances; vehicles operated by the owner where the costs of operation are shared by the passengers; vehicles operated pursuant to a ridesharing arrangement as defined in G.S. 136-44.21; vehicles transporting students for the public

- 1 school system under contract with the State Board of Education  
2 or vehicles leased to the United States of America or any of its  
3 agencies on a nonprofit basis; or vehicles used for human  
4 service or volunteer transportation.
- 5 c. Common carriers of passengers. – Vehicles operated under a  
6 franchise certificate issued by the Utilities Commission for  
7 operation on the highways of this State between fixed termini or  
8 over a regular route for the transportation of persons or property  
9 for compensation.
- 10 d. Motorcycles. – Vehicles having a saddle for the use of the rider  
11 and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact  
12 with the ground, including motor scooters and motor-driven  
13 bicycles, but excluding tractors and utility vehicles equipped  
14 with an additional form of device designed to transport  
15 property, three-wheeled vehicles while being used by law-  
16 enforcement agencies and mopeds as defined in subdivision d1  
17 of this subsection.
- 18 d1. Moped. – Vehicles having two or three wheels and operable  
19 pedals and equipped with a motor which does not exceed 50  
20 cubic centimeters piston displacement and cannot propel the  
21 vehicle at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour on a level  
22 surface.
- 23 d2. Motor home. – A vehicular unit, designed to provide temporary  
24 living quarters, built into as an integral part, or permanently  
25 attached to, a self-propelled motor vehicle chassis or van. The  
26 vehicle must provide at least four of the following facilities:  
27 cooking, refrigeration or icebox, self-contained toilet, heating  
28 and/or air conditioning, a portable water supply system  
29 including a faucet and sink, separate 110-125 volt electrical  
30 power supply, and/or an LP gas supply.
- 31 e. U-drive-it passenger vehicles. – Vehicles rented or leased to be  
32 operated by the lessee. This shall not include vehicles of nine-  
33 passenger capacity or less which are leased for a term of one  
34 year or more to the same person or vehicles leased or rented to  
35 public school authorities for driver-training instruction.
- 36 f. Ambulances. – Vehicles equipped for transporting wounded,  
37 injured, or sick persons.
- 38 g. Private passenger vehicles. – All other passenger vehicles not  
39 included in the above definitions."

40 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.